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**Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday,
9th of October 2018 at Speit Chapel vestry with Madam Chair Sarah Thomas presiding.**

050/18: Present: Sarah Thomas, Lee Strudwick, Claire Papworth, Brian Thomas, Mairwen Rees, Meirion Jones, Dylan Thomas and Dai Jones

In attendance: CCC Mansel Charles, Gaynor Davies clerk.

051/18: Chair's welcome – Sarah welcomed all present to the October meeting, taking the opportunity to express the Community Council's condolences to the family of Sheila Thomas.

The Community Council also took the opportunity to congratulate Dewi Griffiths following his success at the Cardiff Half marathon, finishing as the fastest Welsh runner.

052/18: Apologise for absence: Apology was later withdrawn, as Councillor was able to attend prior to the closure of the meeting.

053/18: Declarations of personal interest

None were made at this point.

054/18: To confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on September 11th 2018 were signed off as being a true reflection of the meeting.

055/18: Correspondence

The following items were noted

- 1) OWW minutes of their last meeting.
- 2) Royal Mail – poster scam Mail
- 3) Transforming health care in Mid and West Wales Email only
- 4) Carmarthenshire County Council Local Toilets Strategy Survey Email only
- 5) Carmarthenshire Sports Awards nominations closing date 26th October 2018. Councillors agree to nominate, Dewi Griffiths, Caryl Thomas, Daniel Davies and William Thomas
- 6) information management training OWW. St Peters Civic Hall, 16th October 6:30 till 9 (Chair to attend)
- 7) Police and Crime Panel, Annual Report
- 8) A Freedom of Information request has come in from the LVS requesting the Original Title deeds for the Hall Plot and subsequent Trust Deeds up to June 1964

056/18 Website: The website is not yet available to view due to IT issues. Additional photographs have been sent to WeDigMedia. Following a discussion with WeDigMedia it was noted that they would charge if they were Required to attend any meetings in the future. The clerk is to update Councillors when the link to the website becomes available.

057/18: Hall Plot

- 1) Western Power are have made contact with the property owner and are to discuss the wayleave request.
- 2) The grass has been cut at the hall plot.
- 3) It was requested that CCC empties the two bins within the hall plot area.

058/18 Maintenance within the Community.

- 1) This is a new agenda item with focus on making improvements to the appearance of the Community. Councillors agreed to ask for tenders for maintenance of the troughs within the village. Clerk to place tender request in both villages' notice boards.
- 2) It has been suggested that no parking posters are placed near to the church to prevent congestion in this area. Chair to speak to Church representatives.

059/18: ROAD MAINTENANCE

Below is a list of already reported issues.

- 1) Subsidence near Brisgen Isaf on the U4431. Reply received *Deteriorated Carriageway Surface Recorded During Routine Inspections – To Be Patched When Labour and Budget Allow*
- 2) Potholes between Liwyn celyn and Pantyrefail U4433. Reply received *Potholes Previously Filled – Highway Inspector / Mobile Crew to Monitor Further and Potholes to Be Filled as And When Required*
- 3) Lllys y nant, uneven road surface. *To Be Patched When Labour and Budget Allow*
- 4) Near Esgairgynddu, a BT pole has been placed directly into a storm drain, damaging the drain. Reply received *Currently Awaiting Response from BT Prior To Commencement of Works to Rectify Pipe*
- 5) Concerns have been raised with the volume of water running on the road around Rock House, Llanfynydd and Meadow View and the impact on the highway when icy. Reply received a works order is on place to insert drainage channels along side the edge of carriageway/ wall to channel the water into the nearby system. Hopefully this will eliminate any water ponding on the carriageway. This work is subject to labour becoming available.
- 6) 72/16/1 Pot Holes at Abersannan on U4007. Reply received *Potholes previously filled – further permanent patching required when budget / labour is available*
- 7) 176/16/4 Request for road signage at Penlan Home farm as children gather there for transport to school. This has been raised previously CC Charles will discuss with CCC
- 8) 10/17/2 Reports of depressions in the road surface near Crachty, due to forestry traffic. Reply received *Deteriorated Carriageway Surface Recorded During Routine Inspections – Further Permanent Works to Be Carried Out When Labour and Budget Allows*
- 9) 10/17/3/ there has been damage to the Capel Isaac road sign on the bridge near to the Church. Reply received *Replacement Sign erected*
- 10) 144/17/1 The Crash Barrier below Pantydderwen Farm is rotten and needs replacing, and the road seems to be subsiding around this area. Reply received *Defects to barriers noted during routine inspections, works to be planned and to be carried out when crash barrier gang are available*
- 11) 160/17/1 the post and rail below Llwyncelyn Farm on the U4031 has been damaged. Reply received *Inspection of post and rail with required works to be carried out when labour / budget allows*

