

At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on the 30th October 2017 at Gelli Aur Church Hall at 7pm

PRESENT : Cllrs M Digby (Chairman) M Trevor (Vice Chairman)M J Thomas, E Hopkins, A James, A Thomas, T Stephens, Ll. Thomas, B John, J Roberts, J Walters

Also present: County Councillor C Campbell, M Jenkins (clerk)PCSO R Anthony

104. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

In the absence of the chairman Cllr M L Trevor vice chairman welcomed members to the meeting

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: NONE

106. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cllr C Campbell declared his interest in Scarlets Rugby.

107. POLICING MATTERS – PCSO Roger Anthony stated that he had made some enquiries regarding the abandoned car adjacent to Maesybont Road. He confirmed that he would attend at the property of the owner in the near future and report back to the next meeting This vehicle has been abandoned for a number of years and was increasingly becoming an eyesore.

Traffic calming continues to be an issue within the community council area. A new camera had been purchased and this would be used by the volunteers of the local residents association, who send details of speed offenders to North Wales Police, who subsequently make contact with them with a warning. St John's Terrace, Carmel village and Temple Bar continue to have issues with speeding vehicles and this is continually being monitored by Dyfed Powys Police.

There had been a report of a missing person, thankfully, that person was later found in Nantgaredig.

109. MATTERS ARISING

BIN – Cllr M L Trevor reported that she had noticed a vehicle leaving refuse at the site but had not been able to approach the occupants before they drove off. The refuse had subsequently been removed, and there is no refuse at the site a present. The matter was discussed and resolved not to ask for the bin to be re-instated at present, in the hope that if there is no bin present, no refuse will be left at the location.

Gelli Aur – No further information regarding works being carried out at this location. Cllr J

Roberts to monitor the position and to report to a future meeting should activity recommence.

Milo – Vehicles continue to be on the site, and no movement has taken place. Clerk requested to chase Carmarthenshire CC with a view of them visiting the site to investigate.

Hedges : The Hedges between Pentregwenlais/Welsh Quarry/Milo and Carmel Church/Pantllyn had not been cut, clerk was asked to contact Carmarthenshire CC again.

Cllr T Stephens stated that the large overgrown branch at the cross roads between Pantyllyn and Pantyllyn Farm (Milo road) had not been attended to. Clerk to chase Carmarthenshire CC.

The branches on the Maesybont Road near Melleys Field had not been attended to. Clerk to chase Carmarthenshire CC to ask for them to be cut as a matter of urgency.

110. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

BT - Cllr C Campbell stated that he was very disappointed to report that Carmarthenshire County Council had recently attempted to arrange a meeting with BT and that their first availability was mid March 2018. A date had now been set for that meeting and BT will be expected to answer questions in relation to the totally unsatisfactory service currently being provided in Carmarthenshire.

Traffic Calming – Cllr Campbell stated that he had not received the results of the Traffic counted that was recently located in Temple Bar. Clerk to write to J McEvoy asking for his report.

Grass Verges : An acknowledgement had been received from Carmarthenshire CC regarding the query in relation to health and safety issues where bollards are placed on grass verges by residents. A full response is awaited in due course.

Defibrillator: Cllr Cefin Campbell stated that he has been approached by a member of the Parc Marlais Residents association who had asked Cllr Campbell whether the Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council would be prepared to provide a defibrillator on their site. The site owner had refused to assist in this regard. The clerk had made enquiries with Welsh Hearts charity who had confirmed that the cost of a defibrillator was currently £995. In addition to this, if the defibrillator was to be stored outside, it would need to be housed in a heated box the cost of which was currently £450. The defibrillator would also need to be wired in to an electrical supply by a suitably qualified electrician. (cost unknown). The matter was discussed, there was a possibility that there would be grants available from Grants for All scheme for the residents association and Cllr Campbell would relay this information to them. If they were able to fund the purchase themselves consideration would be given to financial assistance being given towards the additional costs of installation. The residents association

would need to write formally to the Community Council asking for financial assistance.

