

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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Mai 2013 May

Annwyl Gynghorwyr,

*Er bod ddwy cyfarfod yn Mai, bydd y cyfarfod fisol yn ddechrau am 7:30pm ar Mai yr
14fed 2013, ar AGM yn ddechrau yn syth ar ei hól. Mae'r chofnodion misol ar y thudalenau
gwyn, a chofnodion yr AGM ar y thudelanau lliw. Fydd y chyfarfod ym Ysgol Llanfynydd fel
arfer.*

*Yn gywir
Lucy*

**AGENDA
7:30pm, 14/5/13
Ysgol Llanfynydd School**

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| 1. Croeso'r Cadeirydd | 1. Chairman's Welcome |
| 2. Ymddiheuriadau | 2. Apologies for Absence |
| 3. Derbynn cofnodion Mis Ebrill | 3. Receive April's minutes |
| 4. Materion yn codi | 4. Matters Arising |
| 5. Gohebiaeth | 5. Correspondence |
| 6. Cynnal a chadw fyrdd | 6. Road Maintenance |
| 7. Materion cynllunio | 7. Planning issues |
| 8. Cyllud | 8. Finance |
| 9. Unrhiw eitemau eraill o gwybodaeth yn unig | 9. Any other items for information only |
| 10. Materion i'w trin ym breifat | 10. Matters to be dealt with privately. |

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Correspondence for May

Western Power Distribution: Power cuts & improving the electricity network

CCC: Needle Stick Campaign

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service: Annual Improvement Plan

One Voice Wales: Spring Edition of The Voice

CCC: Safe Routes in Communities

Glasdon: Catalogue

One Voice Wales: List of training courses.

One Voice Wales: Notice of the Ombudsman's Casebook

Dryslwyn Community Shop: Community Growing Council training

One Voice Wales: Police & Crime Plan

Clerks & Councils Direct: May newsletter

Jonathan Evans MP & Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM: Invitation to Big Lottery event.

Planning

Consultancy.coop: Questionnaire

Section 78 Appeal by RES UK & Ireland Ltd at Bryn Llewelyn, Llanllwni re 21 Wind Turbines.

E/27796 Porch extension to Stangwrach

E/27890 Detached Garage, New Access Rd, Penybanc

Finance

Lloyds Bank:

Account Statements

CCC: Notice of Precept

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

Athro Edgar Thomas

Grant aid Letter from Capel Speit

Finance

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LLANFYNYDD SCHOOL, ON
TUESDAY, 9th APRIL 2013, AT 8:00 PM.**

113/13 PRESENT: The Chair; Cllr. Meirion Jones, Cllrs. David Jones, Mairwen Rees, Brian Thomas, Lee Strudwick, Rod Morgan, Haydn Jones, & Dewi George, and County Cllr. Mansel Charles.

Also present: Chris Papworth, Robert Able, Val Martin, Barry Palmer, Helen Sargent, Eirian Jones, Tina Giddings, Hilary Coole, Grace Maidment, and Community Officers Roger Anthony

114/13 THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED ALL PRESENT. Before the meeting commenced, the Chair again noted that observers would be unable to participate in the meeting. However he would invite those present to speak on any pressing matters outside the formal meeting. The Chair also noted that councillors may chose not to respond to those comments. The Chair then invited Chris Papworth to present his “Village Hall Feasibility Study” commissioned by the Llanfynydd Village Society before the meeting began.

Mr Papworth summarised the venues he had considered, including the school, church, Capel Speit, and four “open sites” which included the Hall Plot, Farmers Arms building plot, a building site next to Ael Y Bryn, and land opposite Bronant.

Mr Papworth considered the Hall Plot as the most suitable. Following conversations held with CCC. Planning Dept and Building Regulations Dept. Mr Papworth had discarded the idea of a log cabin, and also noted his opinion that attempting to adapt existing buildings was prohibitively expensive due to the provision of utilities. Mr Papworth also expressed his concern that Chapel and Church buildings, originally designed for contemplative prayer, would not welcome the type of events he envisioned in a new building, which may involve gambling.

Mr Papworth considered Speit Chapel as the most promising of those existing buildings, but was of the opinion that it would be an insufficiently flexible area, and was concerned that the property would remain under the ownership of the chapel.

