

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS
LLANFYNYDD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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Ebrill 2013 April

Annwyl Gynghorwyr,

*Gan mae'r Haf ar y ffordd, a'r awr wedi newyd ymlaen, cynheli'r cyfarfod nesaf ar
Ebrill 9, 2013, am 8:00pm yn Ysgol Llanfynydd.*

*Yn gywir,
Lucy.*

Dear Councillors,

*As it is now British Summer Time, the next meeting will be held at 8:00pm on April 9th ,
at 2013 in Llanfynydd School.*

*Yours faithfully,
Lucy*

AGENDA

1. Croeso'r Cadeirydd	1. Chairman's Welcome
3. Ymddiheuriadau	3. Apologies for Absence
4. Derbynn cofnodion mis Mawrth	4. Receive March's minutes
5. Materion yn codi	5. Matters Arising
6. Gohebiaeth	6. Correspondence
7. Cynnal a chadw fyrdd	7. Road Maintenance
8. Materion cynllunio	8. Planning issues
9. Cyllud a'r cyfrifon blynyddol	9. Finance including the annual accounts
10. Unrhyw eitemau eraill er gwybodaeth yn unig	10. Any other items for information only
11. Materion i'w trin ym breifat	11. Matters to be dealt with privately.

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Correspondence for April

Llanfynydd Village Soc: Village Hall Feasibility Study

CCC: Protocol for working relationships between Community Councillors and the local County Councillor

Kidwelly Town Council; Proposed increases in Parks Fees etc by CCC

Western Power; Invitation to Stakeholders Workshop

Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs: Invitation to Rally

Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for action: Request for Grant aid

One Voice Wales: Model Publication Scheme

Ombudsman: New Leaflets

One Voice Wales: Notice of Area Committee meeting.

Planning

21 Wind Turbines Associated Electricity Transformers, underground cabling, access tracks, road widening, crane hardstandings, control buildings, substation compound, communications mast, anemometry mast and temporary works; Notice of appeal to be dealt with on the basis of a public enquiry.

Application for an order granting development consent for the Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm. The Planning Inspectorate decision and statement of reasons may be viewed at

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/brechfa-forest-west-wind-farm/>

E/27890 Detached garage, access road, resubmission of E/27397 at Penybanc,

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

Athro Edgar Thomas

Nat West Statement

Grant aid Letter from Capel Speit

Finance

One Voice Wales; Annual membership

Lloyds Bank Statements

Annual Accounts

BDO: Notice of Audit

HMRC: Notice of clerk's tax code

CCC: Invoice for letting of Llanfynydd School.

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

100/13 PRESENT: The Chair; Cllr. Meirion Jones, Cllrs. David Jones, Mairwen Rees, Brian Thomas, Lee Strudwick, Rod Morgan, Haydn Jones, and County Cllr. Mansel Charles. Also present: Claire Papworth, Robert Able, Val Martin, Barry Palmer, Helen Sargent, and Community Officers Roger Anthony & Louise Lewis

101/13 THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED ALL PRESENT, AND PARTICULARLY THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLOR MR LEE STRUDWICK. Before the meeting commenced, the Chair again noted that observers would be unable to participate in the meeting, however he would suspend the meeting at the close of the items to be discussed in public, and would then invite those present to speak on any pressing matters. The Chair also noted that the councillors may chose not to respond to those comments. The Chair then invited Officers Roger Anthony and Louise Lewis to speak before the meeting began.

Officer Anthony noted that no crimes had been reported since the last meeting. He also noted the new initiative “Cuppa with a Copper”. This is already in operation in Brechfa, where it provides an informal environment where the community may chat to the community officers and raise any issues that are concerning them. It is intended as a more inclusive approach to the previous Police Surgeries. It is hoped to begin a “Cuppa with a Copper” in Llanfynydd, and Officer Anthony is currently looking for a suitable venue.

A general discussion ensued, and suggestions included the Vestry at Speit Chapel, and The Penybont Inn.

