

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS LLANFYNYDD  
LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 8pm on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Llanfynydd School.**

**139/14: PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Haydn Jones, Peter Law, Brian Thomas & Rod Morgan.

In attendance was County Cllr. Mansel Charles the clerk Mrs. Elaine Blakeman.

Also Present: Helen Sargent, Katharine Rose & Community Officer Roger Anthony.

**140/14: APOLOGIES** – Cllr. David Jones.

**141/14: CHAIRMANS WELCOME** – The chairman welcomed everyone present.

**142/14: MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Law and seconded by Cllr. Mairwen Rees that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

**143/14: DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT**

Community Officer Roger Anthony informed the council that there have been a number of burglaries in the neighboring villages of Llanfynydd. He also stated that there had been two warrants issued & a number of cannabis plants were seized from the Llanfynydd & Cwmdu areas.

**144/14: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**A. 99/14 (d) SAYONARA KNOTWEED** - Tidy Towns Grant Application. Mr. Ian Thomas has responded to the council stating that "The County Council's Japanese Knotweed treatment control "policy" would only extend to the spraying & treating of the weed that grows on & within the public highway verge limits only around the county. Unfortunately, their service responsibility does not extend onto any adjoining privately owned land or areas. In response to Mr. Thomas's request the Clerk & County Cllr. Mansel Charles forwarded on the map the LVS sent in to the community council showing affected areas in the village. Cllr. Peter Law is to print out hand outs & put up information on how to deal with the knotweed problem in the notice board & on the website. **To be discussed at next meeting.**

**145/14: CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

- a. Welsh government – Document re: Governance in Small Public Bodies.  
<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHisoryHome.aspx?lld=5690&Opt=0>
- b. Clerks & Councils direct May & July issues. Passed around.
- c. Traws Link Cymru – Reopening of railway line between Aberystwyth & Carmarthen
- d. Western Power – Free Parish Council Pack. Given to Mrs. Rhiannon Thomas, Church warden, to keep in church.
- e. National Botanic Garden of Wales – Event brochure – Passed around.
- f. Yr Ardd – Summer issue – passed around

- g. OVW – Carmarthenshire Area Committee AGM
- h. Ombudsman – annual report 13/14 – passed around
- i. OVW – New Model Financial Regulations document
- j. OVW – Welsh Government Nature Fund.
- k. OVW - guidance topic notes from the Information Commissioner's website for the purpose of helping members understand their responsibilities under the Data Protection legislation.
- l. CCC – Consultation on charging for sports facilities
- m. Shelter Cymru – Re: Cyngor 50+ Advice Project – put poster up in notice board
- n. SLCC – New version of the Practitioners' Guide – passed around
- o. Scrapping of the Bobby Van Scheme; Open letter from Cllr Emlyn Dole – clerk to write letter voicing concerns.
- p. Email from Glamnor Davies-Evans, thanks for the donation of £25 in Aid of Dewi George
- q. Welsh Government – Public Servant Complaints E learning Package.  
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/publicationevents/publications/public-service-complaints-policy/?lang=en>
- r. OVW – Revised Code of Practise on Workforce Matters -  
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/publicationevents/publications/two-tier-workforce-codes/?lang=en>
- s. OVW - Invitations for nominations – Birthday Honours 2015
- t. LVS – Letter asking for contribution towards insurance for Picnic event
- u. LVS – grant aid request.
- v. OVW – Grant support to develop website
- w. OVW - booking form for conference on Larger Councils conference

### Road Maintenance

- x. Update email from Ian Thomas via County Cllr. Charles.

### Planning

- y. Re: Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan. Addendum to the schedule of Matters Arising Changes.
- z. E/30097 – Granted – No Further Action

### Finance

- Please refer to appendix 1 for Bank Balances
- Nat West – Re Interest net of tax

### Outdated Correspondence

- E/30164 – Construction of slurry store. Penlan Home Farm. R&N Thomas – granted, No further action
- NHS – Information sessions for town & Com Councils re changes to Maternity, Neonatal, Paediatric & Gynaecology services Withybush & Glangwili Hospitals
- OVW - Tackle Rural Fuel Poverty
- Invitation to CAB AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
- OVW – Wales Green Energy Awards – looking for more entries in the political category

### **146/14: ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- a. 107/13d: Overhanging trees between Y Mans and Sgwar Pantycelyn, Capel Isaac – It was noted that the trees are seriously overgrown & the matter is now very serious. The clerk is to contact Stuart Quick. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- b. 100/14c: Street Lighting between Hall Plot & Ael Y Bryn – Site meeting to be agreed & **discussed at next meeting.**
- c. 88/14d: Clearing ditches – Gwaelod y Maes. The Council decided that 3\*600m gullies would be more appropriate. County Cllr. Mansel Charles is to contact CCC. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- d. 110/14f: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech road – Mr. Ian Thomas from CCC replied to the council that they have not heard back from Mr. Thomas who owns the land, but assumed that the works is scheduled to be carried out in due course. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- e. 121/14i: Pot Holes at Pant Mawr, Bryn yr Eglwys & also on the road into the forestry – To be followed up by County Cllr. Mansel Charles. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**

