

At the Ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on Monday 23 January 2017 at 7pm at Gelli Aur Church Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs. M J Thomas (Chair) T M Digby (Vice Chairman) AO James, GA Stephens, EL Hopkins, ML Trevor, JH Roberts, B John, LI A Thomas & A Thomas

**Also present** County Councillor Cefin Campbell and Meinir Jenkins (clerk)

## **16. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked councillors for attending. Chairman also welcomed Cllr Llinos Anwen Thomas to her first meeting.

## **17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr J Walters

## **18. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of personal interests.

## **19. POLICING MATTER**

Chairman expressed disappointment that Officer Roger Anthony was not present again and there was therefore nothing to report at this time. **Clerk was requested to contact him regarding the dumping of rubble on the A476 and also to ask for an updated regarding the tyres dumped on the road from Maesybont to Penrhiwgoch.**

There were no other matters of concern.

## **20. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on 3 January 2016 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.

## **21. MATTERS ARISING**

**Maesybont Notice Board:** The notice board is in bad state of repair. It was suggested that the notice board that was in Milo Bus Shelter be relocated to outside the school, **Cllr M Digby to make enquiries with local contractor for a quotation for moving the noticeboard from the bus shelter and to relocate it outside the school. Cllr Cefin Campbell to approach the School Governors for permission to erect the Noticeboard outside the school. Clerk to write to Carmarthenshire County Council asking them for permission to move the sign from Milo to outside the school**

**Speed bump Carmel :** A very disappointing response has been received from Carmarthenshire County Council stipulating that the re-alignment of the speed bump had been scheduled into the works of the area highways team. Cllr M L Trevor stated that this was totally unacceptable, this issue has been ongoing for nearly two years and that promises had been made previously that the works would be carried out using underspent budget 2015-2016. **It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed that the Clerk to write to John McEvoy asking him to carry out the works immediately.**

**MILO** : Cllr Tony Stephens confirmed that the large potholes in the grass verge on the road between Milo and Pentregwenlais had been attended to.

Cllr Stephens also reported that the drain below Myrtle Grove had been unblocked and there was no further issue.

The Clerk stated that a response had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council confirming that the bridge had been damaged vehicular impact and that a work order will be issued to the assistant area manager to address the defect.

## **ANNUAL DINNER**

The clerk stated that the invitations had been circulated and that she would contact Cllr John Walters on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January to inform him of exact numbers so that he could make the arrangements with the Stag and Pheasant. Cllr John Walters had previously established that menu choices and payments could be made on the night of the dinner.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

The clerk had prepared the letters to various local organisations asking them to submit their applications for financial assistance. **Clerk to stipulate that all applications must be accompanied by the latest accounts.**

## **22. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr Campbell reported that he had attended several meetings recently and referred to a presentation by the Chief of Mid and West Wales Fire Authority who reported on a 10year overview during which time savings of £9m had been made, with the loss of 105 staff members. During that time the Authority had attended 6500 fires, 12,000 Road Traffic collisions and 16,600 medical emergencies. He also mentioned that the Fire Service on average costs £4 per person per annum within the Authority area

The second presentation Cllr Campbell reported has attended was by the Regional Manager of BT, with particular attention being drawn to the superfast broadband that is currently planned for Carmarthenshire. Most local business have complained at the lack of service and it was announced that Dryslwyn exchange had recently been upgraded but not yet connected. It was also announced that superfast broadband would be available to all local residents by June 2017.

Cllr Campbell announced that Ysgol Llangennech will be officially a Welsh medium school.

## **23. CORRESPONDENCE**

Email enquiry from E Jones – enquiry re family history. Noted. Clerk to inform Mr Jones that there are no public records held due to fire in the early 1980's

One Voice Wales – Training schedule – noted

SLCC – Subscription invitation – noted not to proceed

Carmarthenshire County Council – Invitation to Saint David's Parade 25.02.2017 – noted

## 24. PLANNING

**E/34995** Full planning application for a single storey rear bedroom/e suite extension and single storey sun room to front of Moelfryn Llandeillo Road Gorslas SA14 7LU – **no objection**

## 25. PAYMENT & ACCOUNT

Current Account	£1214.29
Saver Account	£11,302.09

It was agreed to make the following payments :  
£15.00 N Wall – Medal repair

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the statement of accounts is accepted.

The clerk stated that the HMRC arrangements had not yet been transferred from previous clerk, therefore 2 months salary would be payable next month. It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to accept.

Clerk mentioned that she had received confirmation from Mr Bryn Smith (internal auditor) would be prepared to sign a letter of engagement prior to undertaking the internal audit at the end of the current financial year.

Risk assessment had been prepared by previous clerk, it was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed that this be used for Audit Purposes.

Clerk stated that she had made enquiries with One Voice Wales regarding gifts. The rules stipulate that purchase of gifts is not permitted from council funds. It was resolved that Clerk could order flowers to be presented to Eleri at the Annual Dinner.

The clerk stated that she had signed the Barclays Bank Mandate before Christmas but there had been a delay. Due to current clerk not having access to the bank account previous clerk was currently dealing with the change of authority.

Clerk confirmed that she now had access to the website via ICT Vision.

## 26. PRECEPT 2017/2018

A schedule of up to date and forecast expenditure had been prepared by the previous clerk which was circulated to members to consider. The matter was discussed and it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the precept be retained at the same level of £17,500. Any additional expenditure would be absorbed by funds held on account. **Clerk to submit the precept form to Carmarthenshire County Council.**

## 27. QUESTIONS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Cllr M L Trevor** – Reported that a number of tyres had been dumped in the layby near the nature reserve Y Garn. **Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire County Council**

***This meeting was conducted through the medium of Welsh. Next meeting will be held at Carmel Village Hall 27 February 2017 at 7pm***