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LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 7.30pm on Monday,
3rd November 2014 at Llanfynydd School.**

177/14: PRESENT: Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Brian Thomas, Peter Law, Mairwen Rees & Haydn Jones.

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

Also Present: Helen Sargent & Claire Papworth.

178/14: CHAIRMANS WELCOME – As both the chair and vice-chair were unable to attend this meeting, it was proposed by Cllr. Haydn Jones and seconded by Cllr. Brian Thomas that Cllr. Mairwen Rees should take the chair. Cllr. Rees accepted and welcomed everyone present & congratulated Llanfynydd Young Farmers on coming 4th in the YFC Eisteddfod.

179/14: APOLOGIES - Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Rod Morgan & David Jones.

180/14: MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Law and seconded by Cllr. Brian Thomas that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2014 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

181/14: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. 168/14a JAPANESE KNOTWEED – A letter of response was received from Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM stating that representations have been made by him & MP Jonathan Edwards to the local authority regarding issues with Japanese Knotweed. He is to contact Mr. Edwards for a copy of the letter asking for guidance from the Minister for Natural Resources, on the necessary steps to regulate and eradicate the Japanese Knotweed & will contact the council as soon as he receives a response. In his letter he assured the council that he is aware of the problem and will do his best to assist with this troublesome issue. **To be discussed at next meeting.**

182/14: CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

1. Yr Ardd – autumn issue
2. Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority – Draft strategic plan 2015-2020
3. OVW – Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting agenda, 28/10/14
4. CCC – Carmarthenshire Sports Personality Awards 2014 nomination form – It was agreed that the council would nominate Dewi Griffiths, Caryl Thomas and the Llanfynydd Tug Of War Team. The clerk, Cllrs. Brian Thomas & Mairwen Rees are to fill out the relevant paperwork.
5. Western Power – Update on Brechfa Forest East Wind Farm
6. Email from Richard Jones re: Brechfa Forest Wind Farm
7. LVS – Invitation to open meeting 23/10/14
8. Email from Cllr. Peter Law re: Broadband
9. OVW – Funding update for green community projects
10. Email from Cllr. Charles – Re: Llanfynydd Voluntary Aided Primary School
11. LVS – Letter re: Insurance
12. Clerks & Councils Direct Nov issue

13. OVW - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has published their draft Annual Report on their website. You can find the report by using the following link: <http://wales.gov.uk/irpwsb/home/publication/201415/141002-draft-annual-report-2015-16/?lang=en>

14. SLCC - Newsletter. Available by email on request

15. OVW - Training on Community Engagement Part II (Tools and Techniques) St Peters Civic Hall, Nott Square, Carmarthen. SA31 1PG on Tuesday 4th November

22. Letter from Cllr. Rhodri Glyn Thomas - Re: Japanese Knotweed

Road Maintenance

16. Email from Steve Raymond re dog fouling

Planning

17. E/31009 - Mrs. Susan Hollins, Land Adj Penlan Fach, Llanfynydd, Cert of Lawfulness - existing. Retain dwelling (lived in 12 years), barn (10 years), and caravan (11 years sometimes stayed in on site)

18. App1120 E/28808 - Mrs Susan Hollins, Land Adj Penlan Fach, Llanfynydd - Information on appeal.

19. E/30713 - Mr. Clint Morgan, 1 Heol newydd, Lanfynydd. Granted.

Finance

20. Revenue - Penalty notice

21. Poppy appeal organiser - Invoice for £20

Late Correspondence

23. OVW - information on training courses

24. Email from John McEvoy re: Counter Locations

25. Planning E/31009 - permission granted.

26. OVW - Invitation to the Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire Annual Forum, Thursday 27/11

27. The latest rural development Plan Update is available to download: <http://www.ec.org.uk/docs/rdp%20update%202019.pdf>