#### 147/14: PLANNING

- a. The following application was considered by the Council and their observations noted:  
E/30164 – Penlan Home Farm, Dryslwyn. Application for full planning for Construction of slurry store for farm use for R & N Thomas. There were no comments regarding this application.
- b. Carmarthenshire County Council advised on the planning decision on the following:  
**122/14d & 134/14c** E/30097 - Cathilas Farm, Abergorlech - Existing dwelling had adjacent outbuilding which has been converted into residential use ancillary to the main dwelling, Mr. Bernard Gulley – Permission granted.
- c. E/30211 – Cllr. Peter Law mentioned that he had seen this planning application on line. No correspondence has yet been received by the clerk. Upton Hall cottages, full planning application for single storey extension to existing dwelling. There were no comments regarding this application.

#### 148/14: FINANCE

- a. **90/14b - Change of signatory** - Cllr. Peter Law called into Lloyds & they found all his documentation.
- b. **90/14e – Nat West maintaining Accurate Customer Information.** Forms need to be updated. **To be reviewed next month.**
- c. **112/14 e. Spite Vestry** – It was agreed that Cllr. Meirion Jones would inform the council when he had received an invoice for the hire of in March 2014.
- d. **135/14d: Annual Audit** – A cheque of £100 was prepared & signed for the internal auditor Tina Giddings. The clerk informed the council how difficult it was in preparing the accounts for external audit due to the fact that the previous clerk had introduced the Chairman's account into the annual accounts, which isn't a usual code of practice. On advice from OVW the clerk forwarded on the accounts to BDO including the chairman's account, as the account is in the community council's name.  
The clerk also informed the council that the accounts were viewed by Claire Papworth in the clerk's home. Mrs. Papworth was concerned as to why £10 had been paid for a bin out of the History of LLanfyndd a/c & not the Hall plot a/c (the £10 had been paid into the hall plot a/c at a later stage). Mrs. Papworth requested a copy of the accounts & emailed the clerk at a later stage with 2 more queries. Mrs. Papworth queried why the accounts showed the fee to OVW as £114, which is double the annual membership (It is made up of 13/14 & 14/15 membership fee. 13/14 was paid in April 2013 & 14/15 was paid in March 2014). Mrs. Papworth also queried as to why there is no payment shown of £1600 to the Spite Vestry made by the council & had been reported in the minutes (This figure was shown under grant aid).
- e. **135/14h: Clerks Salary** - An invoice for £450 for the period of March to May was accepted, and a further invoice for £131.41 for expenses was accepted. Both cheques were prepared & signed accordingly.
- f. LVS – The LVS sent in a copy of the invoice for the insurance paid for the picnic event & requested that the council consider making a donation to the cost. The council decided that in recognition of the hard work & effort that the LVS put into the Hall plot, that they would make a donation to the LVS of £25.
- g. LVS – The LVS sent in a request for Grant Aid. It was agreed that it would be considered with the other grant aid applications in November.
- h. **Nat West, Credit Interest net of tax** – Nat West issued a form to be filled out so as that community council could receive interest net of tax. Cllrs. Brian Thomas & Haydn Jones signed the form. The clerk is to send it back to Nat West.
- i. A cheque was prepared & signed for £150 to be lodged to the Chairman's account.

**149/14: HALL PLOT**

- a. 137/14c. The clerk reported that Chris Thomas in Abergwili has tonne bags of bark for £20. Cllr. Rod Morgan volunteered to get some bark & put it where needed.
- b. The chair suggested that the church/school garden be included in the maintenance of the hall plot & that the community garden maintenance be added to the agenda.

**150/14: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP**

- a. A "Lottery Funding Data Collection Questionnaire" had been prepared by the newly formed steering group & was presented to the council for review. The councilors suggested some alterations but felt they needed more time to review the questionnaire. The steering group requested the questionnaire be finalised by the 17<sup>th</sup> July, so Cllr. Meirion Jones agreed to collect the suggested amendments from all the councilors on this date. Cllr. Meirion Jones stated that the councils input is appreciated. It was suggested that the Steering group contact David Saywell regarding acquiring a grant for the questionnaire.
- b. Cllr. Jones proposed that the community council put their letterhead on the questionnaire as the national lottery would look favorable of the support of the local community council. It was agreed that the council would provide the Steering Group with a letter stating its support from the council. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. Cllr. Jones made it clear that even though the steering group & the LVS used the same bank account for now, the money was being recorded & treated separately.
- d. Cllr. Jones asked if the support in favour of the newly formed Steering group and the proposed questionnaire discussions from the June meeting, could be noted in the minutes. Following discussions that took place during the open section of the meeting, it was resolved that the Llanfynydd Community Council were in support of the intentions of the Steering Group.
- e. Cllr. Meirion Jones declared an interest in matters regarding the Steering Group and Llanfynydd Village Society.

**151/14: Any Other Business**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at Llanfynydd school at 8.00pm.

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Date.....03/09/2014.....