

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFRYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Hall.

Present

Mr Bill Burrows **BB**

Mr Thomas Jones **TJ**

Ms Ruth Brown **RB**

Mr Ian Matthews **IM**

Dr Mervyn Bramley (Vice Chairman) **MB**

Mr Steve Williams (Chairman) **SW**

Mr Liam Fitzpatrick (County Councillor) 8.00pm **LF**

Ms Sue Dale (Clerk) **SD**

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and advised that PCSO Jason Hawkins would not be attending due to an urgent call. Cllr Fitzpatrick would be arriving late as he was already committed to attending another meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Norma Higginson & Mr Charles de Winton

3. Declaration of Interest.

None

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting on 20th October 2016

Minutes were agreed then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

a. Playground in Llanfrynach – RB reported all was well when last inspected. The hedge on the road side has been cut recently.

b. Broadband at Cantref – there was a meeting held in Llanfrynach Cantref Hall on Thursday 1st December to apply for a grant. It was remarked that it is helpful to have updates from the project. There was a common interest item from the 3 Community Councils, they continue to request clarity on the dates for broadband availability. Cwmdu have been successful in installing broadband with a local firm.

c. Flood Planning – MB has submitted a detailed report to the CC as it's agent. He stated that the Community Council would have to go back to Natural Resources Wales to discuss the way forward. Further steps are necessary to stop erosion at a specific point on the river. There was a suggestion that people affected by the flooding would be asked to contribute towards the cost of materials, RB declared an interest as her house floods from this area of the river. IM proposed and BB seconded that discussions with NRW be initiated. Any intervention would need to be done around the beginning of May. Provision should be made in the budget for £500+ for materials.MB

d. C96 – At a recent meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), the PCC suggested re-submitting the freedom of information request and copying the email to him so he can monitor progress. The request is for 10 years of accident statistics on the C96 where police attended. ~~BB~~ LF

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e. A40/A470 – here there has been slow implementation, which was raised at the 3 Community Councils meeting last week. MB is to draft a letter from 2 Councils to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llywelyn. MB

f. National Park Authority issues – BB has spent a lot of time reading into the National Park Management Plan. He concludes that all the information is in front of the Welsh Government and they should act on it. The council decided not to pursue the matter now but to reconsider again in 6 months. Proposed by SW and seconded by IM.SD

6. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall & Ty Bach Update

Awaiting advice on action required to improve damp wall.

A ceillidh was held in November. Country Christmas event is set for 2.30pm on 4th December.

The Ty Bach collected another £10 note to help with expenses!

7. Groesffordd Hall Management Update

Current Acc. £6,073.43

Savings Acc. £9,023.35

Fundraising continues with a bingo night on Tuesday, a Pub Quiz on Wednesday and the village Christmas party on the 17th December. The hall management committee is gathering quotes for a possible 3.5m extension to the storage space and perhaps the building of a low stage for performances.

8. Newsletter

The next edition is well underway and will be published mid-December. Council requested that a list of articles be circulated before the deadline for material. RB MB has suggested an item on power cut procedures. However, actual articles are needed so that editor has the material to hand.

9. Planning

15/12959/FUL Cantref Farm Luge – withdrawn.

16/13889/FUL Cantref House – withdrawn.

10. Powys County Council Issues

Powys's ageing population is increasing the adult social care bill. Retired people come for the scenery and safety, but are not very economically active and there are no children to populate the schools.

Second homes are to be taxed at 1.5 times the rate of council tax. This is a national initiative not one coming from Powys County Council.

11. Precept planning

Some issues were identified; The noticeboards need reviewing for maintenance/replacement, material for the river flood intervention at a cost of about £500, Llanhamlach bus shelter needs some maintenance. The clerk was asked to look at the

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amount of reserves in the bank account as the figure seems high. The Clerk is to ask the former clerk about it.SD

12. Renewal of Society of Local Council Clerks subscription. Approved.

13. Financial Statement & Cheque signing and change of signatory

Current available funds in the bank £12,361.16

Cheques signed:

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| HMRC | £54.80 |
| B Fox | £273.60 |
| Freestyle Newsletter | £107.00 |
| B Fox | £16.00 |
| S Dale | £145.92 |

Financial statement attached – Addendum 1

The change of signatory forms were approved and signed.

14. Correspondence

Powys County Council – Recycling of cans and plastics is to be withdrawn from recycling sites.

Powys County Council – Election information. To be circulated by the clerk.SD

Letter from a Talybont resident - Concerning welsh stream education in Brecon. To be sent to Talybont-upon-Usk clerk.SD

15. Christmas meal

This will be in the Old Ford Pub and Friday the 13th January 2017. The date to be circulated to councillors when confirmed.SD

16. Grant Applications

British Red Cross

It was agreed not to grant any donation to this request.

17. AOB

Mrs Norma Higginson has tendered her resignation to the Chairman. This raised the issue of representation amongst the wards, it was decided to have an agenda item on the matter for the January meeting.SD

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.32pm
Next Meeting: 12th January 2017 at 7.30 pm in Llanfrynach and Cantref Hall.

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