

At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on the 26th June 2017 at Carmel Village Hall at 7pm

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

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

71. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Trevor

73. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were not declarations of personal interests.

74. POLICING MATTERS – No matters to report PCSO Roger Anthony was not present.

75. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30th May 2017

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on 30th May 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.

76. MATTERS ARISING

BIN – The clerk confirmed that she had chased Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the bin that had been removed from near Gardinen Carmel Road/ Opposite Stag and Pheasant.

Abandoned car Maesybont – The abandoned car remains at the same location despite Cllr Andrew Thomas and Clerk having reported to Police and Carmarthenshire County Council.

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. Clerk to chase

Drain – It was unknown whether the collapsed drain Near Pantygilfach had been attended to. Clerk to chase Carmarthenshire CC

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 further information was available.

Carmel – Clerk confirmed that she had reported the damaged drain opposite (Penlan)Llandeilo Road Carmel and it was unknown whether the probe had been resolved.

77. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS- Cllr C Campbell was not present, therefore resolved to discuss at next meeting

BT - Cllr C Campbell had now received all members postcodes from clerk and confirmed that he will endeavor to check the expected broadband coverage for those areas and would report to next meeting as to progress

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.

Cllr C Campbell announced that he is now a Cabinet Member of Carmarthenshire County Council and that a number of issues were to be focused upon to include Financial Aspects of Rural Developments, Reduction of Poverty in Llanelli and Carmarthenshire and Community Safety.

Maesybont – There is currently a proposal for Maesybont School to be closed due to financial issues and safety of the building. Carmarthenshire CC had announced that this was as a result of a recent audit and the resulting report. Governors had requested sight of that (what appeared to be a very short report) but they had been declined sight of the same. It was also noted that Vanessa Roberts had resigned as Head Teacher. Cllr Campbell would attend all future meetings and report back as appropriate. Cllr Campbell stated that he was objecting strongly to the proposed closure and would also convey that the Community Council strongly object. The community council had recently donated £500 to the PTA. If these funds had not been used and the school closed it was suggested that a request be made for the funds to be returned to the Comunity Council.

Traffic Calming – During recent election canvassing Cllr Campbell had received numerous complaints about speed of traffic locally. A meeting has been arranged for Cllr Campbell to meet with Mr McEvoy Carmarthenshire CC on 8th of June at 9.30am with a view of discussing possible traffic calming measures.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

One Voice wales area committee meeting – noted

Broxap Street furniture magazine – noted

Seafarers UK – notice of Merchant Navy Day – noted

Carmarthenshire CC – notice of safe route to school grants – refer to Cefin Campbell

One Voice Wales – Notice of Code of Conduct training -noted

79. PLANNING

E35139 Agricultural Hardstanding with Access Track and Alterations to existing vehicular access to information was available

E31957 Lexington Court Storage unit for use with Marquee Hire business

No further information

80. PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT

Current Account : £5655.47

Saver Account £302.09

Gratuities account £0.23 – clerk asked to close this account

Payments : £431.28 Meinir Jenkins (June salary)

 £107.80 HMRC (Tax payable on salary above)

 £358.03 M Jenkins expenses (quarterly)

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

Cllr J Walters thanked the community council for the funds donated to Carmel Village Hall.

70. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Grass Cutting : It was reported by Cllr J Walters that the grass cutting contractors in the area, seem to be carrying out the work to a very unsatisfactory manner. They were very untidy and leaving grass on roads and pavements

Nextdoor App: Cllr A Thomas announced that there is a new app called nextdoor available in the area, highlighting issues and local events. Cllr Thomas to circulate details via email.

Grass Verges : Cllr L A Thomas asked what the position was in relation to health and safety with regards to bolders in grass verges. There are a number of instances within the community council area where individuals have placed bolders (or similar) on grass verges. Whose responsibility is it if damage or injury is caused? Clerk requested to write to Tim Hamett Carm CC.

Ysgol Nantygroes : Cllr T Stephens stated that 6.5 years after it was closed, the school is for sale.