Officers Anthony and Lewis will also be in touch with the clerk to collate e-mail addresses in preparation for the OWL system noted in February’s meeting.

The Chair noted that the problems with horses noted last month have now been resolved.

Following the above, Officers Anthony & Lewis left before the commencement of the meeting, and the Chairman declared the meeting open.

102/13 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE. Cllr Lee Strudwick signed the declaration which was witnessed by the clerk.

103/13 APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllr Dewi George

104/13 ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY MINUTES. The following corrections were made to the February minutes:

Agenda should have read “11 *Unrhyw* eitemau eraill o *wybodaeth* yn unig

Page 1 should have read, “Officer Anthony noted that trailer *ramps* had been stolen”

Page 1

Chairman’s Initials.....

Page 3 92/13 should have read “Furthermore it is planned that Llanfihangel Rhos Y Corn could lose its polling *booths* “

105/13 MATTERS ARISING

a. 72/07: a The Hall Plot. Cllr Mairwen Jones noted that Llanfynydd school children with help from Barry Palmer had planted apple & quince trees March 28th.

The Information Board has been installed and completed.

Cllr Haydn Jones laid concrete at the entrance, as discussed last month, and the Chair requested an invoice for the materials used on the plot.

Grace Maidment and other volunteers have planted Lavenders, Heathers and a Sweet Pepper bush, along with other plants that were kindly donated.

The council’s gratitude was extended to all who had volunteered their help, and a number of photographs have been posted on the website showing the work in progress and the results.

The litter bins has been ordered and delivered, and is awaiting erection.

The Chair tried to collect the meadow seed, but unfortunately the suppliers had been unable to provide it due to pressure of work, but it is hoped that it may be obtained by next week. It was noted that a small garden rotovator would be very useful in preparing the land for the seed.

As a result of the above work invoices were received and cheques prepared from the History of Llanfynydd account for:

Dolau Hirion Fruit Trees, £45 and £4.86

Works Garden Centre £65

CM Powell, £495

Glasdon, £195.30

It was resolved that the council would only claim for the hardwood bench within the grant application, and that the other bench made of recycled materials would be funded from The History of Llanfynydd account, as this would help to balance any small overspend.

The clerk and Cllr Rees will meet before March 31st to complete the request for the next tranche of grant aid.

b. 85/12:a. Vehicular Restrictions to the Llanfynydd Abergorlech Road. An e-mail was received from John McEvoy advising that he will prepare a substantial response shortly.

c. 29/12:b Village Roads. An e-mail was received from John McEvoy advising that a bilingual sign will be erected on the Brynberllan Rd.

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

e. 49/12:b Telephone & Electricity Poles. No reply has yet been received from BT..

f. 49/12:j. Council Vacancy. Mr. Lee Strudwick has taken up his post as Community Councilor. C.Cllr. Mansel Charles noted the high number of electors who turned out, and also informed the council that following protests from local communities, there has been a reprieve to the polling booths at Llanfihangel Rhos Y Corn.

g. 55/12:d. Code of Conduct Training. Unfortunately the training course was cancelled. The clerk has written to CCC requesting places on any course that may be scheduled in the future.

Notice was received from One Voice Wales of a course On the Welsh Government's Sustainable Development Bill. No further action required.

h. 55/12:e Carmarthenshire Community Challenge No response has yet been received from Pantglas Hall. However on contacting CCC, the clerk was advised that the recycling units there are available to the general public.

A letter has also been received from Christine Avis requesting information as to the location of the most local bottle bank, and whether it would be possible to have one in the village centre. The clerk has requested information of CCC as to the costs (if any) of such a facility, and the dimensions of the area required to site the bottle bank that would allow, collection lorries to operate. The council noted that when this matter has previously arisen, there was no area large enough that didn't present a nuisance to immediate neighbours.