28. OVW - British Council Active Citizen's Programme - looking for people from Wales to attend

29. OVW - Community Foundation in Wales - £175,000 GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITIES.

<http://www.cfiw.org.uk/eng/grants/44-spirit-of-2012---fourteen>

30. OVW - Children's Commissioner for Wales. Closing date for receipt of applications is 21 November 2014

31. OVW - Welsh Government consultations on Gypsy and Traveller site accommodation guidance

32. Zurich Insurance - Email from Vincent Liu in response to LVS insurance query.

183/14: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP

- a. Imminent Closure of Llanfynydd School - An email from County Cllr. Mansel Charles was read out suggesting that all groups in the village write to the Revd. Cannon Bryan Witt stating the urgent need for a community space in the Llanfynydd village. It was agreed that the clerk would write a letter on behalf of the Community Council pointing out the need for a community building for organisations to use.
- b. 171/14a: The results of the questionnaire were presented. It was noted that 99% support the "Community Space Project", 97% indicated the most suitable venues are a, The "Penybont" Building b, The school Building c, A new building on the ~~School~~^{Hall} Plot and d, 3% other alternatives. The conclusion of the questionnaire: "The questionnaire has clearly demonstrated the need to revitalize a Sense of Pride and Community Spirit within Llanfynydd, by the support for obtaining a local village venue with amenities, social activities, entertainment opportunities including keep-fit/wellbeing and education/information all of which with enthusiastic united support and funding can be achieved."
- c. Cllr. Meirion Jones informed the council that the next step is to apply for the grant to get professional people in to arrange the survey and feasibility study.
- d. 170/14c: It was noted that a copy of the Late Rev. David Jones Will was forwarded to Claire Papworth as requested.

184/14: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN

- a. 171/14b, Cllr. Brian Thomas has strimmed the plot.
- b. 171/14c, Items held at school -The clerk has been informed that the items being donated to the council have been placed in the blue shed until further notice.
- c. 171/14d: Insurance - An email in the form of a letter was received from Helen Sargent & Chris

Papworth stating "that even though this matter has been addressed previously they feel that there has been no satisfactory resolution for the community". They stated that they had been in contact with the council's insurers Zurich and attached an extract from a OVW publication "Benefits of a Community or Town Council". In the letter it was stated that insurance cover can be provided under the current Zurich policy by following a procedure of accepting a written proposal from a club or organisation or sponsoring an event by letter or by including it in the minutes of the meeting.

In response to this letter, the clerk read out an email from Zurich confirming that on their records they did in fact speak with Claire Papworth from the Village Society and that "the village society are a separate organisation and would need to have it's own insurance for events". It was noted that Zurich should not have under any circumstances spoken with a member of the public regarding the councils insurance policy, but in the email it was clarified that "Louise Bolton spoke to Claire from the society but did not talk about the council's policy in detail". It was decided that the clerk would write to the LVS again stating that the insurance policy will not cover events that are not organised by the council.

185/14: ROAD MAINTENANCE

- a. 172/14a: Overhanging trees between Y Mans and Sgwar Pantycelyn, Capel Isaac & Pantycelyn Sq to Y Rheol and onto Crachdy Isaf farm - It was noted that the work had been completed but from Pantycelyn Sq to Y Rheol work remained outstanding.
- b. 172/14g: Street Lighting by Ty Newydd & Ael Y Bryn - The Councillors did visit the site after the last meeting. It was noted that the lighting had improved since the trees had been cut back, but it was agreed that the clerk get an estimate for new lighting from CCC.
- c. 172d/14: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech road (Pantgwyrd, past Panthowell on the left) - It was noted that no work has been done. The clerk is to follow up.
- d. 172/14h, Dog Foul - Steve Raymond from CCC environmental has paid a visit to the village & put up extra signs, but stated that they found little evidence of dog faeces. He asked if specific areas could be identified. Councillors agreed to update the clerk accordingly.
- e. 172/14i: Speed Limit - A site visit has been arranged to discuss where the counter locations will be placed, on 21st November, with John Mc Evoy & available councillors. The clerk is to contact Cllr. David Jones to see if he'll be available.
- f. 172/14k: Street lighting in the village - It was noted that Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick is yet to get the lighting numbers & email to County Cllr. Mansel Charles & the clerk so they can follow it up. It was also noted that the LED light by the Farmers wasn't giving off much light. Cllr. Law agreed to speak to the owner of an overhanging tree which may be obscuring the light.

