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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Mawrth 2013 March

Annwyl Gynghorwyr,

*Cynheli'r cyfarfod nesaf ar 12 Mawrth 2013, am 7:30pm yn Ysgol Llanfynydd.
Croeso a llongyfarchaidau i Mr. Lee Strudwick, ein cyngorwr newydd*

*Yn gywir,
Lucy.*

AGENDA

<p>1. Croeso'r Cadeirydd 2. Ddatganiad o Derbyniad Swydd 3. Ymddiheuriadau 4. Derbyn cofnodion Mis Chwefror 5. Materion yn codi 6. Gohebiaeth 7. Cynnal a chadw fyrdd 8. Materion cynllunio 9. Cyllud 10. Unrhyw eitemau eraill o wybodaeth yn unig 11. Materion yn preifat</p>	<p>1. Chairman's Welcome 2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office 3. Apologies for Absence 4. Receive February's minutes 5. Matters Arising 6. Correspondence 7. Road Maintenance 8. Planning issues 9. Finance 10. Any other items of information only 11. Matters to be dealt with in private.</p>
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Correspondence for March

Sovereign; Play Equipment Catalogue

HM Revenue & Customs; PAYE changes

Dyfed Powys Police; Surgery

Christine Aviss; Bottle banks query

Yr Ardd

History Of Llanfynydd, Payment received for a book

Part night Lighting

CCC Housing Dept; Reduction in Housing Benefit

Clerks and Councils Direct

Planning

E/26616; Notice of Grant.

E/27796; Porch Extension at Starngrach

E24195; 12 Wind Turbines at Brechfa Forest Wind Farm

Applications may be viewed online at <http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/planningapplications>

Grant Aid

British Heart Foundation; Letter of thanks

Finance

Lloyds Bank; Statements

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LLANFYNYDD SCHOOL, ON
TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 2013, AT 7:30 PM.**

87/13 PRESENT: The Chair; Cllr. Meirion Jones, Cllrs. David Jones, Mairwen Rees, Brian Thomas, Dewi George and County Cllr. Mansel Charles.

Also present: Claire Papworth, Robert Able, Val Martin, and Community Officer Roger Anthony.

88/13 THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED ALL PRESENT. Before the meeting commenced, The Chair again noted that advice had been received from One Voice Wales, clarifying that the council meeting was for the council and its staff, and that observers would be unable to participate in the meeting. The Chair invited Officer Roger Anthony to speak before the meeting began

Officer Anthony noted that trailer wraps had been stolen, it was also noted that there were currently a number of strangers within the area attempting to sell chainsaws, fire extinguishers, etc. from the back of a van. Officer Anthony urged caution.

There had also been a burglary in Talley, however house to house enquiries had revealed information that had led to an arrest.

The OWL system was again referred to, and the clerk will be added to the contact list.

A general discussion ensued on crime reduction, and it was noted that there had been some requests that the street lights in the village centre remain lit for longer into the night. It was also noted that horses were now being dumped in the area, though they no longer appeared to be from tepee valley.

Following the above, Officer Anthony left before the commencement of the meeting, and the chairman declared the meeting open.

89/13 APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllr Rod Morgan

90/13 ACCEPTANCE OF THE JANUARY MINUTES The following corrections were made to the January minutes

The Agenda: The last item on the February agenda should read, "Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru; E-mail from C.Cllr. Mansel Charles re a meeting to plan fundraising.

Athro Edgar Thomas should have read "Gary Childs and Dafydd Thomas, letters of thanks"
Page 1 Heading should have read, "January 2013"

76/13 Also Present should not have included Grace Maidment.

80/13 Matters Arising: a. 72/07 the last paragraph on page 1 should read "If the County Council are asked to undertake the work it is then billed to Llanfynydd Community Council at £18 an hour."

Following these corrections, the minutes were accepted and two copies were signed by the chair.

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Chairman's Initials.....

91/13 MATTERS ARISING

a. 72/07: a The Hall Plot. A litter bin is on order from Glasdon.

Barry Palmer had advised that the suggested shrubs would be suitable. It was resolved that in order to support local businesses, the shrubs would be ordered from the nursery at Station Rd Llandeilo. Mr. Palmer further advised that he would prefer to use the compost he is already used to, enriching it with bone meal; therefore there is no longer a requirement to order compost from Cwm Environmental.

Cllr Mairwen Rees has contacted Grace Maidment following her offer of help, and they will organise the volunteers who wish to work on the beds.

It was noted that the grant had been received into the current account whilst the bills had been paid from the History of Llanfynydd account. A letter was accepted authorising the transfer of £2559.41 back to the History account.

