

**Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council held at Lisburne Hall on
Monday 3rd of April, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. B. Jenkins, (Chairing Meeting)

Cllr. T.A.G. Davies

Cllr. A. Evans

Cllr. H.M. Evans

Cllr. J. George

Cllr. E. Lewis

Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan

Cllr. J.J. Powell

Cllr. L.L. Owen

Cllr. R. Jones

Apologies: Cllr. Sh. Edwards

Personal Matters

Reference was made that this would be the last general meeting for Councillor Rowland Jones as he intends to retire as a County Councillor at the beginning of May. A voice of gratitude was conveyed to Councillor Jones for his tireless service in the Ystwyth Ward for over 25 years and best wishes was extended to Cllr. Jones and also Mrs. Jones on the retirement.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February, 2017 were accepted and confirmed as a true record of the meeting. Cllr C. Lloyd-Morgan proposed the correctness of the minutes which was seconded by Cllr. L. Owen.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Risk Assessment and Assets

No matters Arising.

Sewerage System at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Village

Although it was reported at the previous meeting that the situation was improving but the odour of sewerage is continuing to cause concern to villagers. It was resolved that the Clerk to make further contact with the County Council asking for an update if there are any developments in the pipeline to install a new sewerage system through Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Village and if so what would the timescale likely to be for installation.

Broadband situation through the Area

Mr. Martin Jones, Wales Project Manager with BT has offered to meet with the County Councillors on Wednesday 19th April to share information and discuss developments to the SuperFast Broad Band System within the Community Council area. It was resolved to arrange a Special Meeting of the Community Council on the 19th April to meet with Mr. Martin Jones.

**Matters to be draw to the attention of the County Council
Water near New Cross on the C1052 Road**

No further information was received but it was resolved to keep the item on the agenda for follow up.

Dolgwybedig Hill

An update was received from the County Council noting that this section of road had been included in the road surface treatment works programme for 2017 and it is anticipated that the work will be undertaken between May and August. The response was discussed and it was resolved that further contact was needed with the County Council bringing their attention that attention is needed on the water drains along the road prior to the road surface work.

Action: The Clerk to make further contact with the County Council.

Maes y Felin, Llanafan

An update was received from June Blake from Tai Ceredigion noting that she is in contact with the tenant of the remaining vehicle and that they are keeping an eye on the situation.

Proposed new Street Lighting in Llanafan

The Clerk reported that she had received sufficient information in order for the Community Council to proceed to make a decision whether or not to install a new street light in Llanafan.

First of all, confirmation was received from Ceredigion County Council, as land owners, that permission is given to install a street pole on land owned by the County Council.

From three companies that were contacted for a quotation for undertaking the work only one company had supplied a price which is SSE Lighting Enterprise, the price of which is £1,230.90 + VAT of installing a pole and light in readiness for connection.

As SP Energy Networks is the relevant company for supplying electricity within the area they needed to be contacted for a price of installing the electricity which was £1,282.03 (£1,068.35 and £213.68 VAT).

The above prices were discussed as well as considering the Financial Balance Sheet and it was decided that there were sufficient funds to be had, therefore it was unanimously resolved to continue with the project of installing an additional street light in the Village of Llanafan near to Cae Heulog.

The decision to continue with the project was proposed by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan and seconded by Cllr. L. Owen.

Drains from the Terrace, Cnwch Coch to Rhydyfagwyr.

No further action from the County Council on the above in which the drains have been overgrown by the grass verge. Reference was also made that the guttering and drains from Cwmnewidion Isaf towards Rhydyfagwyr were overflowing and needed attention. The Clerk to make further contact with the County Council.

Hedge that needs cutting back at Cwmnewidion Isaf

The Clerk to contact the County Council asking if they could arrange for the hedge to be cut back at Cwmnewidion Isaf as the hedge had overgrown out into the road pushing vehicles to travel in the middle of the road.

Odour of Sewerage at Llanafan

A response was received from the Environment Department of Ceredigion County Council referring that although the Community Council are concerned that sewerage odour occasionally appears at Llanafan officers of Ceredigion County Council are unable to make contact with a resident without further evidence of where the odour emanates. It was noted that officers had visited the village when complaints had been received previously but there was not enough evidence to locate the source. It was resolved that the Clerk would make further contact with the County Council asking officers to re-visit the village to make further enquiries.

Water Drains requiring attention in the Area

A number of water drains in the area need emptying.

A Grid has become loose on the culvert at Cwm Rhydyfelin leaving a deep hole in the road. No further updates have been received from the County Council therefore the Clerk to make further contact with the County Council to try and get work undertaken on the Culvert.

A drain has blocked near the entrance to Sarnau Farm.

Although some of the potholes on Rhiw Hari, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn have been filled in by the County Council others have appeared resulting in an uneven road. There are also several large potholes on the road near Blaenmagwr and Brynmagwr.

Road Signs

There is a need to replace a direction sign for Llanafan Village near Erw Lon at the end of the Village. The sign had originally broken but has now disappeared.

Action: The Clerk to follow up with the County Council.

Erosion of Road

It was reported that some repair work had been undertaken by Ceredigion County Council on the road from Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn to Trisant which had started to erode in places.