The clerk is to write to Mrs. Avis advising the same.

i. 92/13: a Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales; review of electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire. It was resolved that the council objected to the changes. C.Cllr Mansel Charles noted that if the situation is amended according to the suggested changes these amendments may not survive any forthcoming changes relating to proposals that councils will work together, and share resources.

The Council noted its concern at the confusion that would be caused if parishes are divided into multiple wards. It was also noted that in rural areas the council would prefer to see a single councillor for the smaller wards.

The clerk is to respond to the consultation noting the same.

g. 92/13:f. Welsh Government & One Voice Wales; Town & Community Councils website funding. Further discussion followed the notice received last month. It was noted that there are now a number of items on the website, and that this creates a significant amount of work for the webmaster, since every submission has to be scrutinised to ensure that it is neither a commercial nor abusive.

It was also resolved that the monthly minutes could be published on the website following their acceptance by the council.

i. 92/13:i. Dyffryn Cennen Council; Meeting regarding the Llandeilo By-pass and Super-school Dyffryn Cennen Council has circulated a draft letter of objection to the lack of a swimming pool at the proposed school. Cllr Mairwen Rees offered to put a copy of the draft letter in the shop for those who wish to use it as a template.

106/13 CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Sovereign; Play Equipment Catalogue was received no further action required.

- b. HM Revenue & Customs; PAYE changes. A number of community council clerks are concerned at administering the new changes to the PAYE system, and have approached CCC to request that they take on the role. CCC has declined. A local accountant has offered to run a training session to familiarise the clerks with the new system. Cllr Mairwen Rees will advise of the arrangements once they are confirmed.
- c. Dyfed Powys Police; Surgery Notice was received of a series of public surgeries being held between Commissioner Salmon and the public. Appointment may be made at opcc@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk or by phoning 01267 226440. No further action required.
- d. Yr Ardd. A copy of the National Botanical Gardens publication was received and passed to the Chair for consideration.
- d. History Of Llanfynydd. Payment of 12.50 was received for a book and has been banked.
- e. Part Night Lighting. Following the police report at the February meeting, the clerk has enquired of CCC as to whether it is possible to amend the period of street illumination in the village centre. No reply has yet been received.
- f. CCC Housing Dept; Reduction in Housing Benefit Notice was received that the “bedroom tax” changes would not affect residents in the Llanfynydd area. No further action required.
- g. Clerks and Councils Direct. A copy of the March newsletter was received. No further action required.

107/13 ROAD MAINTAINANCE

- a. 93/12:a.Ynys Y Brechfa to Parc. No reply had yet been received.
- b. Potholes between Cefn Brisgen and Plasnewydd This road is now in very bad condition and at least one vehicle has been damaged. C. Cllr Mansel Charles offered to contact CCC regarding the same.
- c. Surface Water on the road at Llanfynydd Church. Cllr. Rod Morgan, noted that the road edging is unsightly and uneven, and that there appears to be a course of water running down the incline. Local knowledge advises that this is a more frequent nuisance than previously.
- d. Tarmac Damage between Y Mans and Sgwar Pantycelyn. Cllr. Mairwen Rees noted that the tarmac is entirely missing from one side of the road. The Chair offered to meet with a surveyor should such a meeting be required.

108/13 PLANNING

E/26616; Resubmission of the E/26616 for a change of use of the log cabin at Gwent 2, Pantglas Hall, from holiday to residential use. Notice was received that the application has been granted.

E/27796;Porch Extension at Starngrwach. No objections were noted.

E24195; Erection of 12 Wind Turbines to form a scheme known as “Brechfa Forest East Wind Farm” to include new tracks, upgrade existing tracks, anemometry mast, substation, borrow pit, and other associated development, including the felling of trees.

The council noted its concerns that should the go ahead there will be an adverse effect on local health, as well a scar on the particular landscape, with a consequent effect on tourism. In Particular there is great concern at how the power will be carried by pylons across the Towy Valley, and the consequent effect on public health, wild life, and increased pressure on rural roads. The council is therefore vehemently opposed to the proposal. The clerk is to notify CCC Panning Dept. of the same.