Chris Powell has advised that the Information Board would be ready soon

b. 85/12:a. Vehicular Restrictions to the Llanfynydd Abergorlech Road. An e-mail was received from John McEvoy noting that height restriction signs typically apply only to bridge structures especially rail over road bridges, where the implication of a bridge strike could lead to fatal consequences. The Height and width restriction is pertinent because of the dimensions of a masonry structure are absolute unlike the rural road. Mr McEvoy will consult with The Welsh Government regarding the matter.

The council noted that in this particular case especially wide and long vehicles will strike the masonry structures at either side of the road. The clerk is to reply noting the same.

c. 29/12:b Village Roads. John Mc Evoy has e-mailed noting that the sign at Brynberllan has been placed on order. The work on the road from Gymric to Brisgen has been authorised and will begin in due course.

d. 35/12:l(iii)Passing Place at the Water Treatment Plant. A letter was received from DH Morgan noting that the slow setting tarmacadam is continually breaking up., and that the CCC will re-surface the area with hot tarmacadam once labour resources are available. In the meantime the potholes will be refilled again.

e. 45/12: e. Tel Box Cleaning No reply has yet been received.

f. 49/12:b Telephone & Electricity Poles. A letter was received from Western Power Distribution noting that electricity cables may not be attached to BT poles; however BT cables may be attached to electricity poles providing that permission is sought beforehand, and that there is a suitable location. The clerk has already written to BT asking that that they liaise with the electricity companies where possible, though no reply has yet been received.

g. 49/12:h Passing Place at Frongoch. A letter was received from DH Morgan, noting that in CCC's view the area could still be used as a passing place, particularly now that the debris has been cleared. Therefore CCC will not tarmacadam the area. In regard to the boulders in CCC's opinion they are sited to protect the verges, and do not prevent vehicles pulling onto the farm entrance. It was also noted that the entrance is privately owned and is not part of the highway.

h. 49/12:j. Council Vacancy. Notice of a Poll; Election of Community Councilor noting the two candidates was received. This was displayed in the village notice board. It was also noted that the notices were displayed elsewhere within the electoral area. The clerk will confirm to CCC Electoral Office, that the poster was displayed.

An e-mail was received from Tony Graff noting that should he be a successful candidate, he will contact the clerk on his return from Australia, though he would miss the poll.

It was noted that Lee Strudwick will also be unavailable on the night of the poll, though he would return the following day.

C.Cllr Mansel Charles urged the council to encourage a good electoral turn out since there is concern that following an electoral review; there is a threat that some rural polling booths may be discontinued.

i. 55/12:d. Code of Conduct Training Confirmation was received that 2 places have been booked on CCC's course on 27th February at 6:30.

j. 55/12:e Carmarthenshire Community Challenge No response has yet been received from Pantglas Hall.

k. 60/12: d. Mud on the road between Ty Llwyd and Maes Y Pant A letter was received from DH Morgan noting his puzzlement at drivers insistence on driving over the soft verges. He will however continue to re-level the verges, once the weather becomes drier.

It was noted that repair has already been undertaken.

l. 75/12: e. Salt Boxes A letter was received from DH Morgan noting that the damaged salt box had been replaced, and that all boxes in the county have been replenished.

The Chair asked that it be noted in the minutes how grateful the community council is to all those from within the local and neighbouring communities, who worked so hard to clear the pavements on the morning of Cai Jones funeral. The weather had been particularly bad, and in addition to CCC's gritting lorries (who also waited on the outskirts of the village, until the service was over,) a number of individuals had made time to ensure that the mourners were able to walk to the church, and, get in and out of the village safely. The Chair commended all these efforts and thanked all who had helped on such a difficult day.

92/13 CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales; review of electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire. C. Cllr Mansel Charles explained that under the proposed changes, in order to create 75 county representatives instead of the current 74, the Boundary Commission have noted that the Llanegwad ward is currently 3% over the number of average electors per representative. The Commission suggests moving Llanfihangel Rhos Y Corn to Llanllwni ward along with Llanfihangel Ar Arth. This action would then result in Llanegwad ward falling to 16% below the average of electors. Furthermore it is planned that Llanfihangel Rhos Y Corn could lose it's polling booth, causing concern that the parish would eventually be lost as a distinct area.

It was also noted that Llangathen would also be moved to Salem and Manordeilo ward.

It is possible that as a result of these actions some villages that currently enjoy a cohesive electoral identity, would in future be divided into as many as three different electoral areas each with a different county representative, and that this would create confusion.

Two copies of the correspondence were passed amongst the councilors, and will be considered at the next meeting. The deadline for comment is April 10th.

