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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,
5th January 2015 at Llanfynydd School.**

1/15: PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Rod Morgan, David Jones & Haydn Jones.

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

Also Present: Helen Sargent & Claire Papworth.

Cllr. David Jones left the meeting at 8.55pm.

2/15: CHAIRMANS WELCOME – The chairman welcomed everyone present and passed on condolences to the family of Barbara Jones. The chairman also extended his thanks to the wonderful job done by Cllr. R Morgan & Mr. Chris Papworth, in decorating the village at Christmas.

3/15: APOLOGIES - Cllrs. Brian Thomas & Peter Law.

4/15: MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. Mairwen Rees and seconded by Cllr. Haydn Jones that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2014 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

5/15: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. 194/14a JAPANESE KNOTWEED – Cllr. Peter Law advised at the previous meeting that due to previous commitments that he has yet to distribute the information leaflets on dealing with the knotweed problem. To be discussed at next meeting.
- b. A copy of a letter from Minister Carl Sargeant to MP Jonathan Edwards was read out, highlighting constituents concerns about problematic Japanese knotweed in Carmarthenshire. This letter stated that at present due to the extent of the knotweed distribution it now makes it financially impractical to eradicate using current control techniques, so novel control methods are currently being investigated. The Welsh government is currently supporting two such projects. As suggested in the letter, it was decided that the clerk write to Natural Resources Wales to inquire whether they have a current control programme on that particular river basin or if not, whether there is one planned for the future.

6/15: CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

1. Eisteddfod Yr Urdd 2015
2. Copy of Letter to Jonathan Edwards MP re: Japanese Knotweed
3. Rebecca Phillips – email from Parliament
4. Dennis Griffiths – Thank you for donation to Abergarlech Eisteddfod.
5. Helen Williams – Thank you for Maud Watkins donation
6. Jenny Howson – Thank you for Maud Watkins donation
7. Rosie Carmichael – re: County bog project
8. SLCC – 2014-2016 Pay scales
9. CCC – Adoption of local development plan. www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/ldp
10. Zurich – re: Insurance



11. LVS Precept Community Maintenance work
12. Thrive & Revive newsletter Introducing the company providing services to communities.
mark@reviveandthrive.co.uk@Rev. [ThriveWales](http://www.thrive-wales.com)
13. Andrew Deplford selling defibrillators. anddeptford@gmail.com
14. SI.CC News Bulletin. Clerk will forward link.
15. Rachel Smith GB Sports. RachelSmith@gbssportandleisure.co.uk
16. Cllr. Peter Law-Llanfynydd school-no-pupils-no-teachers Wales on line article. <http://www.walsonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/school-no-pupils-no-teachers-8215430>
17. Ageing Well in Wales-looking for people to join. Ageingwell@olderpeoplewales.com
18. CCC - EVCheedy@carmarthenshire.gov.uk) - re: Nia & Lowri Jones, not shortlisted for sports awards. Also Caryl Thomas & the Llanfynydd Tug Of War Team. Information is to be kept for next years nominations.
20. Claire Papworth request to view Llanfynydd maps on a personal basis. It was suggested that 1842 series could be found on the ordnance survey site.
23. Email from Ian Thomas re. Japanese Knotweed
24. John Bailey Thank you card for Maud Watkins gift.
25. JIMarieNewman@carmarthenshire.gov.uk - future management of playgrounds, parks and amenity areas
26. OVW - link to draft national transport plan. <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/transport/draft-national-transport-plan/?lang=en>
27. OWV - Practitioners guide important update.

Planning

19. E/31259 - Discharge of conditions 6, 7, 8, 9(Bat mitigation measures) of planning permission E/22659, Mr Andrew Field, Brisken Isaf Barn, Llanfynydd.
26. Booking form for planning seminar

Finance

21. CCC Invoice for letting of school
22. CCC - Precept

7/15: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP

- a. 197/14c. It was noted that the end of year financial accounts for the LVS & Steering group would be available in May.
- b. The council was informed that the steering group had put in their 1st stage application to the National Lottery Grant, which is for a feasibility study.

8/15: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN

- a. 198/14a, Items held at school - It was noted that the items still remain in the school shed and would do till end of March. It was also noted that the council still haven't received any confirmation as to the future of the school. To be reviewed.
- b. It was suggested that a shed may be needed in the Hall Plot to store the items.
- c. It was noted that since the closure of the school that Mrs. Julie Jones had been maintaining the community Garden.
- d. A letter had been received from the LVS asking the council to consider adopting a small contracts tender system to maintain community assets such as the Hall Plot, School Garden, Flower Troughs, Benches, Sign Boards, Gates & Fencing. It was discussed, considered & then decided that the current system of people volunteering to do these acts of maintenance was working at present and would continue to give community members a sense of pride and enhance community spirit in the village. It was also noted that the grant received for the development of the Hall Plot stated that one of the conditions of the grant was that the community be involved in maintaining it. It was mentioned that maybe a sub committee could be set up in order to organise the upkeep of the village. The council stated it was grateful to the LVS and other individuals for the hard work & help in maintaining the village.