109/13 GRANT AID

a. Letters of Thanks A letter was received from British Heart Foundation, thanking the council for the donation in memory of the late Cllr Howard Hughes.

b. Llanegwad OAP Club The clerk is unable to locate a letter of application from Llanegwad OAP Group. Cllr. David Jones has received an application from Ann Llewelyn Parry, which will be added to the application considered in May.

110/12 FINANCE

a. Lloyds Bank; Statements were received noting the following balances;

Clwb Hanes Llanfynydd, £189.58 at February 15th

Current Account, £4027.01 at February 8th

It was again noted that these balanced will be amended by £2559.40 following the transfer of the grant aid from the current account into the History of Llanfynydd account.

b. BDO Audit Briefing was received, and it was noted that the council must undertake a review of the effectiveness of internal control, before March 31st. The council noted the following risk controls undertaken.

Declarations of Interest are reviewed at the AGM, and as required through the year.

No cash payments are made, from the council’s accounts, and the council requires three valid signatures on each cheque.

Account balances are noted at the monthly meeting immediately following receipt of the bank statements, and an explanation is required of any unusual or unexpected transactions.

A projected annual budget is considered before an application for precept.

The council’s accounts are audited internally and externally.

PAYE information is kept up to date, and appropriate training is sought where necessary

The council’s insurance cover is reviewed annually.

It was agreed that the clerk would note the same in order that it may be reviewed annually.

c. Clerk’s Salary An invoice noting the following was accepted, and cheques for HMRC and the clerk prepared accordingly

Clerk’s salary less PAYE £294.10, PAYE contribution £73.40, Clerk’s Expenses £183.62. It was noted that the high expenses figure was due to the purchase of an external memory drive, and unusually high postage and copying

111/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a. Clwb Gwawr. Cllr Mairwen Rees noted the council of a new society begun in Llanfynydd, meeting on the third Thursday of each month. A notice will be posted on the website with further details.

b. Young Farmers Concert The event will be held on 14th March at Pantglas Hall

c. Whist Drive will be held on March 13th at Cwrt Henri Reading Rooms.

d. Secondary School Catchment Areas and Transport Provision It was resolved to consider the effect of these changes at the next meeting.

e. Llanfynydd Community Website A reminder was received of the website address council@llanfynydd.net

f. Tractor Run Cllr Lee Strudwick noted that the event held on 30th March will raise funds for the Cai Jones Memorial Fund.

g. Meeting Area at Llanfynydd Church Cllr Brian Thomas noted that the church was perusing grant aid to develop the building as a public meeting area, and encouraged the council to support the application. Cllr David Jones confirmed the church's plans, and his agreement that the council should support the application. Cllr Mairwen Rees also noted her support for the plans.

h. Capel Speit A letter was received from the chapel requesting financial assistance, although received too late for this meeting, it will be considered at the April meeting.

The meeting was suspended at 9:50pm in order that the Chair could invite the observers present to raise any issues that they wished dealt with at the next meeting, before the meeting reconvened to discuss private matters. The chair reminded those present that this contribution did not form part of the council meeting and that the councilors were not obliged to respond to the issues raised. The meeting was restarted at 10:05pm after the observers' departure.

112/13.

a. Freedom Of Information Request A payment of £4.25 was received from Mr. Papworth following the council's response to his request for information regarding the application for grant aid in improving the hall plot. In the letter accompanying the payment Mr. Papworth continued to accuse the councilors of misconduct. Having considered Mr. Papworth's allegation, the council again rejected it. The clerk is to write to Mr. Papworth regarding the same.

b. Llanfynydd School A request was received for assistance in busing children to their swimming lessons, in the forthcoming school year, although received too late for this meeting, it will be considered at the April meeting. The meeting closed at 11:15pm.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00pm on April 9th at Llanfynydd School.