- 12) 009/18/1 Following road repairs along Clawdd Owen Hill Councillors were disappointed to note that the Bridge wall footings have been damaged along with damage to the actual wall. Reply received Inspection to be carried out by bridge engineer and works to be carried out when budget / labour allows
- 13) 009/18/3 Overhanging branches near to Brisgen need cutting back. Landowner agreed to trim back overhang ASAP CCC rep. will call in Brisgen to see if works have been carried out early next week. I believe there are new owners there recently.

New issues.

- 1) Overhanging branches near the 20mph sign need cutting back.
- 2) Over hanging branches along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech, need cutting back.

060/18: Planning

No new applications.

Applications Approved

E/37731: To construct approx. 50 m of metalled forestry access road and approx. 3000m of earth track, Approx. 4m wide for forestry management. Location Forestry adjacent to Blaencwm, Llanfynydd SA32 7UH

061/18 Knotweed

No updates

062/18 Defibrillator.

The defibrillator was checked to ensure it is charging correctly. The clerk was asked to investigate having the defibrillator serviced as it has been in position for some 18 months and requests some refresher training.

063/18: Finance

- 1) Lloyds bank statement no6 £10,077.38
- 2) National Westminster account Athro E Thomas £1634.25
- 3) Auditor General Audit certificate. One recommendation " a letter of engagement from the internal auditor is required," secondly a matter that did not affect the audit opinion but should be addressed " the Council holds a high level of reserves and should consider steps to reduce the level of reserves in future years if necessary.
- 4) A cheque for £1725.00 has been received from the Maud Watkins Charity. A discussion took place regarding the donations made on behalf of the Maud Watkins Charity fund, and Councillors agreed that Widows and Widowers living alone over the age of 65, pensioners living alone over the age of 65 and residents with additional [redacted] needs, are eligible
- 5) Cheque to clerk for attending the August meeting. £25 agree to pay.
- 6) Invoice received for clerk remuneration Jan 2018 – Dec 2018. £2299.98 Agree to pay
- 7) A general discussion took place regarding the possibility of applying for funding from the Brechfa Wind Farm project. One proposal was to gain funding to increase the usage of the Hall plot by the erection of a building of some type so that events can be held there in. Councillors discussed whether it was better to support the existing rooms for hire within the village, and some felt a new building would divert revenue away from the existing rooms for hire. Councillors agreed to canvass opinion within the residents with the possibility of holding an open meeting. Another suggestion was to build a second bridge across the river in Abergorlech as the current bridge is unable to accommodate some of today's larger vehicles.

064 /18 Training

No recent training events have taken place, but Sarah is due to attend the next event, Information Management.

065/18 any other relevant business.

- 1) Repairs to the War memorial bollard has been completed, and Councillors thanked Meirion Jones for taking on this work.
- 2) Councillors thanked Lee Strudwick for cutting back overhanging branches within the village.
- 3) The possibility of funding First Aid training was raised.
- 4) With the target of 1 million people to be able to speak Welsh by 2050 it was suggested that the Community Council helped towards this achieving this target by arranging Welsh classes.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 21:17 pm.
The next meeting will be held at Capel Speit Vestry on Tuesday 13th November 2018.

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