

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS LLANFYNYDD  
LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Clerk: Elaine Blakeman, New Cross, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen, Carms. SA32 8SD

Tel: 0758 3121215 [elaineblakemanllcc@outlook.com](mailto:elaineblakemanllcc@outlook.com)

[www.council@llanfynydd.net](http://www.council@llanfynydd.net)

**Minutes of the AGM of Llanfynydd Community Council held immediately after the monthly meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Llanfynydd School.**

**77/15: PRESENT:** Chairman Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Haydn Jones, David Jones, and Brian Thomas.

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

Also Present was Helen Sargent & Val Martin.

**78/15: APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Rod Morgan.

**79/15: MINUTES OF THE 2014 AGM:** The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Mairwen Rees & seconded by Cllr. Haydn Jones.

**80/15: CHAIRMANS REPORT:** The chairman welcomed everyone present & congratulated the clerk on her hard work throughout the year. He noted that the current vacancy would be filled in the coming months. The Chairman also thanked County Cllr. Mansel Charles for his work throughout the year & his continued support within Llanfynydd village.

**81/15: COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** County Cllr. Mansel Charles thanked the Community Council for all their endeavors throughout the year. He commended the Chairman & all the other councillors for all their efforts & not just within the meetings but also the work done beyond the meetings within the community. Cllr. Charles then noted that the Clerk had settled well in her position & had done an admiral job throughout the year.

**82/15: AUDIT 2014/2015:** The financial report was presented. It has already been internally audited by Tina Giddings. The increase in the auditors fees from the previous year were noted. Two cheques had been unrepresented throughout the year. The TOW cheque had been reissued at the previous meeting & County Cllr. Mansel Charles is to check with the undertaker that was sent the cheques in aid of Cancer Research UK on behalf of the Dewi George family. The report was then accepted by all. The clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement from the BDO report & is to bring a copy of last year's report to confirm items 14 of the accounting statement & item 9 of the annual Governing Statement. The clerk is to now put a display notice on the notice board of when the accounts may be made available to the public to view.

The significant variances on the accounts were as follows:

The precept decreased by £6330 as there was no election costs.

The grant aid figure was reduced by £1543.75 as last year's grant aid included £1600 donated to Spite Chapel.

The letting for the school was also decreased by £140 as last year's figure included 2 years rental fees & CCC did not charge for 2 months' rent as the heating had been turned off.

**83/15: FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW:** It was agreed that no change is required.

**84/15: MAUD WATKINS TRUST REPORT:** County Cllr. Charles reported that the rent has been paid on 2 occasions by Evans & Williams. It was reported that the farm suffered some storm damage throughout the year but had been repaired & the insurance has covered this. It was also noted that repair work needs to be done on the premises itself but no site visit has been arranged. The building has yet to be assessed from the inside although Cllr. Charles has asked several different builders on previous occasions. It was suggested that the clerk ask her husband Dorian Blakeman if he would be willing to assess the property & report back to Cllr. Charles.

It was noted that the bank balance showed £4,792.241 on 18/12/2014.

In November 2014 monies totaling £505 were granted to 27 individual of £15 and 2 individuals of £50, within the locality.

**85/15: ATHRO EDGAR THOMAS TRUST:** Owain Davies of Llys Y Nant received a grant of £50, in Jan 2015.

Lloyds bank noted a balance of £161.36 on 18/12/2014 (This should be amended to £111.36 once the Jan grant has been noted).

Nat West bank noted a balance of £1631.94 on 12/12/2014. The clerk noted the current interest rate of 0.05%.

**86/15: ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR 2013/2014:** The report presented stated: Out of 11 meetings Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick attended 9, Cllr. Haydn Jones attended 10, Cllr. Brian Thomas attended 9, Cllr. David Jones attended 6, Cllr. Mairwen Rees attended 11, Cllr. Meirion Jones attended 11, Cllr. Rod Morgan attended 6 & former Cllr. Peter Law attended 5 out of 8 meetings. Cllr. David Jones thought he had attended 7 meetings, the clerk is to check this.

