At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community

Council held on the 29th October 2018 in Golden Grove Church Hall at 7pm

PRESENT : Cllrs M Trevor (Chair) Ll.Thomas, B John,J Roberts, J Thomas, E Hopkins, J M Williams, M Digby

 Also present: M Jenkins (clerk),PCSO R Anthony

**219.       CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Cllr M Trevor welcomed members and in particular to a new member Mr Meredith Williams.

**220.     APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Cllr T Stephens

**221.     DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS** None.

**222. POLICING MATTERS**

Pcso Roger Anthony reported that there had been two brake in’s reported recently together with a drug dealing issue at a property in Cwrt Y Glyn. Speeding traffic continues to be an issue, and it was reported that the community speed watch monitoring had now ceased.

Recent flooding had caused much distress and inconvenience to local residents.

Fly tipping continues to be an issue at the Nature Reserve with a large quantity of leilandi trees having been dumped there. Signs are currently being made to attempt to deter fly tipping. PCSO will continue to monitor the area.

**223  MINUTES** Minutes of the meeting held 24 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

**224.  MATTERS ARISING**

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

**CARAVAN** – Email received from Dylan Jones Planning Enforcement officer Carms cc confirming that the touring caravan is still on site that he is attempting to contact owner to remove. The stating caravan has been moved to another area in the field, and in so doing, has suffered significant damage, the interior of the static caravan has been stripped and is being used for storage of tools etc.

**Crash Barrier** – Email received from Richard Waters Highways and Transportation services manager Carmarthenshire cc confirming that the area in Carmel is inspected on a monthly basis and that the crash barrier is within their demand library but as demand is high and budget reduced it was not known when this would be erected. A number of requests are made and are considered in order of priority. Cllr M Trevor asked whether the clerk could write to Mr Waters asking how they assess priority. This resident had incurred damage to their property on three seprate occasions last winter, two of these instances on the same day.

**JAPANESE KNOTWEED** ; It appears that the Japaneze knotweed has been treated at various locations.

**OVERGROWN TREES** – There are several areas with overgrown trees/branches. Clerk confirmed that she had written to Carmarthenshire CC to report the overgrown trees opposite Carmel Church, between Heol Y Gat and Maesybont Road, Heol Y Capel Carmel and Coach Road Golden Grove.

**Commemorative Plate** – Clerk had been unable to find another pottery to make a commemorative plate for retired councillor John Walters. It was therefore resolved to instruct Gwili Pottery. Cllr J Thomas had approached Mr Walters for the dates of his service but he did not hold a record of exact dates. It was therefore resolved to order the plate and to present to Mr Walters at the annual dinner in January.

**Tree of the Year :** Cllr LL Thomas stated that her nominated tree – the ancient Yew at Carreg Gwenlais had not been the winner of the competition. Cllr M Trevor thanked and congratulated Cllr Thomas for her great effort.

**225. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

**Defibulator** -Clerk had now received information from both Calonnau Cymru and the british Heart Foundation. As both are charities, they cannot charge for the defibulators but require a minimum donation for the equipment. Calonnau Cymru require a minimum donation of £995 with an additional £495 for the housing cabinet. British Heart foundation require an application to be made on line, and if this is approved the minimum donation would be £600. Cllr Cefin Campbell would make enquiries with the clerk of Llangathen Community Council in an attempt to ascertain what costs they incurred recently when purchasing a defibulator.

**Community Council Ward Boundaries** – Cllr Campbell confirmed that the Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council ward boundary will remain unchanged.

**Cycle Event** – The recent tour of Britain cycle event was very successful with an estimated £1.8m boost to the Carmarthenshire economy. Arrangements are already in place for the event to return in the next two years. The local young farmer movement had made a display in local fields which could be seen from reporting helicopters.

**By-Pass** – Funding for the first stage of the by pass between Heol Y Gat and Maesybont was due by end of march 2019. There appear to be some issued in relation to the second phase to include the necessity for compulsory purchase orders along the route.

**Ysgol Maesybont** – It was with regret that Cllr Campbell reported that Ysgol Maesybont will close at the end of this term. There are only 10 children who remain at the school, the majority will move to Ysgol Ffair fach in January, with one family choosing to move their children to Ysgol Cwrt Henri.

**Ysgol Tregib** – A burlary had been reported recently with damage to property involving paint

**Country Park** – It was noted that the café has now opened. The clerk had not received details of the planning permission recently granted.

**226. CORRESPONDENCE**

Grant Thornton annual audit report – noted (see below)

NHS Wales – Launch of NHS111 – noted

Golden Grove Church – request for financial assistance towards cost of Xmas Tree – noted

Carmarthenshire CC – Fforwm Cyswllt siriol – noted

One Voice Wales - various training opportunities – noted

Carmarthenshire CC – Statutory Play Sufficiency Assessment – noted

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission – review of electoral arrangements - noted

**227      PLANNING**

E37931 Demolition of existing residential dwelling and construction of new dwelling.

The matter was discussed and it was felt that it was inappropriate for the existing dwelling to be demolished. This is a cottage of character and a new dwelling on the site would not be inkeeping.

**228.      PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT**

The following payments were approved for payment:

£110.00 HMRC (October)

£50.00 Gwili Pottery (Commemorative plate)

£322.39 Grant thornton audit fee

£51.12 M A Jenkins (underpayment identified by grant thornton)

£TBC Royal British Legion (poppy wreath)

£50.00 Golden Grove Church (donation towards Xmas tree)

Bank Account £8492.27

The annual audit report was received from Grant Thornton, Comments and action points noted and accepted. Clerk confirmed that she will create an excel spreadsheet to monitor ongoing costs against budget which can be reported quarterly, no meeting in December therefore this report will commence in January.

**229.     ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS**

**Chairman boards** – Cllr E Hopkins suggested that the boards held in Carmel village hall and Gelli Aur Church hall be updated with the names of the Chairman and clerk. This does not appear to have been done since 2011. Clerk to obtain a quotation.

**Heol Maesybont** – Cllr A Thomas reported that he had received complaints from local residents about vehicles being parked on the pavement on Heol Maesybont leading to the mast road causing obstruction to pedestrians. PCSO R Anthony to monitor the position.

Filing Cabinet – the clerk mentioned that she will be moving back to Aberystwyth during the next month, and that she would no longer have room to facilitate the filing cabinet belonging to the Community Council and needed to dispose of it. The clerk was happy to deliver it to the local British Heart Foundation charity shop if the community council were in agreement. The matter was discussed and agreed to donate to British Heart foundation.

**230** Next meeting to be held Monday 26th November in Carmel village hall at 7pm