9/15: ROAD MAINTENANCE

- a. 199/14a: Overhanging trees from Pantycelyn Sq., Capel Isaac, to Y Rheol. It was noted that the work

remained outstanding. Clerk to send an email to Christopher J Edwards.

- b. 199/14b: Street Lighting by Ty Newydd & Ael Y Bryn – The topic of getting an extra light installed was discussed again. A vote was taken by the Councillors & it was decided not to apply for the additional lighting at present. It was decided that the clerk contact Nigel Francis to enquire as to whether it would be this financial year or next year that the cost of lighting, if required, would occur as it had not been factored in this years precept.
- Cllr. Peter Law stated at the previous meeting that he had contacted the council with the street lamp numbers that were giving trouble in the village. It was suggested that the clerk be included in any correspondence to CCC re street lighting. Cllr. Law also stated that he had not contacted the owner of the overhanging tree which is obscuring the light as the light isn't working at present, but agreed to do so when the light is working again. To be reviewed at next meeting.
- It was noted that most of the lights in the village have a problem. Some now are on all night & the light opposite the Pen Y Bont is not working at all. The clerk is to contact CCC & request Street Light survey.
- c. 199c/14: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech road (Pantgwyrd, past Panthowell on the left) No reply as yet. To be reviewed.
- d. Knotweed Opposite Pantmawr – It was noted that this was treated by CCC prior to Gabon Basket repair works along riverside.
- e. Stone Drain outside Arrfyn – it was noted that this drain needs attention. County Cllr. Mansel Charles to follow up.
- f. Water escaping onto Roadway above Felindre, Capel Isaac side. This was noted, County Cllr. Mansel Charles to follow up.
- g. Right of Way opposite Meadow View – It was noted that the owner of the land opposite the entrance to Meadow View, near the footpath sign, Llanfynydd, has requested a pedestrian access gate for the right of way alongside the gate that is already there. The clerk is to contact CCC Public Footpaths Officer.

10/15: PLANNING

- a. 200/14b Planning seminar – Confirmed for 13th Feb. Clerk to ask Cllr. Brian Thomas if he is willing to attend.
- b. Cwm farmland near Plas Newydd, Llanfynydd – The clerk had a request back from Kevin Jones Planning Enforcement Officer, CCC, for more information. It was confirmed that the former Cwm farm land ownership seems to be split. There is in fact 3 touring caravan's altogether. 2 on one plot & 1 on another. The clerk to contact planning again.
- c. E/31259 – Discharge of conditions 6,7,8,9(Bat mitigation measures) of planning permission E/22659. Mr Andrew Field, Brisken Isaf Barn, Llanfynydd. No comments.

11/15: GRANT AID

- a. 201/14b Athro Edgar Thomas – It was noted that Owain Davies, Llys Y Nant, Llanfynydd was eligible for the £50 grant. The clerk had prepared a letter for the bank & all councillors present signed the form. The chairman agreed to take the form & arrange for the other two Cllrs. To sign & return to the clerk so she may go to the bank & withdraw the money.

12/15: FINANCE

- a. Precept – the previous year's accounts were discussed and a precept of £6,000 was decided upon. The clerk is to send the relevant paperwork to CCC.
- b. Cllr. Rod Morgan presented receipts for a Christmas tree & batteries. A cheque of £59.97 was prepared & signed accordingly.
- c. An invoice for £100 from CCC for school letting was received to cover the period of Jan-Oct 2014. A



cheque was prepared & received accordingly.

13/15: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 204/14a: County Bogs project sign – The clerk read out an email from Rosie Carmichael stating she had ordered an A1 weather proof notice to be put up in the community space. They are hoping to have it ready in the first 2 weeks of 2015.
- b. 204/14d - Annual council dinner - Miss Elin Rees has agreed to be the guest speaker.
- c. 204/14c History of Llanfynydd books – the books are now with Cllr. David Jones & he is to pass them back to Lyn Thomas.
- d. Defibrillator – It was discussed that the village may benefit in having a defibrillator. The clerk to contact British Heart Foundation for details & enquire as to whether a grant is available. County Cllr. Charles is to pass on the email address to the clerk.
- e. Notice Board outside school – it was noted that the school have said that the council if they wish may have the notice board that is outside the school.
- f. It was suggested that the community of Llanfynydd support the facilities of the local Pant Glas Hall.

14/15 MEETING CLOSED

Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting at 9.50 pm and invited the members of the public to make any comments they may have. The attached points were raised at this time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was discussed that the current meeting dates may not suit all councilors. To be reviewed.

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at Llanfynydd school at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

The Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting @ 9.50pm & invited members of the public that were present to comment.

- Mrs. Claire Papworth noted that from the precept last year that the community benefits amounted to £677, excluding street lighting.
- Mrs. Claire Papworth noted a letter from Jonathan Edwards MP that the church may be able to avail of a grant for a roof & guttering.
- It was asked by a community member if the council were willing to make a payment for maintenance to the school. It was noted that the council are still awaiting the decision as to what is the future of the school.