

At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on the 27th March 2017 at 7pm at Gelli Aur Church Hall.

PRESENT : Cllrs M J Thomas (Chair) M Digby, T Stephens, 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)

49. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting. It was regret that the death of Mr Len Powell was announced, clerk to send sympathy card to his widow Mrs Elizabeth Powell. A Minute silence was observed.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : None

51. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were not declarations of personal interests.

52. POLICING MATTERS

The clerk confirmed that she had attempted to telephone PCSO Roger Anthony, he was not available, and left a voicemail asking him to confirm whether he intended attending this meeting. Nothing further was heard from him. This was very disappointing to note and it was resolved for clerk to write to the Inspector in charge asking him to ensure that there was a regular presence at the Community Council meetings.

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

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

Maesybont Notice Board : Cllr J Stephens confirmed that the noticeboard had now been moved and was in situ. Invoice for £70 given to clerk from Dilwyn Baker (see payments).

Speed bump Carmel : There was no further information from Carmarthenshire County Council. Clerk was asked to write to Steve Pillner to make an official complaint in view of the time lapsed since the

request was made to realign the speed bump.

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

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

55. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

BT - Cllr C Campbell reported that Superfast Broadband was scheduled to be received by 95% of all residents by end of June 2017, Clerk to forward members postcodes to Cefin Campbell in order that he can investigate coverage for the same.

56. CORRESPONDENCE

Menter Cwm Gwendraeth -project details – noted

Malcolme Lane Street furniture catalogue – noted

Clerk and Councils direct magazine – noted

SLCC magazine – noted

HMRC information leaflet – noted

Carmarthenshire CC – 2018 Review of parliamentary constituencies – noted

Hywel Dda Uni Health Board – transformation programme – noted

One Voice wales – Carmarthenshire Area committee meeting agenda – noted

Carmarthenshire CC – Footway lighting precept £6996.76 for 2018/19 - noted

57. PLANNING

Gorswen Planning Enquiry due to be held on 28th February was cancelled at the very last minute. Cllr C Campbell to report findings to next meeting

E35237 Application for shelter over saw bench at the Old Mill Gorswen Maesybont – No objection

58. PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT

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

Current Account : £954.13

Saver Account £10,302.09

Payments : £431.28 Meinir Jenkins (march salary)
 £107.80 HMRC (Tax payable on salary above)
 £322.00 m a jenkins quarterly exps
 £347.26 Zurich insurance
 £70.00 Dilwyn Baker

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

59. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Previous Clerk Gratuity – Clerk had made enquiries with One Voice Wales regarding the gratuity payment that had been made to Mrs E Jones. A response had been received from the NALC Solicitors confirming that the payment was not lawful and steps should be taken to recover the funds. This was a delicate and sensitive matter and it was resolved that the Chairman and Cllr J Walters would attend upon Mrs Jones to discuss. Copies of the correspondence with One Voice wales/Nalc had been circulated to members, Furthermore confirmation was also received that no public monies should be used for gifts for individuals.

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

Cllr Andrew Thomas reported that a blue ford Escort has been abandoned on Heol Maesybont. It had been at the same position for several months. Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire CC.

Cllr J Roberts stated that local residents were concerned about the activity in the woodlands trees being cut and the resulting excess surface water on the road near Keepers Cottage. The matter had been reported to Carmarthenshire CC, it was unknown what the outcome is.

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

Cllr Tony Stephens asked where it was possible for the clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County Council asking to explain activity on the Lexington Court site There have been two very large diggers on site, and no planning permission has been submitted to our knowledge.

Cllr T Stephens asked the clerk to write to John Owen of Gelli Aur Farm, asking him to tell students to refrain from dropping litter when leaving nearby eateries.i.eMacDonalds and KFC. Cllr M L Trevor mentioned that these chains give financial assistance to local organisations. Clerk to make enquiries.

Cllr Cefin Campbell reported that two unroadworthy vehicles have been left in the field under Milo square. Clerk to write to Carmarthenshire CC informing them of this and asking them to investigate.

