

At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on the 27th February 2017 at 7pm at Carmel Village Hall.

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

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

39. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Vice Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and in particular thanked Cllr John Walters for arranging the annual dinner at the Stag and Pheasant recently. It has been a very successful evening.

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Cllrs M J Thomas and J Roberts

41. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were not declarations of personal interests.

42. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO Roger Anthony was not present and therefore no matters to report. PCSO Anthony had not attended the meeting for several months and it was resolved to ask the clerk to write to PCSO Anthony requesting his presence at the next meeting.

43. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2017

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on 27th January 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.

44. MATTERS ARISING

Maesybont Notice Board : It has been previously suggested that the notice board in the Milo Bus Shelter is removed and installed outside the school. Cllr J Walters to arrange that Dilwyn from Ffairfach relocates it to the wall outside the School in order that the community have access to it. Cllr Cefin Campbell stated he had spoken to the School and that they were happy with the arrangement.

Speed bump Carmel : The clerk stated that she had written to Carmarthenshire County Council and that she had received an acknowledgement stipulating that it was hoped that the work of re-profiling the speed bump would be carried out during this financial year. It was disappointing to note that the same promise had been made in the previous financial year. Clerk to chase for a timeframe for works to be

carried out.

Abercamlais Bridge : It was unknown whether remedial works have been carried out on the bridge.

Financial assistance to local organisations : Clerk confirmed that she had sent the letters to the various local organisations asking them to submit their applications and accounts in readiness for the March meeting.

45. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr Cefin Campbell reported that at the recent meeting of the County Council where budgets were discussed. It was reported that it was envisaged that budget cuts were likely to be between 1-3% which was less than originally predicted. This standstill budget had taken inflation into account and that there would be more pressure on Social Care, Education etc. The Council tax increase was likely to be 2.5% as opposed to a 2.85% increase previously.

BT - Cllr C Campbell reported that Superfast Broadband was scheduled to be received by all residents by end of June 2017, and that he was due to meet with the Regional Director of BT on the 1st of March to discuss the deficit in service provision in the area

46. CORRESPONDENCE

SLCC magazine – noted

Walk for life appeal - noted

47. PLANNING

Gorswen Planning Enquiry due to be held on 28th February was cancelled at the very last minutes. Cllr C Campbell to make enquiries as to why this had happened and to report to next meeting.

48. PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT

The clerk stated that she still had no access to the Bank account, but previous clerk had provided balances.

Current Account : £2,214.29

Saver Account £10,302.09

Payments : £25.00 Sixways florist - Flowers for retired clerk

 £862.56 Meinir Jenkins (Jan and Feb salary)

 £215.60 HMRC (Tax payable on salary above)

 £167.00 One Voice Wales Subscription

£6550.99 - Carmarthenshire County Council Footway lighting

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

ZURIC Insurance renewal was received. Clerk requested to compare the quotation and revert to next **meeting**

49. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Cllr T Stephens stated that he felt slightly embarrassed that no formal gift had been presented to the retiring clerk, but appreciated that flowers had been presented to Mrs Bowen at the Annual Dinner recently. Cllr Stephens asked the clerk what the position was in relation to possibly presenting Mrs Bowen with a say £50 gift voucher. Clerk responding that she had made enquiries with One Voice Wales in this regard, and it was not considered appropriate to use public funds in this way. Clerk to forward the email response received to members before the next meeting. Clerk had also sought guidance from One Voice Wales regarding the Gratuity paid to Mrs Bowen, a response in this regard had not yet been received. It was proposed by Cllr Stephens that this matter is placed on the next agenda, seconded and unanimously agreed.

Cllr M L Trevor - reported that several bags of potatoes had been dumped in the parking area near the Nature Reserve. Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire County Council.

Cllr A Thomas - reported that there was surface water flooding on the road near Gardinen on the Maesybont Road B497. Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire County Council.

Cllr T Stephens - reported that the Gully outside Myrtle Villa in Milo had blocked again and was causing surface water flooding onto the road. Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire County Council.