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A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Hall.

Present

Mr Tony Hamnett TH (Chairman) Mr Bill Burrows Ms Ruth Brown RB Mrs Bronwyn Fox (Clerk) BF Mrs Norma Higginson NH
Mrs Alison Williams AW
Mr Steve Williams SW (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick LF
Mr Ian Matthews IM

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and Ian Matthews.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Charles DeWinton and Dr Mervyn Bramley.

3. Minutes from previous meeting on 11th September 2014

Minutes were agreed – Proposed RB Seconded SW Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Item 9 – Both training courses booked have been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Item 15 – Confirm response was sent.

5. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

None.

6. Co-Opt Councillor - Cantref Ward

As no request was made for an election, the CC agreed to fill the vacancy by co-option. One candidate applied, after confirming that no councillors had an Interest to declare, the appointment was proposed by SW and seconded by RB.

Mr Ian Matthews was sworn in and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

7. Playground - Update

Matting which has been installed under the climbing frame instead of the birds nest swing was discussed. It was agreed that councillors would check acceptable surfaces for under the swing. Councillors would also discuss with contractors to remove the matting and complete alternative jobs i.e. painting the bench, at no additional cost. SW/RB RB confirmed that a site meeting for the provision of goalposts took place and a further quote has been received. It was agreed that councillors would check quality of goalposts on quotes prior to a final decision being made by email. RB/SW/IM It was agreed that a sign would be designed and placed in the playground stating that the playground is managed by Llanfrynach CC; the clerk's telephone number would be included on the sign as a contact. SW

8. Flooding/Flood Risk - Update

RB declared an interest.

Nant Menasgin – As neither MB nor CDW were present MB submitted a full update by email; Addendum 1 attached.

It was agreed that the CC would take the role of Applicant in the Flood Defence Consent application.

It was agreed that the sub-group report/recommend how costs are covered at the next CC meeting. MB/CDW/SW/RB

It was noted that MB has gone far beyond what would be expected from any councillor on this project.

Cantref – LF reported that Simon Crowther of PCC had still not produced a report on roads as agreed. LF asked that the CC write a strong letter requesting that Mr Crowther respond to LF emails.

BF/TH

9. A40/A470 Speed Limit Review - Update

Articles in the B&R and BBC indicate there is good public interest in our quest to have speed limits reviewed. BF has advised Kirsty Williams AM of the articles which in turn were forwarded to Sheena Hague, WAG.

10. Newsletter

The sub-group is to meet on 29th October to discuss the newsletter which is to be distributed before Christmas. RB/NH/AW/BF

11. National Park Authority Issues

BB confirmed he would be attending liaison meeting at the end of November and will raise the issue of footpaths not being properly maintained.

12. Powys County Council Issues

BF attended the PCC & Powys teaching health board consultation, considering how to make savings to their budgets, in October. It was agreed that as this will be an active issue over the next few months and years the CC should consider areas where they may be able to take on services or assets following devolution.

13. One Voice Wales Conference/AGM

MB attended and has submitted his summary by email – Addendum 2 attached.

14. Groesffordd Hall Management Update

Powys CC has not yet cut the hedges – TH to follow up.

BB organising a trustee meeting; topics for discussion include potential purchase of tables, maintenance and increase marketing. Currently feel hall is doing well due to competitive pricing.

BB

Current Acc £6,659.00 Deposit Acc £5,017.00

15. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall - by invitation

Continues to do well. Christmas Bazaar to be held 7th Dec. Discussions are ongoing for hall refurbishments.

Painting of the phone box is now complete. Thanks to Mike & Carol Redford who did the majority of the work involved.

16. Ty Bach Update

It has been agreed to remove current urinal and install electronic flush system in order to improve hygiene and reduce water charges.

17. Planning Applications & Responses

14/11140/FUL Ger y Nant, Llanfrynach, Brecon, LD3 7AX - Retention of unauthorised change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden, erection of raised beds, 2 outbuildings and a conservatory. – Recommended for approval.

18. Financial Statement, Cheque signing, 2nd Quarter Accounts, Bank Mandate

Current available funds in the bank £9,556.62

Cheques signed:

OVW Conference/AGM £80.00
B Fox Clerks wages £415.16
HMRC PAYE £294.51

2nd Quarter accounts distributed to councillors.

It was agreed that TH & RB are added as signatories to the bank account.

It was agreed that BF apply for telephone banking for ease of enquiries; not for making payments.

19. Correspondence

Brecon & District Disabled Club Thank you letter re donantion. Fire and Rescue Service Public Consultation Survey

WAG Acknowledgement of email advising of public interest

concerning speed on A40/A470

20. AOB

Provisional date for Precept meeting set 11th December 2014. It was agreed that it may be prudent to increase the precept in preparation for PCC devolution.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.06pm.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 4th December 2014 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Hall.