Mr Papworth had received advice that the Hall Plot has existing services, and noted its history. He believed the site enjoyed the support and approval of CCC’s Planning & Highways Depts, and of the community, and that his plans would increase its value. It was later noted that the study included an acknowledgement of Mr Papwoth’s correspondence, from E Bowen of CCC’s Planning Dept.

Mr Papworth noted that a community centre was needed, to host a wide range of events. He favoured a phased building project, following Glyn Jones’s suggestions regarding funding. Mr Papworth noted that Llanfynydd Village Society is also hoping to receive Lottery Funding.

Further discussion ensued, during which Mr Papworth advised the council of his understanding that CCC Planning Dept didn't require parking provision, at the venue. Mr Papworth thought his proposed building would be approximately 5.5m x 12m (66 sq m) and that this would be a sufficient space for a variety of events, possibly including weddings. Concerns were raised that the venue may prove too small for many of the events already organised by the village societies at existing local venues; notably whist drives, concerts and other fund raising events. Mr Papworth believed that the venue could fit 50 standing guests. Concerns were voiced that it might be as few as half that, depending on the event and seating arrangements. (It was later noted as a useful comparison that the room the council holds its meetings in is approximately 80 sq m.)

Mr Papworth advised the council of his understanding that the planners would prefer a stone and slate built venue to the a prefabricated structure originally proposed in the study.

Clarity was sought from the floor as to ownership of the Hall Site, and the council confirmed that it acted as the trustee to the land. Mr Papworth agreed that he should approach the council.

Further questions from the floor attempted to establish who would be responsible for the planning application and architects fees estimated at £2,900.

In response to another question from the floor, Mr Papworth confirmed that neither CCC's Planning Dept nor its Building Controls Dept. had visited or evaluated the other proposed sites before advising their preference for the hall site.

There were a number of questioned raised as to the purpose of the proposed building.

Following some conflicting information on what disability access and fire safety regulations would be required, it was queried whether the utilities could only be added to the venue after it was already in public use.

Future maintenance and funding of the proposed venue was not addressed by the study.

It was noted from the floor that it was disappointing that the church was dismissed as a possible community centre at such early stage in the study.

The Chair thanked Mr Papworth for his presentation, and suggested that Llanfynydd Village Society hold an open meeting, at which the community as a whole may consider and discuss the study.

The Chair then asked Officer Roger Anthony to present his regular report to the council.

OfficerAnthony, noted that Tractor Run to raise funds for the "Cai Jones Memorial Fund" had been a successful event, and the council thanked Dyfed Powys police for their assistance on the day. Cllr Lee Strudwick and Mr Eurig Dyer were also commended for their work contributing to the success of the day.

Officer Anthony had no recent crime to report, though it was noted by the council that there may have been a recent police visit to the village relating to scrap dealing discussed last month.

In neighbouring areas there had been machinery stolen from Cwm Ifor, but an arrest and charge had already been made.

Officer Anthony also hoped that the church would host "Cuppa with a Copper" when it begins.

As there was other no other questions from the floor the Chair opened the Council meeting at 8:45pm.

115/13 THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE:

116/13 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH MINUTES. The following corrections were made to the March minutes:

Agenda, item 10 should have read, “*Unrhyw eitemau eraill er gwybodaeth yn unig*”

Item 11 should have read “*Materion i’w trin im breifat*”

Page 1, 104/13 should have read, “Officer Anthony noted that trailer *ramps* had been stolen”

Page 3, h. 55/12:e should have read “the council noted that when this matter had previously arisen *there was no area large enough that didn’t present a nuisance to neighbours.*”

115/13 MATTERS ARISING

a. 72/07: a The Hall Plot. A thank you poster is to be placed in the Notice Boards noting all the help that has been volunteered. The bench has been paid for, as have the paving slabs, concrete and seeds. As all invoices have been paid the grant application has now been submitted for the last tranche of the grant. The seed will be planted once the weeds have been cleared and the earth has warmed.

b. 85/12:a. Vehicular Restrictions to the Llanfynydd Abergorlech Road. An e-mail was received from John McEvoy noting that CCC does not have a duty to protect private property under the Highways Act. However he suggests meeting with the Traffic section at the site to assess the feasibility of providing a traffic sign depicting the road narrowing. The clerk is to provide him with The Chair and Cllr David Jones’s contact details.

