At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community

Council held on the 24th April 2019 in Carmel Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs M Trevor (Chair), C Campbell, B John, A James, A Thomas, J Roberts, Ll Thomas, M J Thomas, T Stephens, M Digby

**265   CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Cllr M Trevor welcomed members to the meeting. She also informed the councillors present that she had been contacted by Cllr M Williams who unfortunately has decided to stand down as councillor at the moment but hopes to re-join the council sometime in the future

**266   APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Cllrs E Hopkins, M Williams

**267  DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS** None.

**268 POLICING MATTERS –** PCSO Roger Anthony not present therefore no report available.

**269 MINUTES** – Cllr J Roberts noted that the date of the last minutes included in item 269 were incorrect. Cllr M Trefor also noted that she had said that she would make enquiries with regards to the key holder of Gate Welfare Hall not Ll Thomas as stated. Further to this she has ascertained who the key holder is and forwarded the relevant information to the clerk.

**270 MATTERS ARISING**

**CARAVAN** – Milo – Cllr C Campbell had further information with regards to this matter. The enforcement notice would be expiring on the 25th April 2019. One caravan had already been removed however a static caravan remained and the track had not been replaced as stated in the enforcement notice. Cllr A James noted that he believed that the caravan had been hidden in the wood at the bottom of the field. Cllr C Campbell explained that he would wait until the enforcement notice had expired and if matters continued as they were he would be pursuing the matter further with Carmarthenshire CC.

**Road maintenance** : As yet no work has been carried out.

**Ysgol Maesybont –** All councillors had received correspondence which stated that Ysgol Maesybont was now officially closed.

**Councillor –** Cllr M J Thomas is moving from the area, unfortunately he is moving further than the permitted three mile radius, he therefore regretfully has to stand down as councillor.

**Defibrillator –** Cllr C Campbell stated that the residents of Parc Marlais have decided to place a defibrillator on one of the resident’s home, as the owner of the park is not willing to purchase or be responsible for the defibrillator. At present the home owners insurance is being used, however Cllr C Campbell was wondering whether the Community Council’s Public Liability insurance would cover this. It was also mentioned, how much extra would it cost to insure the telephone kiosk in Gelli Aur.

**271 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr Campbell reported :

The interviews for the Chief Executive job are to be held on the 1st May 2019. Three internal and one external candidate have been shortlisted.

**272 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Report a faulty street light - FS115359963** A request had been received with regards for a street light to be removed at Maesybont. The email asked if a member of the council would visit the owner of the property to discuss any issues. Cllr B John offered to visit Mr Owen on the council’s behalf.

**273   PLANNING** – None

**274 PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT**

The following payments were approved for payment:

£116.20 HMRC April

£7040.44 Carms CC lighting

£353.57 – Zurich Insurance

**275 OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS**

**Clwb Gwawr –** Cllr B John announced that a new Clwb Gwawr would be meeting for the first time on the 2nd May 2019 in Carmel Hall at 7.30pm.

**Trees, Maesybont Road –** It was mentioned again that the trees on Maesybont Road have not been cut. Uncertainty remains with regards to ownership of this land. Cllr C Campbell suggested that perhaps the locations GPS could be found and forwarded to Carmarthenshire CC in order to ascertain ownership.

**Japanese Knotweed –** Cllr A Thomas noted that Japanese knotweed had been cut on the grounds of Llyn Llech Owain Country Park. He was concerned that this would only exacerbate the problem as this is not the correct way to manage the plant.

**Pavement at Gelli Aur –** Cllr J Roberts stated that the pavement from the Church to the village at Gelli Aur is in a poor state of repair. Concerns have been raised with regards to safety as there are pot holes and no lighting on the left side of the road towards the village.

**Welsh Classes –** Cllr C Campbell wished to mention that Welsh classes are currently being held at Gelli Aur.

**Pantllyn –** A caravan has recently appeared between Pantllyn Farm and the square. Cllr T Stephens reported that there seemed to be a lot of activity in this area and suggested that further investigation was required.

**Public Right of Way –** Cllr M Digby was concerned that a public right of way at Carmel mast has been blocked, as the gate leading onto this path has been locked. In the past there had been a wicker gate at this site as well as a sign post clearly marking the route, however both have now gone and any evidence that indicates that this path continues to be a public right of way.

**Nature Reserve –** A tree near the car park at the Nature Reserve in Carmel is perilously close to falling. Cllr M J Thomas was extremely concerned that the land on which the tree is may be owned by the community council. He suggested that enquiries be made with the Land Registry to ascertain ownership of this land. It is thought that this land was given to the Community Council by McAlpine. (Gofyn os elli di wneud ymholiadau).

**Sidney Perkins Trust –** Paperwork relating to the Sidney Perkins Trust have been given to Cllr Ll Thomas. Cllr Ll Thomas suggested that by the next meeting of the Community Council she would have read the documentation that she has received and report back, Cllr M Trefor kindly offered to assist with this.

**Councillors –** Cllr M Trefor wished to note that with the departure of Cllrs M J Thomas and M Williams we now currently have two spaces.

The meeting was held entirely in the Welsh Language