

Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council held at Lisburne Hall, Llanafan on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. Hefin M. Evans (Chairman)

Cllr. P. Bonner

Cllr. T.A.G. Davies

Cllr. A. Evans

Cllr. E. Lewis

Cllr. L.L. Owen

Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan

Cllr. M. Davies

Apologies

Cllr. Sh. Edwards, Cllr. P. Davies, Cllr. J. George.

Speeding Vehicles on the B4340

For the first item on the agenda residents of properties around Llanafan Bridge was welcomed to the meeting as well as representative of Ystrad Meurig Community Council. Also in attendance was a Fire Brigade Authority Officer. A local resident requested to attend the Community Council Meeting to discuss the issue of speeding vehicles on the B4340 following a recent spate of traffic accidents in the locality.

The nature of the discussion was to bring the attention of the Community Council to the speeding that occurs generally on the B4340 but in particular the section of road near to Llanafan Bridge, passing Dolau Afon towards Ystrad Meurig. Several serious accidents have recently occurred on this section of road with damage to property and the fear of loss of life will occur before long. There are no signs along the road indicating dangerous bends. During severe weather rain water causes flooding and then when the weather freezes the road is extremely slippery which makes the situation worse. The residents anticipated that a reduction in speed limit at the said location would be advantageous and the Community Council was asked to support their request for the reduction in speed limit. Following a lengthy discussion, the clerk was asked to contact officers of Ceredigion County Council requesting that chevrons be placed on intervals along with road to indicate danger and to request a site meeting with officers of the County Council, representatives of the Community Council as well as residents and representatives of the Police and the Fire Brigade.

Personal Matters

Condolences were expressed to Cllr. John George on the passing of his Mother recently.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th December was accepted and confirmed as a true record of the meeting. Cllr. P. Bonner proposed this and seconded by Cllr. A. Davies.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Risk Assessment and Assets

No Matters arising.

Sewerage of Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Village

It was resolved to keep the item on the agenda until a response was received from Welsh Water to the request for a sewerage system at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn.

Broadband situation within the Area

There were no updates, but it was understood that superfast broadband had reached some properties in Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn, although this needs to be confirmed as well as enquiring whether the School received the service.

Matters needing to be brought to the attention of the County Council

Water by New Cross on the C1052 road

The situation continues with the need to keep the item on the agenda until the County Council has completed work. It is minuted that the situation is getting worse with the tarmac by now having washed away leaving a stony surface.

Dolgwybedig Hill

It was understood that an Officer from the County Council will be looking at the road to see the problems for himself.

Proposed Street Lighting at Llanafan

It was reported that land for a new location for the street light has been offered and that Ceredigion County Council and the energy supplier was happy with the new location although wayleave rights need to be addressed. It was resolved that the clerk contact the solicitor acting on behalf of the Community Council to obtain advice on how to proceed.

Water Drains needing attention in the area.

There are several drains in the area that need emptying including near to Minafon, Llanafan, near to Sarnau and it was also reported that rain accumulates between Minffordd, New Cross and Abermagwr.

There are large potholes on Hari Hill, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn as well as large potholes near to Blaenmagwr and Brynmagwr. Also a new pothole has appeared between Cynnon Villa and Glanyrafon.

A water drain has collapsed near to Llwynbrain Farm entrance.

Road Signs

Sometime has elapsed since the disappearance of the road sign for Llanafan near to Erw Lon and it was decided that the Local Member would contact Senior Officers of the County Council to ensure a replacement sign.

Road Markings

There continues for a need for road markings to be re-painted and it is minuted that the road markings near to Trawsgoed Bridge has been re-painted.

Maesyfelin Playing Field Association

No further information has been received.

'Glamping Pod' No further information to report.

The following issues continue

Opposite New Cross Pub on the junction to the B4340 visibility is difficult as the hedge needs to be cut back. The clerk to contact the County Council.

There are a few trees and branches veering onto the road that passes Llannerch yr Oen.

Blocked drains on Rhiw Harri towards Ysgol Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn causes rain water to flow onto adjacent property.

Opposite to Brynhyfryd, Cnwch Coch the tarmac has become loose on the road side where rain water accumulates, with the need to inform the County Council of the situation.