**87/15: REPORTED DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** In the preceding year the following interests were noted:

Cllr. Brian Thomas – 136/14 10/06/14, re grant aid for the Amor Sunday school. 72/15a 05/05/15 re Llanfynydd Tug of War.

Cllr. David Jones – 136/14 10/06/14, re grant aid for the Amor Sunday school. 72/15a 05/05/15 re Llanfynydd Tug of War. 72/15c 05/05/15 re buying flowers for Mrs. Julie Jones.

Cllr. Mairwen Rees – 136/14 10/06/14, re grant aid for the Amor Sunday school & Cylch Meithrin Cwrt Henri. 160/14i re: Grant Aid request for Elin Rees for YFC trip to Patagonia. 72/15a 05/05/15 re Llanfynydd Tug of War.

Cllr Meirion Jones – 08/07/14(150/14,e) stating that he is a committee member of both the LVS & the newly formed Community Space Steering Group. 01/09/14(160/14, f) regarding request from LVS for donation towards cost of maintaining 2 benches in the village. 03/11/14(187/14 a) regarding Grant Aid request for LVS & Community Space Steering Group.

**88/15: REPORT ON WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY FOR 2014/2015:** The monthly meetings are conducted in Welsh and English. Telephone conversations are held in Welsh when that is the correspondents preferred language. Welsh correspondence is replied to in Welsh. Minutes are written in English. Agendas are Bilingual, and the times of the meetings are noted numerically. It was noted that previously the Welsh language policy noted pre meeting notes are prepared in Welsh. It was agreed by all that this be removed as it is not appropriate to the council at this time.

**89/15: REVIEW OF THE PUBLICATION SCHEME:** The publication scheme is a list of what the council publishes, where its published and whether there's a charge set out. It was agreed that the former list remain as it is for now.

**90/15: APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN 2015/2016:** Cllr. David Jones proposed Cllr. Brian Thomas take up the position. Cllr. Mairwen Rees seconded & Cllr. Thomas accepted.

**91/15: NEW CHAIRMANS ADDRESS:** Cllr. Brian Thomas thanked the council and vowed to try & do a good job.

**92/15: APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIR 2015/2016:** Cllr. Mairwen Rees proposed that Cllr. Haydn Jones take up the post. Cllr. David Jones seconded the motion & Cllr. H Jones accepted, but requested that the position be reviewed & that he wouldn't automatically be assumed for the position of Chair next year.

**93/15: APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER 2015/16:** It was agreed by all that the clerk remain responsible financial officer & was reappointed for 2015/16.

**94/15: THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE:** It was agreed that £150 would be transferred into the Chairman's account from the current account. The Outgoing Chair Cllr. Lee Strudwick did not receive any expenses from the chairman's account & asked that the remaining balance of £93 be divided equally and given as grant aid to Llanfynydd YFC & TOW. Two cheques of £46.50 were prepared & signed.

**95/15: CLERKS WORKING AGREEMENT:** It was agreed that the clerks salary would be increased to £2000 per annum.

**96/15: GRANT AID APPLICATIONS:** A list of Grant Aid applications was presented by the clerk. It was agreed by all that £50 be donated to Y Lloffwr, £50 be donated to Cylch Meithrin Cwrt Henri & £100 be donated to Amor Chapel Sunday School. Chairman Cllr. Brian Thomas & Cllrs. Mairwen Rees & David Jones all declared an interest in Amor Chapel Sunday School.

**97/15: LAND HOLDINGS:** Pen Y Garn – it was noted that Councillors had visited the site & this item would be discussed further in Private Matters.

**98/15: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** It was noted that Llanfynydd Community Council Meetings tend to go on longer than other local councils & it was suggested that an extra effort be made this year to try & resolve this.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next AGM of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held in May 2016 immediately after the monthly meeting.

Signed... *B. J. Thomas* .....

Date... *10/5/16* .....