186/14: PLANNING

- a. 16/10/14 E/31009 - Application for cert of Lawfulness - Existing. Retain dwelling (lived in 12 years), Barn (10years), Caravan (11 years sometimes stayed in) on site. Land adj Penlan Fach, Llanfynydd, Mrs Susan Hollins.
Permission granted on 28/10/14. It was noted that normal planning procedure was not followed in this instance as the planning was granted within 12 days and the council were not given the usual 21 days to respond. It was decided that the clerk write to the planning dept. stating this and also that their decision to grant planning on this occasion may open the floodgates to numerous similar future applications in the parish. The council also wished to be notified of any other developments at this location that may require potential planning permission.
- b. 173/14a: APP1120/E28808 - Mrs Susan Hollins, land adj Penlan Fach, Tipi Valley, Llanfynydd. It was noted that this enquiry has been withdrawn.
- c. Planning Application E/30713 - Mr. Clint Morgan, 1 Heol Newydd, Llanfynydd. Single Storey rear extension. Permission Granted.

187/14: GRANT AID

- a. A List of grant aid applicants was presented to the council. Grant Aid was awarded to Carmarthen Federation of YFC, The LVS and Community Space Steering Group combined and Abergorlech Eisteddfod. Three cheques of £50 each were prepared and signed. Cllr. Merion Jones declared an interest in the LVS and Steering Group.
- b. Maud Watkins – The 2013 list was presented and updated. There are now 27 recipients of £15 and 2 of £50. The clerk is to prepare a letter for the bank for £505 and get it signed by all councillors and present it to the bank for the funds. The clerk will bring the awards to the next meeting.

188/14: FINANCE

- a. 160d/14: Annual Audit – The clerk noted that Mrs. Claire Papworth had requested a copy of the BDO financial statement and had forwarded on a copy as requested.
- b. 175/14c: History of Llanfynydd – It was noted that the bank accepted the cheque of £25.
- c. 175/14d: Clerks Salary – A cheque was prepared & signed for the extra meeting in July as previously agreed.
- d. Revenue Penalty Notice – The clerk noted that the council had received a penalty notice for £400 for not making an end of year return for 2013/2014. After a lengthy call with the revenue the clerk noted that the penalty was issued in error as the previous clerk was not a real time employee & therefore did not have to submit the said return. The clerk submitted a return of no employee payments on line which therefore cancelled the penalty.
- e. Poppy Appeal Organiser - An invoice was presented for £20 for a wreath. It was agreed that a cheque for £30 be prepared & signed.

189/14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 176/14a: County Bogs project sign - The clerk stated that she has contacted Rosie Carmichael but is yet awaiting a response.
- b. 176/14c: Broadband – Cllr. Peter Law had sent an email informing the council that there has been an update on the web page for super fast fibre roll out for Dryslwyn and Brechfa exchanges, they will be upgraded starting September 2015.
- c. 176/14f: It was noted that Councillor Lee Strudwick had cut back the ever green trees around the war memorial in the village.
- d. It was noted that the school has no heating on at present. County Cllr. Charles is to follow this up.
- e. It was discussed that with Christmas fast approaching, the annual council dinner should be organised. The clerk is to get menus from Pant Glas & New Cross Inn.
- f. Cllr. Mairwen Rees, who was acting chairman, closed the meeting at 9.25pm for ten minutes and invited the members of the public for their comments. The attached points were raised at this time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Monday 1st December 2014 at Llanfynydd school at 7.30pm.

Signed.....*Mairwen Rees*.....

Date.....1.12.14.....

The Chairman Cllr. Mairwen Rees suspended the meeting between 9.25pm and 9.35pm, so that the members of the public that were present may comment.

- Hall Plot - It was confirmed that Helen Sargent had weeded the flower beds and that it would benefit from receiving mulch. Cllr. Law to contact Cllr. Morgan
- Japanese Knotweed - Cllr. Peter Law is to print out hand outs & put up information on how to deal with the knotweed problem as previously agreed.
- Insurance - It was confirmed that although Mrs. Papworth had previously spoken to the council's insurance company, Zurich, a more recent conversation was held between Mr. Papworth and Zurich. Mrs. Papworth stated she would like to see the Council support events so that the LVS don't have the expense of paying for extra insurance.
- Community Space - It was confirmed that the Steering Group was writing to local organisations in order to ask where and when they met, what activities they carried out. It was said that the village lacked community spirit and that organisations should work together in order to achieve the goal of a community space.
- Questionnaire – The results of the Bar chart were read out. Mrs. Papworth informed the council that copies had been given to Cllr. Lee Strudwick to pass on at the meeting, but as Cllr. Strudwick was not present, this had not happened.