Near to Cwmseiri on the A4120 visibility is impaired when turning in and out of the junction as branches are growing onto the road on the bend.

Cutting of hedge in Llanafan Village.

The Clerk to contact the County Council to ensure that the cutting of hedges is undertaken as a priority.

Japanese Knotweed Plant

The Clerk to follow up with the County Council.

Pot hole on the Road near to Dan y Wenallt.

Some work has been undertaken on the location, but the deep pot hole remains a danger to the public and needs urgent attention.

Road sinking near to the cemetery in Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn. The work has now been completed.

Salt Bin

Continue to ask the County Council to install a new salt bin at the bottom of Sarnau Hill as well as near to Penffordd, New Cross, Aberystwyth as water accumulating on the road freezes over and a danger to the public.

Road leading from Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn to Trisant

It was reported that the condition of the road is deteriorating with several deep holes that need urgent attention.

Trees needing attention

Reference was made to an oak tree that needs felling in Llanafan before it falls and causes an injury.

Conditions of Roads

The condition of several roads in the area are deteriorating that needs the attention of Ceredigion County Council:

Water accumulating across the road leading from Llanafan towards Brynafan as the ditches have overflowed.

Grass is growing in the middle of the road which causes damage to the road surface on the road leading from Llanafan towards Troedrhiwfelen passed the Chapel.

Blocked ditch between Abertrinant and Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn.

Problems with Dogs

An acknowledgement was received from the Environmental Health Department of the County Council to the communication sent regarding complaints of dogs roaming freely within the area. The position of a dog warden has changed during recent years and an officer no longer travels around looking for stray dogs. The communication suggests that the way forward in dealing with roaming dogs that cause concern to the public is to contact Ceredigion County Council during office hours. Unfortunately, there is no service available after office hours.

Financial Matters

Following discussion and consideration of the financial budget for the current year it was resolved to keep the precept for the 2018/19 year at £4,500. Cllr. A. Davies proposed the sum which was seconded by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan.

It was minuted that £233.30 election costs for 2017 will be taken out of the precept before receiving it.

On the 29th November 2017 there was £2015.70 in the current account and; £27.68 in the Playing Field account and £6,986.41 in the Savings Account. The Clerk presented a mandate of the current financial situation for the Community Council and the mandate was accepted by the Members.

The time has come to look at the security issues of the Community Council bank account and the need to update the bank mandate. It was resolved to continue to keep the arrangements the same, that is two members of the Community Council to sign cheques/payments. Every member that would like to be a signatory on the account would need to take their ID to the Community Council Bank.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Ben Lake, Member of Parliament introducing himself as well as posters to be placed on the notice board.

Information from Ceredigion County Council noting the following:

The U1171 road outside Glasfryn, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn will be closed on the 25th January due to relaying of poles and cables;

The B4340 road near to New Cross will be closed during the day between 26th January and 30th January for re-surfacing work.

Confirmation was received that Trawsgoed Community Council is the owner of the phone kiosk at Brynafan and that the Chairman had signed an agreement to the effect and that the kiosk has been included under the Community Council insurance policy.

Communication from the Arts and Eisteddfod Director, Wales Urdd National Eisteddfod 2018 bringing attention that this year's Eisteddfod is to be held at Brecon and Radnorshire.

Any Other Matter

Water accumulating near to Rhydyfagwyr Bridge, with the need to open a ditch for surface water to run into the river.

Brynafan Hill

It was noted that rain water runs out of the Forestry by Pant yr Hirion and accumulates across the road. It was resolved to ask the Community Council to open the ditch for the water to seep away.

Awel y Bryn Public Footpath

It was noted that the public footpath is dangerous in places and it was resolved to ask the County Council to install a hand rail on the footpath from the wooden bridge to the road to assist walkers.

Renewal of Fens

On the B4340 near to Pont Hopkins on the right-hand side of the junction the road side fence has fallen leaving a steep step into the river if a vehicle or walkers were to leave the roadside in an accident. It was agreed to request the County Council to ensure the location is made safe as a matter of urgency.

Cycle Path

It was reported that there were three small trees that had fallen across the cycle path from Llanilar to Ystrad Meurig, behind Birchgrove and it was decided to ask the County Council to make arrangements to remove them.

Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26th February 2018 at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School.