At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community

Council held on the 29th May 2019 in Gelli Aur Church Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs M Trevor (Chair), E Hopkins, J Roberts, Ll Thomas, M J Thomas, T Stephens, M Digby, A James

**1   CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Cllr M Trevor welcomed members to the meeting.

**2   APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Cllrs C Campbell, B John, A Thomas

**3  DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS None.**

**4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2019/2020**

The Chairman called for nominations for the Office of Chairman for 2019/20 – it was proposed and seconded that the present Vice Chairman Cllr Llinos Thomas be elected as Chairman. To be confirmed in AGM

The Chairman called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman for 2019/20– It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Eifion Hopkins was elected as Vice Chairman. To be confirmed in AM

**5 POLICING MATTERS –** PCSO Roger Anthony not present therefore no report available. Clerk requested to write to Police asking them to arrange that another officer attends if Roger Anthony not available.

**6 MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held 29 April 2019 were accepted a correct record.

**7 MATTERS ARISING**

**CARAVAN** – Milo – Cllr C Campbell had further information with regards to this matter. The enforcement notice was to expire 25th April 2019. No further information.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE** : As yet no work has been carried out.

**Councillor –** Cllr M J Thomas is moving from the area in the near future. Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Carmarthenshire CC who had confirmed that unfortunately Cllr Thomas would be unable to continue as Councillor because his new address was outside the permitted distance. Cllr M Trevor thanked Cllr Thomas for his long service and wished him well in the future. Cllr Thomas stated that this may be his last meeting. Clerk requested to contact Carms CC asking them to advertise the vacant seat. There were now two vacancies on the community council. Cllr L Thomas mentioned that she possibly knew someone who may be interested.

**Defibrillator –** Clerk had contacted the insurers and the additional premium was likely to be circa £7.00. The matter was discussed, and it was felt that because the defibulator was not owned by the Community Council it was difficult to then insure it under their pol

**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 was not present to report

**Trees, Maesybont Road –** The clerk had again written to Carms CC who had acknowledged receipt of the complaint and would investigate shortly.

**Japanese Knotweed –** The clerk had witten to Carms CC informing them that the Japanese knotweed on the grounds of Llyn Llech Owain Country Park had been cut. An acknowledgement had been received stating that they would visit the area and speak to the owner

**Pavement at Gelli Aur –** Clerk had written to Carmss CC who had confirmed that one of their officers would visit the area.

**Pantllyn –** There were now two caravans on site. Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire CC asking them to visit the area as a matter of urgency.

**Public Right of Way –** Carms CC have instructed their access officer to visit the area and to report back

**Nature Reserve –** The tree near the car park at the Nature Reserve in Carmel had been attended to.

**Sidney Perkins Trust –** Cllr Llinos Thomas reported that a bank account was still open and it had approximately £300 in it. There were very few remaining members and it was felt that it would be appropriate for the data/information collated could be linked to the Community Council website. The £300 could be used for the upgrade to the website. Clerk to contact Vision ICT with a view of obtaining a quotation for the work.

**8 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr Campbell had provided the following information :

Wendy Walters has been appointed as the new chief executive of Carmarthenshire County Council. She is the first woman to hold the post and she is a fluent Welsh speaker. She will officially start on the 10th June.

Work to repair the pavement in front of Drws y Coed in Gelli Aur and down towards the village is to be done over the next few weeks, also to treat the Japanese Knot Weed in the Llech Owain Park

The family who have moved into the static in the field behind the Temple Bar have been given a ' enforcement notice ' to move the caravan from the field within 14 days!

Officers searched the caravan at Pantllyn Farm but failed to see anything.

**9 CORRESPONDENCE**

Carms CC – Liaison Forum Meeting – Cllr L Thomas & E Hopkins to attend

Carms CC – Future Code of conduct training – Cllr L Thomas expressed an interest to attend

One Voice Wales – Place plan information – noted

**10  PLANNING** – None

**11 PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT**

The following payments were approved for payment:

£116.20 HMRC May

£66.70 Llywela Thomas book keeping

The clerk mentioned that she had been using Llywela Thomas bookkeeping’s services for some months. Audit requirements have become more demanding and payslips, p60’s etc were required. Clerk did not have the necessary software for this. LLThomas also engaged in preparing rolling budget, VAT reclaim and end of year accounts. The matter was discussed and resolved to pay this invoice which covered from Dec- to date and to pay all future invoices.

**12 OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS**

**Bench** – Cllr M Digby mentioned that the Police had still not provided information in relation to the vehicle that collided with the bench near the mast. Clerk to chase.

**Grass cutting.** Cllr T Stephens asked the clerk to contact Carmarthenshire CC asking them to cut the grass on Milo Square and also on the AA476 near Rhydyffynnon Farm/Derwydd Road junction.

**Eisteddfod 2021** – Cllr M Trefor stated that she had been elected Chairman to the fundraising committee. Cllr Llinos Thomas had been elected Vice Chairman.

The meeting was held entirely in the Welsh Language