- b. Hywel Da Health Board; approved recommendations on clinical services (the full report is available on www.hywelddahb.wales.nhs.uk/Consultation) No further action required
- c. Glasdon Catalogue No further action required
- d. Clerks & Councils Direct; January news letter. The Council Yearbook will be held on file for future reference.
- e. Community Translation Scheme, Phase 2 Information is to be displayed in the notice board.
- f. Welsh Government & One Voice Wales; Town & Community Councils website funding. Two items of correspondence were received, one from The Welsh Government noting that £1.25 million is to be made available to develop community council websites, and a second from One Voice Wales, asking that community councils refrain from contacting their principal councils until the detailed proposals are finalised.
- g. Collaborative Communities; winter newsletter. No further action required
- h. Caring For God's Acre; the beautiful burial ground conference An Invitation was received to the Conference, to be held on 23rd April. The clerk is to pass the information to the church and two chapels.
- i. Dyffryn Cennen Council; Meeting regarding the Llandeilo By-pass and Super-school An invitation had been received inviting delegates to a meeting on the lack of swimming pool provision at the proposed school. C. Cllr Mansel Charles noted that the meeting had proposed that the pool would be a greater asset if it was located near the school. It also raised the idea that the pool could be privately built. It was also resolved that each Community council will receive a template of a letter, requesting a pool, and that the councils could encourage local residents to complete the letter and return it to CCC. The aim is to send 1,000 letters. The next meeting will be held at Tabernacle Vestry at 7pm on March 6th.
- j. Llanfynydd Village Society, e-mail requesting December minutes be displayed. The minutes were duly displayed once they had been corrected and signed.

k. Eisteddfod Genedlaithol Cymru, e-mail from C.Cllr Mansel Charles re a meeting to plan fundraising An invitation was received to the meeting held on February 4th. Cllr Mairwen Rees attended on behalf of the council. Cllr Charles reported that at the meeting a fundraising target of £3,000 was set, which includes a target of £800 for Llanfynydd. Officers were appointed, including Bethan Griffith of Pantydderwen as Secretary.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on February 26th.

Cllr Rees intends organising a fundraising event with Alma Roberts and Julie Thomas.

93/13 ROAD MAINTAINANCE

a. Ynys Y Brechfa to Parc. Cllr Dewi George noted that Land Rovers are again tearing up the road, and needing rescuing. The clerk is to write to CCC, noting Cllr George as the primary contact.

94/13 PLANNING

a. Guidance on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 was received from CCC. Advising on how the Act should be considered when examining planning applications. A copy will be held on file for future reference.

b. E/27397 Construction of garage, access road, and conservatory at Pen Y Banc. Notice of refusal was received.

95/13 MAUD WATKINS

a. Letters of Thanks were received from Mrs. Smithson, and Helen Williams.

96/13 ATHRO EDGAR THOMAS

a. Letters of Thanks were received from Dafydd Thomas, and Gary Childs.

97/13 GRANT AID

a. Letters of Thanks A letter was received from Llanfynydd Village Society, and a further letter was received from Megan Hughes thanking the council for the donation made to British Heart Foundation in memory of the late Cllr Howard Hughes.

b. Llanegwad OAP Club Cllr David Jones noted that he had been approached by Ann Parry who expressed her disappointment that they hadn't received a grant award. The clerk is to check if a request had been received.

98/12 FINANCE

a. Footway Lighting Charges Invoice An invoice for £917.96 from CCC was accepted, and a cheque prepared.

Notice was also received of an expected charge of £980.61, for the 2013-4 period

b. Welsh Government; Section 137 Expenditure 2013-4 The Welsh Government advised that the appropriate sum per elector is £6.98.

c. Lloyds TSB; Bank Statements Current balances are shown below.

Current account: £4711.93 at January 17th. It was noted that this high figure was due to the grant award being received into the current account not the History account, and that it will drop to £2152.52 on the transfer of the grant back to the history account.

History of Llanfynydd Account: £234.58 at January 9th. It was noted that this balance will increase to £2793.99 once the grant is transferred back.

99/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a. Llanfynydd History Account Cllr. David Jones brought £37.50 from Lyn Thomas, following the sale of another three books.

b. CCC Waste & Tyres Amnesty A poster was placed in the notice board.

c. One Voice Wales; Budget & Police & Crime Plans Consultation. Notice was received that the consultation ended on February 8th. OVW has lodged a complaint at the short notice, particularly since most councils only meet on a monthly basis.

d. Concert at Cwrt Henri. Notice was received of the event on February 22nd.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on March 12th at Llanfynydd School.