

**Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council, held at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn
Primary School on Monday, 19th November at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr.T. Alwyn G. Davies (Chairman)

Cllr. A. Evans

Cllr. H.M. Evans

Cllr. Sh. Edwards

Cllr. J. George

Cllr. E. Lewis

Cllr. L.L. Owen

Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan

Cllr. M. Davies

Apologies

Cllr. P. Bonner, Cllr. P. Davies

Personal Matters

Congratulations were extended to Megan Lewis, Sarnau Fawr on winning both the Crown and the Chair at the Ceredigion Young Farmers Eisteddfod in September but also on her exceptional success of winning the double yet again, the Crown and the Chair, at the all Wales Young Farmers' Eisteddfod over the weekend.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th October, 2018 were accepted and confirmed as a true record of the meeting which was proposed by Cllr. C. Lloyd Morgan and seconded by Cllr. A. Evans.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Risk Assessment and Assets

No Matters arising.

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 matter to be kept on the agenda until the County Council completes the work. The Local Member will contact the County Council periodically.

Proposed Street Lighting Llanafan

Confirmation was received from the Solicitor that the land for the installation of the light pole had been transferred to the ownership of the Community Council and that the arrangements for locating an additional street light in Llanafan could be continued. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. J. Roe, the landowner for his kindness in transferring a piece of his property to the Community Council.

Drains that require attention within the area.

There is a long list of drains needing attention within the area with the Clerk to draw the attention of the County Council to the issues together with encouraging the County Council to fill in pot holes in the area's roads.

It was reported that the County Council had been working on the ditches and drainage at Pwllglas and Llwynbrain, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn.

The work that needed attention on the road from Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn to Trisant had been completed.

Work had also been carried out by the County Council clearing roadside ditches from Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn to Cnwch Coch.

The drain and ditch near to Sarnau continues to be a problem. The Clerk to continue to contact the County Council regarding the matter.

Road Markings

The Clerk reported that she had received a message from an officer from the County Council enquiring for more specific locations of the road markings. It was agreed to respond that each junction around Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn was necessary to be painted and around Llanafan, Cnwch Coch and the junction near Llwynbrain.

Road Issues that required the attention of the County Council

Several issues were discussed that required to be addressed by the County Council with the Clerk to follow up on these matters. The Clerk to refer to these matters historically but keeping any new items on the agenda.

Rain water accumulating across the road when driving from Brynafan to Llanafan as the ditches have overflowed and need drenching.

On the way from Llanafan to Troedrihwfelen, past the Chapel, grass is growing in the middle of the road that has a long-term effect of damaging the road. This is also a problem towards Pencwmlydan, Brynafan.

Brynafan Hill: Rainwater is flowing out of the Forestry at Pant yr Hirion and accumulating on the road. A request to be sent to the County Council to open the ditch so that the water can run away.

Public Footpath near to Awel y Bryn, Llanafan

Although a message was received from an Officer of the County Council acknowledging the need for maintenance work on the route and on the small bridge the work is still outstanding.

The Clerk to follow up with the Officer.

The road from Capel Cynon towards the hill for Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn needs attention with large holes along the route with the road surface rising in some places, especially near to Bryngubfa.

The flashing lights outside Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School seem to be coming on at different times. The Clerk to contact the County Council to draw their attention to this.

Reflection signs of 30 m.p.h. need to be replaced near to Frondeg bank to Llanafan and on the road from Minffordd to Brynafan.

No response to date from the County Council regarding the query if there is a need for planning application when siting a Shepherds Hut.

Repairing of Fencing

The fence on the B4340 near to Pont Hopkins Bridge on the right-hand side of the entrance from Lanafan continues to need urgent repair. The Clerk to make further contact with the County Council.

Trees need attention within the area

No further action undertaken, and it was agreed that the Clerk contact relevant officer of the County Council to enquire what the current situation is.

The trees at Cwmrhydyfelin, on the right hand while traveling from Lanafan towards the B4340 continue to grow out across the road.

A response was received from the University indicating that they were aware of the situation and that the University was in the process of preparing a tender for cutting these trees together with other trees within the University estate at Trawsgoed.

