

At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on the 20th November 2017 at Carmel Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT : Cllrs M Digby (Chairman) M Trevor (Vice Chairman) M J Thomas, E Hopkins, T Stephens, Ll. Thomas, B John, , J Walters

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

115. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Cllr M Digby welcomed members to the meeting

116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A Thomas

117. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None

118. POLICING MATTERS – PCSO Roger Anthony not present, therefore no report received.

119. MATTERS ARISING

BIN – Cllr M L Trevor reported that she had noticed a vehicle leaving refuse at the site but had not been able to approach the occupants before they drove off. The refuse had subsequently been removed, and there is no refuse at the site a present. The matter was discussed and resolved not to ask for the bin to be re-instated at present, in the hope that if there is no bin present, no refuse will be left at the location.

Gelli Aur – No further information regarding works being carried out at this location. Cllr J Roberts to monitor the position and to report to a future meeting should activity recommence.

Milo – The Clerk had received an email from Carmarthenshire county Council asking for vehicle registration numbers and descriptions. Cllrs T Stephens stated that he would forward the details to clerk during the next few days for onward transmission to Carmarthenshire CC.

Hedges : The Hedges between Pentregwenlais/Welsh Quarry/Milo and Carmel Church/Pantllyn had not been cut, clerk was asked to contact Carmarthenshire CC again.

Cllr T Stephens stated that the large overgrown branch at the cross roads between Pantyllyn and Pantyllyn Farm (Milo road) had not been attended to. Clerk to chase Carmarthenshire CC.

The branches on the Maesybont Road near Melleys Field had not been attended to. Clerk to chase Carmarthenshire CC to ask for them to be cut as a matter of urgency.

Cllr T Stephens also reported that the hedges up from the Gelli Aur junction to A476 were also

overgrown and in need of cutting back considerably.

Defibrillator: Cllr Cefin Campbell stated that he has relayed to the members of the Parc Marlais Residents association that they could possibly apply for grant funding to various organisations in relation to the purchase of a defibrillator and that Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council would be prepared to consider assisting them with a contribution towards the installation costs. Cllr Campbell also told them that they would need to write formally to the council asking for financial assistance.

Website : The clerk confirmed that she had now undertaken the training in relation to the updating of the website and that the minutes from December 2016 to date have now been uploaded. This will be done on a monthly basis from hereon in. The clerk mentioned that the website appears to be English only, although there is a front page of the website in Welsh, no documents are uploaded. Cllr Cefin Campbell asked whether consideration could be given to providing minutes and information in Welsh. It was discussed and unanimously agreed that this should be done. Cllr Campbell stated that he would make enquiries with the clerk of Llangathen Community Council to ascertain who they use, and to the potential costs involved and report back to next meeting.

New Link Road : Cllr Cefin Campbell confirmed that there is already machinery on site and that works on the new link road would commence shortly.

Remembrance Service – Cllr M Digby, Chairman reported that the service was very successful and well attended.

Annual Dinner – Cllr J Walters confirmed that he had booked the Red Lion Llandybie for the annual dinner to be held on Friday 26th of January 2017 at 7pm. And provided menus for clerk to circulate. Clerk to send invitations once menus had been received.

FOI Request : Cllr Campbell stated that he had asked under the FOI Act for the information requested by Cllr J Walters in relation to the Scarlets Rugby team have repaid the loan to Carmarthenshire County Council, and what the terms of the loan were. If they have not repaid the loan, how much is outstanding? Cllr Campbell would chase and report back with response.

Gelli Aur : Clerk confirmed that she had reported the overhanging branch on Coach Road Golden Grove. It was not known whether the branch had been cut.

Carmel : Cllr J Walters reported that there is still a large volume of surface water running across the road overflowing from a blocked gully. This is a substantial amount of water if frozen could cause serious issues and extremely dangerous, Cllr Cefin Campbell also mentioned that there is large pool of water near the entrance to Garn Farm. Clerk to chase Carmarthenshire

CC immediately

Grass Verges : An acknowledgement had been received from Carmarthenshire CC regarding the query in relation to health and safety issues were bolders are placed on grass verges by residents. A full response is awaited in due course.

110. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

BT – Nothing further to report on this matter, Cllr C Campbell would attend the meeting scheduled in March 2018 and report back at that time. Cllr Cambell also asked whether consideration could be given to removing the telephone kiosk on the square in Milo. It was unused and in a very poor condition, and frankly an eyesore. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Campbell to contact the relevant body.

Traffic Calming – Cllr Campbell stated that he had not received the results of the Traffic counted that was recently located in Temple Bar. Clerk had requested the report for the traffic counter recently removed and Cllr M Trevor asked the Clerk to write to J McEvoy asking for his report and also to ask for the official notes following the meeting held at the location in the Spring of 2017.

Sign : Cllr Cambell reported that the “junction” sign at the bottom of Maesybont Road is very dirty and needs cleaning, and has been turned around. Cllr T Stephens also reported that the sign on the Gelli Aur side of Milo has broken. Clerk to report both matters to Carmarthen CC

120. CORRESPONDENCE

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for wales – review of electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire – to be discussed in next meeting

Boundary Commission for Wales – 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Revised Proposals – to be discussed in next meeting

Carmarthenshire County Council – Christmas Toybox and gift hamper scheme – noted

121. PLANNING

122. PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT

Current Account : £7890.58

Saver Account NIL Closed- balance transferred to current account

Gratuity account Nil Closed – balance transferred to current account

Clerk had previously prepared a letter setting up a new standing order in relation to her monthly salary and had forwarded to Cllr M J Thomas and J Walters, unfortunately the letter was forwarded directly to Barclays with only on signature, Clerk has prepared a further letter and obtained signatures during the meeting to forward to Barclays to commence in January 2018.

Payments : £431.28 x 2 Meinir Jenkins (Nov and Dec salary)

£107.80 x 2HMRC (Tax payable on salary above)

£20.00 M Digby (poppy wreath)

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

123. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Carmel Village Hall – Cllr B John announced that a Christmas Carol Service will be held in Carmel Village hall in the afternoon of 10th of December. All welcome.

Dog Fouling – Cllr M Digby reported that there is a serious problem with dog fouling in the Country Park Gorslas and in the Nature Reserve in Carmel. Clerk to write to Carmarthenshire CC asking for the dog warden to patrol the areas on a regular basis and to possibly consider providing additional dog bins

NOTE - Meeting was held through the medium of Welsh

Next meeting to be held Monday 18th December 2017 (change of date) at 7pm Gelli Aur Church Hall