

At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on the 24th April 2017 at 7pm at Carmel village hall.

PRESENT : Cllrs M J Thomas (Chair) M Digby, A James, J Walters, E Hopkins, A Thomas, M L Trevor, B M John, L A Thomas. J Roberts

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

49. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and in particular PCSG Roger Anthony.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Cllr T Stephens

51. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were not declarations of personal interests.

52. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO R Anthony reported that a number of making away without payment offences had been reported earlier in the year, together with complaints about motorists travelling at excessive speeds in the area. This matter is being continually monitored and the possibility of traffic calming being introduced. There had been a number of thefts in the area, in particular that farms have been targeted with loss of gates having been an issue.

53. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on 27th March 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that they were a true and correct record and should be signed by the Chairman/Vice Chairman.

54. MATTERS ARISING

Speed bump Carmel : It was reported that the speed bump had now been re-configured and there was nothing further to report at present.

Abercamlais Bridge : It was reported that the remedial works have now been carried out. Nothing further to report in this regard.

Financial assistance to local organizations: Donations will be discussed under financial matters below.

BIN - It was reported that the bin has been removed from near Gardinen Carmel Road. Clerk to write to Carmarthenshire CC asking for it to be reinstated.

Previous Clerk Gratuity – The Chairman confirmed that he and Cllr J Walters had attended upon Mrs Eleri Jones (previous clerk) in relation to the gratuity payment made to her in December 2016. Chairman confirmed that he had followed the NALC solicitors' guidance and asked Mrs Jones to repay the money. This had not to date been received.

Abandoned car Maesybont - Cllr Andrew Thomas had previously reported that a blue ford Escort has been abandoned on Heol Maesybont. Clerk confirmed that she had reported the matter to Carmarthenshire County Council. The matter was also reported to PCSO R Anthony who confirmed that he would investigate the matter.

Gelli Aur – The clerk confirmed that she had emailed Carmarthenshire County Council asking them to look into the complaints regarding the activity in the woodlands trees being cut and the resulting excess surface water on the road near Keepers Cottage. No response has been received to date.

Drain -Cllr Arwel James reported that there appears to be a collapsed drain Near Pantygilfach. Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire CC

Lexington Court – The clerk confirmed that she had asked Carmarthenshire County Council to investigate thee activities at the Lexington Court site. An acknowledgement had been received and a reference allocated to the matter i.e. E/ENF/08113. Clerk to write again asking them to arrange for the Enforcement Officer to visit the site and to report back.

Gelli Aur Farm – The clerk had contacted David Davies of Coleg Sir Gar, to report that students are littering the area after following visits to the local fast food outlets. Mr Davies had acknowledged receipt of the complaint and confirmed that the would re-inform students of their responsibilities.

Milo – The clerk confirmed that she had written to Carmarthenshire County Council in relation to the abandoned vehicles in the field below Milo Square. No response received.

55. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

BT - Cllr C Campbell had now received all members postcodes from clerk and confirmed that he will endeavour to check the expected broadband coverage for those areas.

Gorswen Planning Enquiry that was due to be held on 28th February was cancelled at short notice. Cllr Campbell stated that because of the election, there had been no meetings, and will therefore report to next meeting.

56. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk and Councils direct magazine

HMRC - end of tax year and budget information – noted

Carmarthenshire County Council – Election notices for display – noted

Malcolm lane & Co -Brochure – noted

57. PLANNING

None

58. PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT

The clerk stated that she had now received confirmation from Barclays Bank that she was authorised to access the bank accounts. Unfortunately because of the previous restrictions the account had gone overdrawn and a fee of approximately will be incurred.

Current Account : £9675.79

Saver Account £302.02

Payments : £431.28 Meinir Jenkins (April salary)
 £107.80 HMRC (Tax payable on salary above)
 £276.00 Wales Audit

Applications for financial assistance were considered, and it was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to donate the following :

Gwendraeth Judo	£100.00
Maesybont PTA	£500.00
Gelli Aur Church Hall	£250.00
Urdd	£ 50.00
Neuadd Carmel	£500.00
Y Lloffwr	£ 50.00
Royal Welsh Show	£ 50.00

It was also resolved to make the following payments towards cemetery maintenance :

Capel Milo	£100.00
Capel Carmel	£100.00
St Michaels Church	£100.00
St Mair's Church	£100.00

Cefnberach

£100.00

The clerk stated that the Audit papers have now been received from Grant Thornton. Clerk is in process of preparing the end of year accounts, and once these have been approved at the May meeting they will be forwarded to the internal auditor Mr Bryn Smith.

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

59. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Carmel – Cllr M L Trevor reported that there is a drain opposite her property (Penlan)Llandeilo Road Carmel that has significantly sunk. Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire County Council as a matter of urgency to avoid damage to vehicles.

Gelli Aur BT Kiosk – Cllr J Roberts reported that local residents were eager to retain the red telephone kiosk in the village with a view of possibly acquiring a defibrillator for the village and housing the same in the phone kiosk. Unfortunately it was not permitted for local groups to acquire the telephone kiosk, and Cllr Roberts asked whether the community council would consider adopting the same on their behalf at a one off cost of £1. The matter was discussed, and although appreciation was shown for the proposed scheme, it was resolved that the community council would not wish to be responsible for the kiosk or its maintenance/insurance etc and therefore declined to assist on this occasion.