Bridge near to Glanyrafon, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn

It was reported that no work had been undertaken on the loose curb on the Bridge which requires attention.

Action: The Clerk to follow up with Ceredigion County Council.

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Carrying of School Meals from Llanilar School to Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School

No response was received from the County Council to the enquiry that if the school meals were unable to reach Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School due to adverse weather what would the situation be regarding dinner for the pupils.

Action: The Clerk to follow up with the County Council.

Trees at Ffordd Uchaf, Llanafan

Cllr. L. Owen reported that he had been promised by officers of Aberystwyth University that the work of cutting down the trees would be started that week.

Cynghrair Cymunedau Cymraeg

A verbal report was received by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan on a recent meeting of the above that she attended on the 4th March,.

Vehicles parking at New Cross

A response was received by the Police to the correspondence that was sent bringing their attention to complaints received by Members of Community Council from the Public regarding vehicles parked in the parking areas within New Cross. Although it was noted that many vehicles do park at the location the Police Officer referred that these vehicles are not parked illegally as they do not affect visibility at the site or access from neighbouring houses, therefore the Police cannot act.

Reference was also made to vehicles parked on the junction of the C1052 to B4340 opposite Tafarn y Gors and as these vehicles do impede visibility when joining the B4340 the Community Police Officer has had a word with the keepers of these vehicles telling them not to park at the location again.

It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda to keep an eye on the situation.

Wooden Railings

The wooden railing opposite Berllanber, Abermagwr have still not been repaired. The Clerk to make further contact with the County Council.

Cutting Corner.

There was a need to continue to make contact with the County Council to draw attention that vehicles are constantly cutting a corner over a grass verge near to Castell on the road passing Llannerch yr Oen which causes mud and soil to spill across the road.

Financial Matters

On 28th February, 2017 there was £5,638.77 in the Community Council Current Account; £27.68 in the Playing Field Account and £1,986.41 in the Savings Account.

The Clerk presented a balance sheet noting the spending and anticipated spending for the remainder of the financial year. The balance sheet was received.

Payments

A letter was read from the Secretary of Lisburne Hall Committee asking for a financial contribution towards the running costs of the public toilets near to the Hall. It was resolved to give a donation of £100 towards the running costs of the toilets. Cllr J. Powell proposed the donation which was seconded by Cllr. A. Davies.

Cllr. A. Evans and Cllr. H. Evans declared an interest when discussion took place regarding the above and vacated the room during discussion.

It was resolved to pay an invoice for £60.00 from the Headteacher of Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Primary School for the use of the School for Community Council Meetings from 4th April, 2016 to 5th February, 2017. Cllr. L. Owen proposed payment which was seconded by Cllr. J. George.

A letter of appreciation was received from the Headteacher of Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School for the financial contribution donated to the Parent Teacher Association of the School towards preparation for the recent ESTYN inspection. Congratulations were extended from the Community Council to Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School on the excellent ESTYN Inspection held at the beginning of the year.

As the new Website is up and running it was resolved to pay an invoice received from Technoleg Taliesin Cyf for the development of the new website and hosting up to 1/12/17. The payment of the invoice for £520.00 was proposed by Cllr. H. Evans and seconded by Cllr. L. Owen.

VAT

The Clerk reported that a sum of £69.10 had been received for VAT re-imburement from 1st April, 2015 to 31st January, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for financial contribution from Bereavement Care. It was resolved to accept the letter but on this occasion no financial contribution would be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr R. Jones reported that he had received a complaint that a water drain near to the Saw Mills in Llanafan was blocked and needed emptying as water and mud was overflowing into the road.

Wooden Rails opposite to Plas y Creuddyn

Reference was made that the attention of the County Council needs to be drawn to the wooden rails opposite Plas y Creuddyn that are loose and deteriorated and need replacing as a matter of urgency to avoid a member of the public falling into the river.

The C1052 Road from Penuwch Fach to New Cross

Passing places on the above road are limited and it was resolved to contact the County Council about the possibility of placing additional passing places along this road.

Blocked Water Drain near to Minafon, Llanafan

There is a blocked water drain near to Minafon and although County Council workforce have recently been on site to try and unblock the drain it wasn't successful and further work is needed on the drain. The Clerk to follow up with the County Council to ensure the work is completed.

Dangerous Tree

Opposite the old school in Llanafan towards the junction of Maes y Felin there is a tree that is in danger of falling as roots have started to uproot.

Action: The Clerk to contact officers of Aberystwyth University as land owners where the tree is sited asking that the tree is felled for public safety.

Road Markings

It was agreed that road markings need to be re-painted white within the area.

Action: The Clerk to contact Ceredigion County Council to draw attention to the problem.

Street Lighting near to Gerynant, Cnwch Coch

A complaint has been received regarding constant noise that emanates from a street light which disturbs the quietness of the neighbouring houses.

Action: The Clerk to contact Ceredigion County Council drawing their attention to the problem.

Tenders

The time of year has arrived to advertise for tenders to cut the grass on the Common Land at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn and for trimming on Ffordd Uchaf etc. Llanafan and it was resolved to place notices in the area in order that tenders can be discussed at the Special Meeting of the Community Council on 19th April.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 8th May, 2017 at Lisburne Hall.