

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS LLANFYNYDD  
LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at Speit Chapel Vestry.**

**131/15: PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Brian Thomas, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Lee Strudwick, Haydn Jones & David Jones.

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

Also Present: D. Maidment, GE Maidment, H Coole & Sue Fitzgibbons.

**132/15: CHAIRMANS WELCOME** – The chairman welcomed everyone present.

**133/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – In view of the impending co-option that is to take place in tonight's meeting, it was noted that that all 6 Councillors are very familiar with all 3 candidates. Cllr. Rees stated that she was worried about knowing all 3 candidates & therefore thought it best to seek advice from Robert Edgecombe, CCC. Mr. Edgecombe advised "What matters is the precise nature of the relationship between the current councillor and the applicant i.e. whether they are close personal associates. Guidance issued by the Ombudsman defines close personal associates as;

'people such as close friends, colleagues with whom you have a particularly strong connection, business associates and close relatives. It does not include casual acquaintances, distant relatives or people you simply come in contact with though your role as a councillor or your work in the local community'.

Cllr. David Jones declared an interest in all 3 candidates as he currently does business with all 3 candidates and is currently employed by one of the applicants.

**134/15: MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr. Lee Strudwick & seconded by Cllr. Meirion Jones that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

**135/15: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. 119/15a JAPANESE KNOTWEED –

It was noted that CCC have already sprayed Japanese Knotweed in places.

Cllr. Strudwick informed the Council that he has spoken to the Land owner at Sannan Court who has offered to pay for the product for spraying on his land.

Cllr. David Jones is to speak to Land owner at Gallt Y Llan to confirm that the area to be sprayed is indeed on his land.

Cllrs. Meirion Jones & Brian Thomas have the spraying equipment & Mr. Meirion Rees is to supervise the spraying.

It was agreed that the river bank is definitely to be sprayed & other areas are to be considered at the next meeting.

Information is available for members of the public on request & a grant from NRW may be of interest to individuals who wish to treat their land.

Cllr. Strudwick is to fill out the application form from NRW which permits the spraying & ensures correct product use.

### **136/15: DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT**

It was discussed & decided that in future that there is no need to stop the meeting to accommodate the Dyfed Powys Police Report. In future the current topic would just be suspended until the report is received & continued with as soon as the report has finished.

### **137/15: CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

#### **Correspondence for September 2015**

##### **Road Maintenance**

1. ENQ No.14,771 - Black bags outside Valley View, Llanfynydd

##### **PLANNING**

2. County Cllr. Mansel Charles - Tree Felling at UPTON HALL, NANTGAREDIG, CARMARTHEN, SA32 7PJ

3. Planning Application E/32536 - Mr TJ, Mrs EE, Mr CP and Mrs EM Davies, land opposite Llys y Nant, Llanfynydd, for 12 No. detached domestic properties and 1 pair of semi-detached houses.

##### **Finance**

4. BDO – Annual Return

5. Dylan Thomas – Council Seat Vacancy Application

6. Sarah Thomas – Council Seat Vacancy Application

7. Claire Papworth – Council Seat Vacancy Application

8. NRW – Dwr Cymru Natural Environment Funding - Clerk is to look into what funding is available & report @ next meeting

9. NRW -Application Form for Applying Herbicides near Water

10..NRW - 2016 Natural Resources Wales Competitive Grant

11. Mr. Chris Hattersley – Request for details of the formal complaints procedure for Llanfynydd Community Council – Council adapted OVW Concerns & complaints policy. Clerk is to personalise to Llanfynydd Community Council & forward on to Cllrs. for comments. Clerk is to contact Mr. Hattersley & apologise for the delay in responding to his request & forward on updated policy when completed.

12. OVW - Briefing from NALC regarding electronic postings. Clerk is to update Cllr. Contact details & email Tim to update the website.

13. Walescooperative.org -Energy Assessment

14. CCC - Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forum conference, scheduled for 15 October 2015.

15. CCC - Agenda for the next Liaison Forum meeting, scheduled for 1 September 2015 at 6:30pm in County Hall, Carmarthen.