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

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

e. 55/12:d. Code of Conduct Training. Roger Egdecombe informed the council that the previously cancelled course has now been rescheduled for 22nd May at 6pm. The clerk and Cllr Mairwen Rees are to attend.

f. 92/13: a Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales; review of electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire. A letter was received from SR Halsall of the Local Government Boundry for Wales noting the council’s comments.

g. 92/13:i. Dyffryn Cennen Council; Meeting regarding the Llandeilo By-pass and Super-school The poster and letters have been displayed in the shop notice board.

h. 106/13:b HM Revenue & Customs; PAYE changes. No further information available.

i. 106/13:e. Part Night Lighting. M. Cresci (Acting Head of Street Scene) wrote advising that the cost of replacing the time clocks would be £120 per lamp. There would also be a consequential increase in the energy used. It was resolved not to take any further action.

j.111/13 Capel Speit. A request was received for financial support to help fund the ongoing repairs, and development of a meeting space. The council noted that the planned provision of a meeting area would be of benefit to the village, and that there would be larger floor space than is currently envisioned for the proposed village hall. A substantial grant has already been received from the chapel to develop the meeting area, and, following the unexpected need for further repairs as revealed by the ongoing work, another application is currently being submitted to Cwm Environmental. Following concern that the venue should be available to the community if the council were to financially assist the repairs, it was noted that the venue is regularly used by local groups including the Llanfynydd YFC. The council is to seek confirmation that groups may continue to use the area, and advice as to how bookings may be made. Following further discussion as to how much should be granted, and how a donation would affect the council's ability to support the proposed building of a village hall, the Chair suspended the meeting briefly to canvass the opinions of the observers present.

Having closed the meeting the councillors heard the opinion of those observers remaining in the meeting room that efforts should be made to support the existing buildings and facilities within the village, before embarking on spending for new projects. It was also noted that the process of fundraising would encourage events that would make use of those venues, and encourage a community spirit.

The Chair reopened the council meeting.

k. 112/13: b. Llanfynydd School The Church in Wales is hoping to keep the school open, and is challenging CCC's decision to close the school. It was thought that the school could remain open for five years. A decision as to whether to subsidise swimming transport costs will be delayed until after the Governors meeting in late April, when funds available from the PTFA will have been considered.

l. Secondary School Catchment Areas and Transport Provision C.Cllr Mansel Charles noted that Rob Scully of CCC has advised that he does not intend to meet local parents as he would be unable to provide further information than has already been provided nor make any changes to the decision made. He especially noted that siblings of children already in Bro Myrddin, will have priority on available spaces in the school. Other than that there will be no further concessions made, and that secondary students who wish to study in Welsh, are now considered to be in the Maes Yr Yrfa catchments area. The council noted that historically Llanfynydd had always been in the Bro Myrddin area, and that the CCC website still indicates the same.

116/13 CORRESPONDENCE.

a.CCC: Protocol for working relationships between Community Councillors and the local County Councillor A copy was passed to the Chair for his consideration.

b. Kidwelly Town Council; Proposed increases in Parks Fees etc by CCC A request was received that other community councils "lobby" that the fee be reduced. No further action required.

- c. Western Power; Invitation to Stakeholders Workshop No further action required.
- d. Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs: Invitation to Rally. Tickets were passed to the Chairman
- e. Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for action: Request for Grant aid: To be considered next month with other requests for grant aid.
- f. One Voice Wales: Model Publication Scheme. It was agreed that following the increased photocopying charges at CCC locations such as the library, the charges should be increased to 20p per page. The scheme will be considered further at the AGM.
- g. Ombudsman: New Leaflets Leaflet were received for display in council buildings, In the absence of such buildings, they were distributed to the councillors to be issued to anyone who requests one.
- h. One Voice Wales: Notice of Area Committee meeting. No further action required.

