

At the ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on the 25 September 2017 at Carmel Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT : Cllrs M L Trevor (Vice Chairman) M J Thomas, E Hopkins, A James, A Thomas, T Stephens,

L. Thomas, B John, J Roberts

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

93. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

In the absence of the chairman Cllr M L Trevor vice chairman welcomed members to the meeting

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr J Walters, M Digby

95. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of personal interests.

96. POLICING MATTERS – PCSO Roger Anthony apologized for not attending previously. He acknowledged that the clerk had written to his senior officer, but had inadvertently not informed clerk of new telephone number, hence not having received texts informing him of meetings. It was confirmed that the meetings were always held on the last Monday night of every month, and were held at alternate meeting venues namely Carmel village hall and Gelli Aur Church hall. Clerk exchanged telephone numbers with Roger and he stated that if he was not able to attend he would try to ensure that a colleague would attend.

97. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 31 July 2017

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council held on 31 July 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that they were a true and correct record and should be signed by the Chairman/Vice Chairman.

98. MATTERS ARISING

BIN – Cllr M L Trevor reported that a quantity of rotten fruit had been left at the location. It was agreed to monitor the position as it had previously been resolved not to chase Carmarthenshire CC to re-instate the bin. If fly tipping continues, then a request would have to be made to reinstate the bin.

Abandoned car Maesybont – The abandoned car remains at the same location despite Cllr

Andrew Thomas and Clerk having reported to Police and Carmarthenshire County Council. PCSO Roger Anthony had previously promised to deal with the matter and now that the exact location had been established, PCSO Roger Anthony promised to investigate the matter further.

Gelli Aur – The clerk had no further information in relation to the activity in the woodlands trees being cut and the resulting excess surface water on the road near Keepers Cottage. Cllr Julie Roberts was of the opinion that there had been no further activity, and she certainly had not received any complaints.

Drain – Cllr A James confirmed that the drain had been attended to and that the works had been carried out to a very high standard.

Milo – Vehicles continue to be on the site but are moved from time to time. It was resolved to monitor the position and report any change to the clerk.

Carmel Horticultural Show – Cllr M J Thomas reported that the Agricultural show was very successful and well attended.

Hedges : Clerk was asked to write to Steve Milliner/T Hammett with a view of asking them to cut the hedges between Pentregwenlais/Welsh Quarry/Milo and Carmel Church/Pantllyn

98. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

BT - Cllr C Campbell reported that from statistics received that the area was now recognized to be the worst area for service in Wales and the 5th worst area in the UK. BT had been invited by the County Council to attend one of their meetings to explain what the issues are and to inform of expected explain the lack of service despite massive investment.

Maesybont – Cllr Cefin Campbell reported that a new head teacher had been appointed temporarily for the School namely Ms Diane Thomas. Carmarthenshire County Council had undertaken the urgent remedial repairs required after the recent safety report and that these had been carried out during the Summer Holidays.

Traffic Calming – Traffic calming continues to be an issue within the community council area. Cllr Campbell reported that he is very conscious that traffic calming needs to be addressed. He had previously met with Mr Mc Evoy to discuss matters. The traffic counter has now been removed from Temple Bar and a report is awaited. There is a particular issue in St John's Terrace and also in Carmel and Temple Bar.

Grass Verges : No response had been received from Carmarthenshire CC asking what the position is in relation to health and safety with regards to bolders in grass verges. There are a number of instances within the community council area where individuals have placed bolders (or

similar) on grass verges. Who is responsibility is it if damage or injury is caused? Clerk requested to chase Tim Hamett Carm CC.

Defibulators : Cllr Cefin Campbell asked members present whether they would consider the possibility of purchasing an additional defibulator? The clerk was requested to obtain a quotation and to investigate whether there are any grants available towards the cost.

Website Cllr Cefin Campbell stated that he had been asked by a local resident whether the minutes could be uploaded onto the website. The clerk apologised for not having previously done this, it had completely slipped her mind and would contact ICT Vision immediately asking them to assist with this so that the clerk could do this regularly in future.

New Link Road : Cllr Cefin Campbell showed detailed plans of the new link road to members, these were also available on the Carmarthenshire CC website as well as the offices. If the proposed plans are approved, it is likely that the work will commence late October 2017. This could mean that there will be several temporary traffic lights in the area which could cause some delays whilst works are carried out.

99. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine – noted

One Voice Wales – Notice of Carmarthenshire area meeting – noted

Carmarthenshire Cc – Seasonal decorations protocol – noted

Broxap catalogue – noted

100. PLANNING

E/36038 Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development, hay feeds and implement shed. Land off A476 Temple Bar to Golden Grove – Not considered to be Agricultural, does not meet criteria and note that several RTC's have happened at this location, improvements should be implemented before consideration be given

E/36135 Application to divert existing overhead lines on land at Penybryn, Golden Grove – no objection

E/36169 Application to erect a new storage barn and log store with associated forecourt and hardstanding at Neuadd Llwyd Golden Grove – no objection

101. PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT

Current Account : £9249.23 (which included the part precept instalment of £5833.33)

Saver Account £302.09 – clerk asked to close this account

Gratuity account £0.23 – clerk asked to close this account and to arrange a new mandate so that more signatories can be obtained, but to continue with any two signatories to sign cheques.

Payments : £431.28 Meinir Jenkins (sept salary)

 £107.80 HMRC (Tax payable on salary above)

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

92. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Cllr T Stephens also stated that there was a large overgrown branch at the cross roads between Pantyllyn and Pantyllyn Farm (Milo road)

Cllr B John reported overhanging branches on the Maesybont Road near Melleys Field. Clerk to ask for them to be cut as a matter of urgency.