16. One Voice Wales Conference Saturday 3rd October 2015

17. Dinefwr - Modification to Statutory Notice

18. Llanfynydd Community Council YFC – Thank you for donation letter & 2 tickets to shearing match.

19. Amor Chapel Llanfynydd Sunday School – Thank you for donation letter.

20. Ombudsman – Annual report 2014/2015

21. OVW – NALC Public Contracts Regulations

22. OVW – NALC Procurement

#### **Outdated Correspondence**

23. LVS - Llanfynydd Churchyard Cleanup Sunday the 19th July from around 10.30 onwards. – It was noted that the 3 churchyard cleanup visits had been very successful & the Church had officially thanked the volunteers for their hard work.

### **138/15: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN**

- a. 122/a: Items held at school – Cllr Lee Strudwick is to remove items held in the shed.
- b. It was noted that a good job had been done in August in maintaining the garden.
- c. Cllr. David Jones has agreed to cut the grass this week.
- d. County Cllr. Mansel Charles noted that the compost bin is still available & he would organise delivery.

### **139/15: ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- a. 123/15a: Right of Way opposite Meadow View – Clerk is to contact CCC for update. To be reviewed.
- b. 123/15b: Bridge by Penybont – The clerk is to contact CCC for update. To be reviewed.
- c. 123/15c: Pot holes at Bryn Yr Eglwys up to the Brechfa Forest- The clerk is to contact CCC for update. To be reviewed.

- d. 123/15d: North Lodge Pant Glas Hall – It was noted that the problem is actually the Tarmac which appears to be a patch repair & is higher than the gulley, which prevents the water from getting to the gulley. The clerk is to contact CCC again. To be reviewed.
- e. 123/15e: Missing sign Corner Opposite the Farmers – The clerk is to contact CCC for an update. To be reviewed.
- f. 123/15f: Neighborhood Watch sign by Speit Cemetery near the sewage works – To be reviewed.
- g. 123/15g: Hedge cutting – Work has been done. No further action.
- h. Pen-Y-Goitre, It was noted that a pot hole is appearing approx 500m from the farm entrance. County Cllr. Mansel Charles is to follow this up.

#### **140/15: PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. 124/15 County Cllr. Mansel Charles - Tree Felling at UPTON HALL, NANTGAREDIG, CARMARTHEN, SA32 7PJ. This has been referred to the Arboriculture Officer.
- b. E/32536 - Mr TJ, Mrs EE, Mr CP and Mrs EM Davies, land opposite Llys y Nant, Llanfynydd, for 12 No. detached domestic properties and 1 pair of semi-detached houses. Cllr. Haydn Jones declared an interest at this point as he is a local builder & this is a proposed local development. Cllr. Jones did not take part in any discussions relating to this planning application. The council asked the clerk to inform the planning dept. that the location plan on this development had various errors e.g. The Hall plot was not showing on the map next to Valley View & Portais Garden was not showing next to Rose cottage. The council requested that condition 106 be applied to this planning application & that affordable housing is to be considered & applied. The council also requested their concern for the sewage capacity in the village to be noted.

#### **141/15: FINANCE**

- a. 126/15b: The correct amendments were made to the BDO annual return & signed by the clerk & Chairman.
- b. The clerk noted that she didn't have time to prepare her salary invoice which was due to be presented this month, but would present it at the next meeting.
- c. A cheque for £60 was prepared & signed accordingly for the Llanfynydd Agricultural show for the Creffiau Plwyf category. The clerk is to send this to John Burgess.

#### **142/15: COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY**

127/15: Casual Vacancy – 3 applicants were received, they were Mrs. Claire Papworth, Sannan Mill, Mr. Dylan Thomas, Penybanc & Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Brynawelon.

It was questioned that as Mrs. Sarah Thomas had not signed her application letter was it actually her that had sent in the application. The clerk verified that she had indeed received the application by email from Mrs. Thomas.

One of the Councillors also noted that he took offence to Mr. Thomas's application letter which stated if he were to be elected that he felt the "North" of Llanfynydd would once again be represented.

As none of the candidates were present a discussion took place as to whether the vote would take place in front of members of the public who were present at the meeting. The Chairman asked the members of the public their opinion & they stated that they would like the voting to be open. The chairman asked the members of the public for their discretion with regards to the outcome of the Co-option as all candidates had to be notified accordingly.

