

**Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council held at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn  
Primary School on Monday 4th April, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

**Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan (Chairman)**

**Cllr. T.A.G. Davies**

**Cllr. A. Evans**

**Cllr. H.M. Evans**

**Cllr. Sh. Edwards**

**Cllr. J. George**

**Cllr. B. Jenkins**

**Cllr. J.J. Powell**

**Cllr. L.L. Owen**

**Cllr. R. Jones**

**Apologies: Cllr. E. Lewis**

**Personal Matters**

No matters to report.

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd February, 2016 were accepted and confirmed as an accurate account of the meeting.

Action was proposed by Cllr. L. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Powell.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

**Risk Assessment of Assets**

No matters to report.

**Sewerage at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn**

No update was received. It was resolved that the Clerk contact the County Council for an update.

Action: The Clerk to contact the County Council.

**Trees on the B4340 at Llechwedd Dyrys**

It was reported that the land owner had undertaken some work on site, following receiving a statutory notice from the County Council. It is understood that Rob Duke, an Officer with the County Council had been in contact with the land owner and it is believed that further work is to be undertaken on site the following day. At the last meeting of the Community Council it was reported that Rob Duke had identified a number of trees that need felling or trimming back for safety reasons but concern was expressed during this meeting that the amount of work to be undertaken the following day will not be sufficient in regards to safety reasons, considering the work that has already been made on site.

It was decided to delay further action until the following day to consider the amount of work that the landowner undertakes and then if need be to arrange a special meeting of the Community Council to discuss further.

It was resolved that if further communication is required with the County Council copies of correspondence to be forwarded to the Chief Executive. Cllr Rowland Jones confirmed that he would be contacting the Chief Executive regarding the situation.

**Water on Road near New Cross**

An e-mail was received from Mr. Brian Thomas, an Officer within the County Council noting that the work in question has been prioritised and included in the programme of works, although there is no date identified for commencement of work.

Action: The Clerk to monitor the situation.

**Broadband within the Area**

No further information to report.

**Ditch from Brenan to Llwynbrain**

The problem remains.

Action: The Clerk to make urgent contact with the County Council noting that the situation is getting worse.

**Website**

Arrangements in hand for a new website.

**Dolgwybedig Hill**

No further information available.

Action: The Clerk to urgently contact the County Council for an update.

**Trees at Ffordd Uchaf Llanafan**

Cllr. L. Owen confirmed that Mr. Haydn Lewis, Countryside Rights of Way and Ranger Officer, Ceredigion County Council had attended a site meeting with Cllr. Lewis and the Chairman of the Community Council and then Mr. Lewis had visited on site with a contractor to discuss required work at the location. The contractor intends to start work on site soon.

**Donations**

A letter of appreciation was received from Y Ddolen for the donation received from the Community Council.

**New Street Lighting at Llanafan**

Action: The Clerk to enquire about a site meeting.

**Present Street Lighting at Llanafan that are not working**

Cllr. L. Owen informed that the work of repairing the street lighting had been completed.

**Maes y Felin, Llanafan**

There are no developments to report but it is understood the problem persists and that one of the vehicles in question has been seen using the public highway early mornings, although unauthorised to be using a public road. The Clerk to report to relevant authorities due to law breaking. The Clerk also to contact the Community Police Officer and Tai Ceredigion for an update of the situation.

Action: The Clerk to contact relevant officers.

### **Financial Matters**

The financial situation of the Community Council is noted as follows: £5,004.20 in the Current Account; £27.68 in the Playing Field account and £1,985.01 in the Savings Account.

### **Tenders**

Tenders were received from one applicant to cut the grass, Common Land in Llanfihangel y Creuddyn (£180) and for trimming on Ffordd Uchaf etc. Llanafan (£170). It was unanimously decided to receive both tenders.

The above was proposed by Cllr. L. Owen and seconded by Cllr. J. Powell.

