At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community

Council held on the 23rd July 2018 at Golden Grove Church Hall at 7pm

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

 Also present: M Jenkins (clerk), Mr J M Williams

 **186.       CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Cllr M Trevor welcomed members to the meeting ad in particular to Mr J M Williams who was in attendance to discuss the issues currently being experienced by local residents with broadband.

 **187.     APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Cllr E Hopkins

 **188.     DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS** None.

 **189.     COMMUNITY BROADBAND**

Mr J M Williams, ICT Operational Delivery Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council was in attendanceand shared information in relation to the poor broadband service currently being received in the area. Only 85% coverage in the area with 15% having no coverage whatsoevrr Grants are available from BT from September and Mr Williams suggested that local residents should be encouraged to be proactive in contacting BT with their complains. Mrs Wall from Rose Cottage Temple Bar is currently circulating a petition in this regard. Mr Williams also suggested that it would be helpful if posters were displayed in local notice boards and possibly social media.

**190.  MINUTES** Minutes of the meeting held 23 June 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

**191.  MATTERS ARISING**

Speeding traffic – Cllr C Campbell reported that he had met with John McEvoy recently to discuss traffic calming measures in the area. It was confirmed that a speed restriction of 30mph was to be introduced from Johns Terrace to Milo square. Carmarthenshire CC are currently liaising with other agencies with a view of installing other forms of traffic calming to include Flashing signs, Island, Fencing and narrowing of some areas. Decisions were expected by the end of the current financial year. Cllr Campbell also mentioned that the Parc Merlin residents did not want speed bumps to be installed in that area.

**A476** – No further information regarding the dip in the road near Llether Garw.  Clerk had reported the matter to Carmarthenshire CC asking them to investigate immediately

**GELLI AUR PARK** – Planning permission has been granted but had been toned down,  Once the planning conditions are received clerk to circulate.

**CARAVAN** – Email received from Dylan Jones Planning enforcement officer Carmarthen CC stating that an enforcement notice had been issued to the owner of the caravan. It was noted that the caravan has now moved to another part of the field. We await developments.

**Crash Barrier** – An acknowledgement had been received from Hywel Phillips Carmarthen CC who confirmed that Tim Hammett is due to visit sight and revert to the Community Council. No further information to date

**JAPANESE KNOTWEED** ; Clerk confirmed that she had written to Carmarthenshire CC in relation to the Japaneze knotweed behind Glenview/Bryncethin, Hillcrest etc No further information to date. Cllr Cefin Campbell mentioned that he would also write to Carms CC.

**OVERGROWN TREES** – The clerk had now received a acknowledgement from Carmarthenshire CC who would investigate and contact owner immediately.

Overgrown hedges/trees : Cllr T Stephens mentioned that the grass verge and hedges are severely overgrown near the entrance to the Nature Reserve, and in particular across the road. It was now becoming dangerous.  Clerk to report to Carmarthenshire CC asking them to deal with the matter urgently.

**192 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

 Cllr Cefin Campbell reported the following :

The Gate Village hall were currently making an application for Lottery funding for establishing a multi use green area. The hall secretary would contact the clerk asking for the Community council’s support in due course. It was resolved that the clerk writes the letter of support when approached.

A rural housing needs survey would be issued to all residents shortly to establish what housing is vacant/available in the area.

The Tour of Britain cycle event is to be held shortly and will visit Pembrey Country Park on 2nd September. Clerk was asked to contact Carmarthenshire CC with a view of obtaining some bunting etc for residents of Golden Grove to welcome the event to the area.

Cllr Campbell asked the clerk to contact Calonau Cymru with a view of obtaining a price for provision of a Defibulator. Clerk to report to next meeting.

**193. CORRESPONDENCE**

One Voice Wales – Notice of Training available – noted

One Voice Wales – Notice of AGM Sat 29th September – noted

Mid and West Wales Fire – Public Consultation noted

HAGS catalogue - noted

**194      PLANNING**

E/37552- Erection of Sheep/Hay storage Building Gorswen Maesybont – Whilst the community council do not object in principle to the development – it was suggested that whether there was enough land here to justify such a building.

E/37548 Variation of condition 2 (Extending time period) no objection

E37475 Non material amendment to Neuadd Llwyd Golden Grove – no objection

E37482 Proposed detached bungalow Lland off Maesybont Road Gorslas – no objection

E37551 Proposed side extension to Groesfwlch Golden Grove = no objection

 **195      PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT**

 Bank Account £4944.82     CR

£220 HMRC (June and July)

£110.00 HMRC August

£34.32 M A Jenkins (Backpay April-July)

£345.11 M A Jenkins expenses

£155.45 B Smith Internal Audit fee

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

The internal audit has now been completed, Clerk read the Audit report prepared by Mr Bryn Smith and is was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to accept the same, and for clerk to forward the annual return to Grant Thornton for external audit.

**196.     ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS**

Overgrown Trees : Cllr J Roberts reported that the trees are overgrown along Coach Road Golden Grove. The school buses are experiencing problems with overhanging branches.

Co-option : Mr J M Williams had been present throughout the meeting, Chair asked whether he would be interested in becoming a Community Council as there is currently a vacancy, following Mr John Walters retirement. Mr Williams accepted the offer, and clerk requested to include Mr Williams in all future emails.

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ext meeting to be held Monday 23rd of September 2018 in Carmel Village Hall at 7pm.