It was discussed at the meeting that the problems with the trees had recently exacerbated where high vehicles travel along the road daily and touch the trees by demolishing large branches and twigs along the road that could cause an accident.

Action: The Clerk to liaise further with the Aberystwyth University Estates Department as landowners and the county department of Ceredigion County Council's roads to encourage remedial work of trees as a matter of urgency in terms of Health and Safety.

Cutting of hedgerows within the area

No further response was received regarding the situation.

Road Re-Surfacing

The Local Member reported that he had received information that the work of re-surfacing the road behind Tafarn y Gors would be starting in the near future. It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation at the next meeting.

Financial Matters

Invoice from ADVE for work of transferring land to the ownership of the Community Council

An invoice was received from ADVE Solicitor for work undertaken of transferring a piece of land regarding siting a Street light at Llanafan £780.00 (£650 a £130 VAT). It was resolved to pay the invoice which was proposed by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan and seconded by Cllr. Sh. Edwards.

A donation request was received from the Treasurer of the Y Ddolen. Following discussion, it was resolved to forward a donation of £150 towards Y Ddolen. Donation was proposed by Cllr. L. Owen and seconded by Cllr. H. Evans.

It was resolved to pay for a new Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday of £17.00 as well as a further donation of £8.00 towards the British Legion. The payment of £25.00 was proposed by Cllr. L. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. George.

Precept 2018/19

Third payment of the precept was received from Ceredigion County Council in the sum of £1,500.

Trawsgoed Community Council 2017/18 accounts

Following the last meeting where the Clerk referred that she didn't agree with the External Auditor's opinion regarding the allocation in respect of staff costs as she wasn't claiming reimbursement of traveling costs etc. and that the relevant details should continue to be included in box 6 and not box 4 as suggested by the auditor. A revised letter had been received from Grant Thornton stating that the matter had been revisited and that the Clerk's decision remained.

Communication

The Clerk referred that she had received a letter from HSBC, the Community Council's Bank and asking for contact from any of the Councillors who had registered to sign on the accounts in order to undertake a security check. The Chairman had contacted the Bank, and everything was in order.

Correspondence was read from Ceredigion County Council's Corporate Lead: Customer Contact referring to the Ceredigion residents information, advice and assistance service – Porth y Gymuned. The letter referred that a link officer was available to come and meet the Community Council to explain what is being offered. It was agreed that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for a link officer to attend the next meeting.

Planning Applications

A180990 - Dolau Afon, Llanafan, Aberystwyth

Change of use of agricultural land current used under a Caravan and Camping Club licence for 5 caravans/motorhomes and 10 camping pitches to 20 mixed use pitches inclusive of a new toilet and shower block located in a portable building. Also, installation of a new foul treatment works and soakaways, adjustments to the existing site access.

Following discussion, it was resolved to respond the Ceredigion County Council request for observations that there were no objections from Trawsgoed Community Council to the planning application.

Any Other Business

Discussion took place regarding the arrangements to raise funds towards the National Eisteddfod to be held in Tregaron in 2020. It was understood that meetings are being held but the Clerk referred that she hadn't received any information regarding meetings held and that she would make enquiries.

In respect of discussions on the Eisteddfod and the honour of hosting the Eisteddfod in Ceredigion reference was made to the International Sheep Dog Trials to also be held in Ceredigion in September 2020.

A wooden stile needs repairing on the footpath near Tynffordd, Cnwch Coch. The Clerk to draw the County Council's attention to the matter.

It was reported that there was a problem of water running out of the old village well opposite the Cemetery of Carmel Chapel, the upper part of Cnwch Coch. It is understood that the Water Board has visited the site but as the source of the water is from a private supply, this problem would not be the responsibility of the Water Board. The Clerk to contact the County Council to ask them to look at the problem as a matter of urgency, before the freezing weather arrived.

It was reported that some residents in New Cross were concerned about the number of vehicles sited in parking areas with the village. As previously reported enquiries had been made to the County Council and the Police Authority as that no action can be taken as the vehicles are legally parked.

Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Community Council to be held on Monday 7th January, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Lisburne Hall, Llanafan.