Action: The Clerk to confirm in writing to the applicant the acceptance of the tender.

### **Review of post 16 transport between Home and School/College and Spare Seats Provision.**

The Clerk reported that a response had been sent to the County Council on the above review. It was also reported that the Clerk had been in contact with neighbouring Community Councils sharing the voice of Trawsgoed Community Council. Ystrad Meurig Community Council was the only council to respond whereby they noted that they too were of the same opinion as Trawsgoed Councillors.

### **The following correspondence were received:**

#### **Graffiti within the Area**

Correspondence from the County Council in response to an enquiry from the Community Council asking if there was a policy to be had within Ceredigion regarding dealing with graffiti, as per a recent problem within the area of the Community Council. The response noted that although Ceredigion County Council make every effort to eliminate graffiti there is no policy to be had and anyone to contact the Police in such instances. Reference was made to the local 'Caru Ceredigion' campaign whereby local communities could play a part in respecting the environment and the area.

#### **Freedom of Information Request**

A Freedom of Information Request was received from Nicholas K. Alderton, BA (Hon's) MA, a Research Student from Cardiff University asking for information regarding the amount of finance earmarked from the Community Council towards Queen Elisabeth's birthday celebrations through events/activities including street parties and 'Clean for the Queen' events.

The Clerk to respond that no finance has or intend to be earmarked towards the celebrations.

## **Planning Applications**

### New Applications

County Councillor Rowland Jones withdrew from discussions when considering the applications in questions.

Cllr. B. Jenkins declared an interest when discussing the first two applications and left the room during discussions of these applications.

A160185: *Erection of Stable Block with Concrete Hardstanding and Gabion Retaining Wall.* Penybryn, Llanafan.

There were no objections to the application.

A160188: *Erection of Steel Framed Hay Barn and Site Levelling Works.* Penybryn, Llanafan.

There were no objections to the application.

A160201: *Proposed Attic Conversion, formation of 2 Dormer Windows and Roof Light to Front elevation with roof lights to rear of building.* Glasdir, New Cross.

There were no objections to the application.

A160205: *Installation of 1 no. Cesspool/elsan Toilet Waste Facility and Associated Works.* Dolau Afon, Llanafan.

There were no objections to the application.

## **ANY OTHER MATTER**

### **Welsh Water and the connection to the Sewerage System at Llanafan**

Discussions took place regarding the recent developments of the above. Welsh Water, through contractors are about to commence work on installing an additional Sewerage System in the upper part of Llanafan and as a consequence the road through Llanafan Village will be closed for a substantial part of the next few months. Several residents have been in contact with Community Councillors expressing concern about the high cost of connecting to the new Sewerage System. In recent weeks, a number of communication have been back and forth between Welsh Water and the Community Council in order to try and solve the problem and obtain a more realistic cost to homeowners.

At present the Community Council is awaiting confirmation from Welsh Water that representatives will be able to attend a Public Meeting in Llanafan to get a resolution to the problem.

### **Salt Bin at Cnwch Coch**

An e-mail was received from the County Council confirming that a replacement bin will be placed near the village sign of Cnwch Coch from the Rhydyfagwyr side.

## **Matters requiring attention of the County Council**

### **Road Sweeper**

It was reported that several roads in the area need the attention of the sweeper as the recent wet weather has resulted in the roads being quite muddy.

### **Water Drains**

It was reported that the drain near Cwmseiri had overflowed and needed urgent attention. There were also several drains in Llanafan that were overflowing and needed emptying.

### **Drain near Brynhyfryd, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn.**

The situation remains the same with the drain having an open hole which is totally unsafe and leaves the nearby road eroding due to the running rain water from the drain. The Clerk to contact the County Council to solve the problem as a matter of urgency.

### **Potholes in Roads**

It was reported that there are several potholes in the area which need attention including a deep hole opposite the old shop at Cnwch Coch.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Neuadd Lisburne.