117/13 ROAD MAINTAINANCE

- a. 93/12:a.Ynys Y Brechfa to Parc. A letter was received from DH Morgan noting that there is no further action that CCC may take having erected the “Unsuitable for Motor Vehicles”. Mr. Morgan noted that there is no obligation on the local residents to remove vehicles that have been mired as a result of ignoring the signs. It was resolved to write to Aled Evans and enquire if it would be possible to downgrade the route to a bridleway.
- b. 103/13:b Potholes between Cefn Brisgen and Plasnewydd The work has been completed.
- d. 107/13:d Tarmac Damage between Y Mans and Sgwar Pantycelyn. No reply yet received
- e. 107/13: c. Surface water and uneven road at Llanfynydd Church. No reply yet received
- f. Overhanging Branches from Llwynfedwen to Penybanc It was noted that lorries are unable to pass without hitting their mirrors on the hedges. The clerk is to request that the hedges are trashed.
- g. Manse Capel Issac to Pantycelyn repairs are still required here. The clerk is to write to CCC.

118/13 PLANNING

- a. APP1053/E/23947. 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 at Bryn Llewelyn, Llanllwni. Notice was received that the appeal will be dealt with on the basis of a public enquiry. The council is to repeat its objections made to the CCC Planning Department i.e. 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.

b. The Planning Inspectorate, 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/>

c. consutancy.coop, Notice of Brechfa Community Profile. Notice of community meetings on April 22nd, & 24th, and May 1st. C. Cllr Mansel Charles urged attendance, since Llanfynydd is part of the larger area covered by the consultancy.

d. E/27890 Detached garage, access road, resubmission of E/27397 at Penybank. There were no objections.

119/13 ATHRO EDGAR THOMAS

a. Nat West Statement showing a balance of £1608.09 on March 14th

120/12 FINANCE

a. One Voice Wales; Annual membership An invoice of £56 was accepted a cheque prepared.

b. Lloyds Bank Statements were received on the following accounts

Clwb Hanes Llanfynydd £2736.49 on 14th March

Current account £256.17 on 15th March

c. Annual Accounts were received and accepted by the council. Notable changes from the preceding year include an increase in the clerk's expenses of £297.95. This is due to an increase in correspondence, and increased costs of printing information previously received by post, and now received electronically, the figure also includes the purchase of an external storage drive. There has also been an increase of grant awards from the Chairman's Account, the cost of preparing the annual audit, and the purchase of Christmas decorations. "One off" costs incurred in the setting up of a new website, and in spraying the hall plot were also noted. Total income of £4652.95, was mostly made up of the precept, and a total expenditure of £5510.92 (which included £750 to support the schools transport to swimming lessons), caused to a reduction of £857.97 in the balance going forward to next year.

d. BDO: Notice of Audit A suggested timetable was received, proposing the accounting statements be approved by the council on May 14th, and that the internal audit be arranged soon after, and before it is returned to BDO Stoy Hayward by June 11th. It was noted that the June meeting wouldn't be held until the June 11th, therefore the clerk is to contact BDO to agree a later date. The notice of the exercise of Electors rights will be displayed from 29th April to 12th May, and the records will be made available from 13th May to 10th June. The audited accounts

will be published no later than 30th September. The risk register & management (financial) for 2012/13 was accepted, with the amendment of the precept risk level from low to high and in future will be reviewed annually at the AGM.

e. HMRC: Notice of clerk's tax code received.

f. CCC: Invoice for letting of Llanfynydd School. An invoice of £120 was accepted and a cheque prepared.

121/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a. Grant Aid A letter of application was received from Anwen Jones. To be considered at the next AGM Grant Aid.

b. Wales Rural Observatory, Services Survey No further action required.

c. CCC Carmarthenshire's Health Impact Study Annual Report 2012 To be kept on file for future reference

d. One Voice Wales Fallen Stock Guidance No further action required

e. Safe Routes in Communities The information was passed to Llanfynydd School.

f. Clearing rubbish from the village The council commended Helen Williams and Stuart Purdue of Sannan Farm, for their work in collecting rubbish from the village. The clerk is to write thanking them.

g. Council Stationary The website address is to be included on the Council's letter heading.

The meeting was closed to the public and the Chair requested that the observers leave the room, whilst private matters were discussed.

The meeting closed at 10:45pm

The next meeting will be held on May 14th at 7:30 pm at Llanfynydd School, and will be immediately followed by the AGM.