The Chairman called for nominations for the first vacancy. The nomination for the first vacancy was Mr. Dylan Thomas who was proposed by Cllr. Lee Strudwick & seconded by Cllr. Haydn Jones. The majority of councillors voted for Mr. Thomas to take the first vacancy. The chairman declared that Mr. Dylan Thomas had secured the first seat.

The Chairman then called for nominations for the second vacancy. Cllr. Mairwen Rees proposed Mrs.

Sarah Thomas as the second nomination & Cllr. Lee Strudwick seconded the nomination. Cllr. Meirion Jones proposed Mrs. Claire Papworth for the second nomination but this nomination was not seconded by another Councillor. The majority of Councillors then proceeded to vote that Mrs. Sarah Thomas take the second vacancy. The chairman declared that Mrs. Sarah Thomas had secured the second seat. The clerk is to contact all candidates with the result & ask the successful candidates if they are prepared to accept the seat.

The Community Council followed the following guidelines on Co-Option: Filling a casual vacancy provided by OVW & A Brief Guide to Election Procedures for Town/Community Council Elections provided by The Electoral Office CCC.

**143/15: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. 128/15a: Creffiau Plwyf Llanfynydd Parish Craft – It was agreed that this would appear on the agenda in future. It was noted that a grant of £1,561 had been received. Cllr. Rees has produced a document on what the grant has been received for & what is planned for the project. It will be displayed on the notice board & the project has a 12 month deadline. The craft club is to help with the project. Cllr. Rees is to contact the national lottery & enquire as to how to invoice for receipts presented.
- b. 128/15b - Llanfynydd Former VA Primary School. County Cllr. Charles informed the council that he has spoken to Rev. Brian Witt & the building is to be put up for sale but the garden is to be kept by the church. The clerk noted that she has written to the board asking to be kept informed of any progress. The council have asked the clerk to contact the solicitor (Carreg of Llandeilo) involved in the sale to ask what their take is on the original will stating that the building is only ever to be used for educational purposes. The clerk is to send a copy to Nia Evans on the board. To be reviewed.
- c. 128/15d: Dog Foul – To be reviewed.
- d. 128/15e: Review of Standing Orders. The clerk noted that she has forwarded on a standard copy of standing orders to all councillors for review. To appear on October agenda.
- e. It was noted that the recent Shearing Match at Blaenantymab went well.

**144/15: MEETING CLOSED**

Chairman Cllr. Brian Thomas closed the meeting at 9.46 pm and invited the members of the public to make any comments they may have.

**145/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 7.30pm, Speit Chapel Vestry.

Signed.....

Date.....

The Chairman Mr. Brian Thomas closed the meeting at 9.46pm so that members of the public that were present may comment.

- Mrs. Hilary Coole noted that she was very disappointed with the co-option result & felt that the Community Council was now represented mostly by the farming community. She mentioned that the YFC may consider helping out with some of the maintenance in the village.
- Mrs. G Maidment also noted her disappointment with the co-option result. She suggested that a few sheep be allowed graze on the church land. Mrs. Maidment noted that Charlie & Chris were to clear the trees in the church yard in the autumn.
- Ms. Sue Fitzgibbon asked if there is any funding for contractors to maintain what the community has already done.

Chairman's Initials.....  
*B. J. Thomas*

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Appendix 1

Bank Statements showed the following balances

18/09/2015 Lloyds Bank - Business Current Account: 00092707	£10,872.24
18/09/2015 Lloyds Bank – Deposit A/C:07046026	£6,740.06
18/09/2015 Lloyds Bank – Chairmans account : 00159763	£149.72
18/11/2014 Lloyds Bank – History of Llanfynydd Account: 00470604	£2,482.41
27/10/2014 Lloyds Bank - Hall A/C 00198807	£88.87
14/09/2015 Nat West – Bonus Saver A/C: 30254566	£1,632.46
18/05/2015 Lloyds Bank – Athro E Thomas: 07099626	£111.38
18/06/2015 lloyds Bank – Maud Watkins: 07102252	£4,793.42