Website : The clerk stated that she had now spoken with Vision ICT who were the people responsible for maintenance of Community Council websites. They had offered to upload the minutes from Dec 16 – to Sept 2017. Clerk to forward the same to them. Clerk further confirmed that she had booked a training session with Vision ICT next week over the telephone and once this had been completed she would be in a position to upload the minutes on a monthly basis going forward.

New Link Road : Cllr Cefin Campbell confirmed that there is already machinery on site and that works on the new link road would commence shortly.

Budget : Cllr Campbell reported that it had been announced that there will be a 0.5% cut in the funding received by Carmarthenshire County Council this year, Although this was significant it is less than originally anticipated.

111. CORRESPONDENCE

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – review of electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire – to be discussed in next meeting

Boundary Commission for Wales – 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Revised Proposals – to be discussed in next meeting

Carmarthenshire County Council – Christmas Toybox and gift hamper scheme – noted

112. PLANNING

E36280 – application to vary condition 1 on E/27052 extend duration allowed for submission of reserved matters plot 1 Adjacent to Little Oak Llandeilo Road Carmel – no objection

E36255 - application to vary condition 1 on E/27051 extend duration allowed for submission of reserved matters plot 2 Adjacent to Little Oak Llandeilo Road Carmel – no objection

113 PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT

Current Account : £8380.32

Saver Account £302.09

Gratuity account £0.23

Clerk has now completed a form to close the Saver account and gratuity accounts. This would be signed by two signatories and forwarded to Barclays Bank.

Clerk had also prepared a letter for two signatories to sign to set up new standing order for £431.28 payable on 15th Monthly (commencing 15 November 2017) in relation to salary, so that cheques would not have to be written each month in this regard. Monthly payment to HMRC would continue by cheque.

Payments : £431.28 Meinir Jenkins (Oct salary)
 £107.80 HMRC (Tax payable on salary above)
 £253.50 Wales Audit Office (audit fee)

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the statement of accounts and payments are accepted,

Clerk confirmed that the annual audit had been carried out and that the report would be circulated to all members.

Clerk asked whether consideration could be given to confirm the following at the same meeting as the precept was discussed. Financial assistance requests, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment and code of Conduct. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

The clerk stated that this would make end of year accounting much easier as majority of payments made would clear within same financial year as issued.

114. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Remembrance Service – Cllr M Digby, Chairman would read during the annual service. Clerk to contact local British Legion representative to make arrangements for Cllr Digby to collect Poppy Wreath prior to the service.

Annual Dinner – It was resolved for Cllr J Walters to book the Red Lion Llandybie for the annual dinner to be held on Friday 26th of January 2017 at 7pm. Clerk to send invitations once menus had been received.

FOI Request : Cllr J Walters asked Cllr Cefin Campbell whether it was possible for him to enquire under the freedom of information act whether the Scarlets Rugby team have repaid the loan to Carmarthenshire County Council, and what the terms of the loan were. If they have not repaid the loan, how much is outstanding? Cllr Campbell asked to report at next meeting.

Road Safety : Cllr J Walters reported that a schoolgirl had been hit by a vehicle during the past few days in Carmel village. She had sustained significant injuries. The ambulance was called and there was a delay of over two hours before the ambulance arrived at the scene.

Gelli Aur : Cllr J Roberts stated that she had received a complaint that the school bus travelling along Coach Road Golden Grove is experiencing difficulty in negotiating past a large branch overhanging the road. Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire CC immediately.

Carmel : Cllr J Walters reported that there is a large volume of surface water running across the road overflowing from a blocked gully. This is a substantial amount of water if frozen could cause serious issues and extremely dangerous, Clerk to report immediately to Carmarthenshire CC.

NOTE - Meeting was held through the medium of Welsh

Next meeting to be held Monday 20th of November 2017 (change of date) at 7pm Carmel village hall