

**Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council held at Lisburne Hall on
Monday 9th January, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. Sh Edwards (Chairman)

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. B. Jenkins

Personal Matters

No matters to minute.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th December, 2016 were confirmed as a true record of the meeting which was proposed by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan and seconded by Cllr. E. Lewis.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Risk Assessment and Assets

No matters to report.

Odour of Sewerage at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn

Recently the odour of sewerage at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn has improved but there is still a need to keep an eye on the situation.

Broadband Service within the Area

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Martin Jones, Wales Project Manager with BT who has confirmed that he will attend a future meeting of the Community Council. Information was received from Mr. Jones of estimated timings for various postcodes in the area to receive superfast broadband service. It is proposed that some residents in the area will receive a superfast service by April 2017 and although the service is to be widely distributed there is no definite time scale for other areas of the Community. It is noted that not all residential establishments will receive a superfast broadband service although they receive broadband service from the Cabinet that provides a superfast service as the property is too far away from the Cabinet.

It was decided to invite Martin Jones to the next meeting of the Community Council and to update Elin Jones of the response received from Mr. Jones.

Matters requiring the attention of the County Council

Water near New Cross on the C1052

Although confirmation was received from the County Council that finance has been earmarked to undertake the work within the current financial year no further communication has been received from the County Council.

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

Ditch from Brenan to Llwynbrain

It was reported that the County Council had completed work on the ditch.

Website

The website is up and running.

Dolgwybedig Hill, Llanafan

No further information has been received with the item to be kept on the agenda and the Clerk to make further contact with the County Council asking for a timetable of undertaking necessary work on the road. The condition of the road is deteriorating with the need to empty drains and also re-surface the road.

Maes y Felin, Llanafan

Information was received from June Blake from Tai Ceredigion noting that the owners of the unused vehicles have been issued with a warning to remove their vehicles from site if they don't hold a valid MOT, TAX and insurance document for the vehicles. A response was also received from PC Chris Tipper referring that he had been in contact with Ceredigion County Council about the possibility of removing the vehicles but as Maes y Felin is private land the County Council has no jurisdiction to act at the location. PC Tipper referred that if it is known that a SORN vehicle is being used on a public highway then DVLA should be informed. In the same respect it was advised to contact the Police immediately if a vehicles is seen on the public highway with no valid MOT, TAX and insurance.

It was reported that the situation continues with one of the vehicles by now having removed the number plate from the vehicles.

It was agreed that the Clerk would make further contact with Tai Ceredigion encouraging them to resolve the situation.

Proposed new Street Lighting at Llanafan.

No further information received from relevant Companies.

The Clerk to make further contact.

Financial Matters

On the 30th of December, 2016 there was held in the Community Council's Current Account a sum of £7,419.36; £27.68 in the Maes Chwarae account and £1,986.41 in the Savings Account.

After considering the balance sheet for the current year it was resolved to keep the Precept for 2017/18 at £4,500 as per previous year. The sum was proposed by Cllr. J. Powell and seconded by Cllr. L. Owen.

An invoice was received from Welsh Audit Office for £231.75 for undertaking an Audit of the Community Council's Accounts for 2015/16. Cllr C. Lloyd-Morgan proposed the payment of the invoice which was seconded by Cllr. A. Davies.

Consultation on various proposed changes to speed limits on County Roads in Ceredigion:

No response was received from the County Council to the e-mail sent by Cllr. R. Jones requesting the County Council to re-look at the situation.

Drain near Cwmseiri which was blocked and had sunk into the road.

Work has been completed on the drain.

Water Drains needing attention within the area

Several drains are overflowing and need emptying

The Grid has become loose on the Culvert at Cwm Rhydyfelin, Llanafan resulting in a hole in the road. It was reported that the condition of the B4343 road which passes the old school at Llanafan was atrocious in recent weather. There was nowhere for the rain water to drain away and therefore compiled as large, deep puddles across the road.

A drain has completely blocked near to Sarnau entrance.

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.

Village Sign at Cnwch Coch

An update was received from the County Council noting that they were awaiting information from Carillion, a main contractor with BT on who should be responsible in relocating the BT pole that had been placed immediately in front of the village sign, obscuring the name of the village.

Erosion of Roads

It was reported that the County Council had undertaken work on the eroding road from Llanafan towards Brynafan, further up the first bend near the forestry as well as on the left-hand side from Brynafan towards Pencwmlydan.

The condition of the road from Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn to Trisant remains in a poor state of repair, especially near Cwmagwr.

Action: To follow up on the above.

Bridge near Glanyrafon, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn

No action has been taken to repair by dislodged curb on the bridge.

Action: To follow up on the situation.

The carrying of School Lunches 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. Lewis Owen reported that a site meeting is to be held with the Manager of IBERS during the coming week to discuss the danger of the trees.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information leaflet from Welsh Government titled "Have you thought of becoming a town or community councillor" to be distributed within the area.

Details from Ceredigion County Council noting that the road through Cnwch Coch will be closed from 7.00 a.m. on the 27th March to 5.00 p.m. to the 29th March for BT to install ducts.

Communication from the Post Office noting that it was not possible to reinstate a Post Office Service at Cnwch Coch following the retirement of the Village Postmistress in August 2015. Therefore, the Service will temporarily remain closed but if there are any major developments in future the service will be re-looked at.

ANY OTHER MATTER

It was reported that work needed to be undertaken on cleaning the drains running from the Terrace, Cnwch Coch to Rhydyfagwyr. Grass has grown over the drains, resulting in surface rain water running on the road rather than drain away, therefore the clearing of the roadside and drains need to be undertaken.

Reference was made that the hedge at Cwmnewidion Isaf needs to be cut back as it is hanging substantially out into the road.

Odour of Sewerage at Llanafan

It was reported that a strong smell of sewerage was to be had in the Village of Llanafan on Boxing Night. As there is a new sewerage system at Llanafan there shouldn't be a smell of sewerage but not all the properties have signed up to the facilities.

Action: The Clerk to bring this to the attention of the Environmental Department, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 20th February, 2017 at 7.30p.m. at Neuadd Lisburne.