

Cygnor Bro Llanfechain Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th July 2018 at Llanfechain Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr G Marshall (Chair) Cllr G Jones
Cllr A Jones County Cllr G Thomas
Cllr A Whitmore
Cllr B Ellis
Cllr S Marshall
Apologies: Cllr I Jones
Members of the Public: 2

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr I Jones who was unable to attend due to annual leave.

2. Public Observer Statement

The public observer statement was read out by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest in items on agenda

6.3 Planning Application P/2018/0612 declaration of interest by Cllr B Ellis

4. Minutes of Annual Meeting

Minutes were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr S Marshall seconded by Cllr A Whitmore.

5. Minutes of meeting held on 28th June 2018

Minutes were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr A Jones seconded by Cllr S Marshall.

6. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

6.1 Highways Issues

Issue raised regarding blocked drains in the village. County Cllr G Thomas commented that this should be treated as high priority as can potentially cause flooding.

Action: Council members to inspect drains and report back to County Cllr G Thomas.

Pot holes please see 7.1

6.2 Community Safety Partnership

Website still not up and running.

Action: County Councillor G Thomas to find out more information and update.

6.3 Planning applications update

P/2018/0612. Concerns raised over the roads in their current state not being able to handle the increased traffic. There was also some discussion regarding calling in this application. This is a Highways issue and must be reported as such to the allocated Planning Officer.

7. Report from County Councillor Gwynfor Thomas

7.1 Pot Holes

County Cllr G Thomas said progress has been made. A lorry has now been made available from Welshpool two days a week. But does agree that there are still many roads that need attention. Cllr G Marshall

commented that there has been no responses received from PCC regarding potholes logged via their website. Also that reports logged regarding damaged vehicles have also received no response. County Cllr G Thomas stated that there is a Schedule of Works but there is a lack of manpower and budget to action all the requests. Available action for the LCC is to contact our local MP and to raise a Freedom of Information Request to obtain a better understanding of the number of pothole complaints that have been raised with PCC over a period of time.

Action: Cllr G Marshall to raise FOI request regarding the number of potholes in Llanfechain reported to PCC.

7.2 Dog Fouling Signs

The Welshpool Depot informed County Cllr Thomas the signs were picked up by a member of LCC. All council members confirmed that not one of them had personally collected the signs. The signs have disappeared. Signs are now being reordered.

Action: Cllr G Thomas to follow up.

7.3 Glan y Nant bridge

Within PCC Schedule of Works, but date of work unknown.

Action: Cllr G Thomas to chase.

7.4 Tan y Ffridd Cottage planning

No update as still in progress. Members of the public present at the meeting raised their ongoing Highway issue concerns over the junction and dangerous blind corner.

8. Recreation Field

8.1 Playground Inspection

Everything found to be satisfactory.

8.2 Progress on play area

No progress at present.

8.3 Community Asset Transfer

On hold. County Cllr G Thomas to speak to David Pritchard for more information regarding removing the PPC option to take back ownership of the playing field.

Action: Cllr G Thomas to follow up.

9. Cluster Update

No update. Cllr S Marshall spoke to Peter Lewis suggested meeting may be held in September but as yet no confirmation.

10. Finance

10.1 Approval of payments

Approval of payment to Llanfechain Memorial Hall of £180.00 period March 2018-March 2019 for the Llanfechain Newsletter.

10.2 Current balances and signing off of bank statements

Bank Statements still have not been received.

Action: Clerk to visit bank in Welshpool.

10.3 Internal Audit update

Documents were sent off recorded delivery.

10.4 Office equipment

Office equipment (laptop and printer) required for new Clerk. Proposed by Cllr B Ellis seconded by Cllr A Whitmore.

11. Reports from outside meetings

11.1 Sports Day at the Village Show

Organise area to be set up for kids activities.

Action: Cllr G Jones and Cllr A Jones to update Cllr G Marshall prior to show. Cllr S Marshall to confirm following Show meeting.

11.2 Memorial Hall

No update

11.3 Show Committee

A donation of £300 has been sent to the Treasurer of the Llanfechain Show. Date of next meeting 8th August 2018.

11.4 Beacon Project & War Memorial Trust

Church service will be held on 11th November. Dancing lessons for the Tea Dance will be available in the Memorial Hall. New Benches will be put in place 5th August. Plaques will be made and fixed to the benches as part of the 11th November Remembrance celebrations. We have had requests from Village residents for new benches in the church yard. The previous Vicar had agreed this in principle but has now left the parish. Action: Cllr G Marshall to speak with Hermione Morris re benches in the church yard.

12. GDPR

No update. As it stands LCC is legal. No need to register.

13. Adopted Powys LDP 2011-2026

No update. Ongoing.

14. Other Matters

14.1 Footpath Maintenance

Mark Chapman at PCC contacted regarding the blocked footpath from the playing field onto the main road.

15. Correspondence

15.1 To note correspondence circulated previously

15.2 Donation requests have been received from the Memorial Hall for a remote control, stand for a donated screen and a laptop totaling £583.80. Following a discussion it was agreed that as the Council has recently donated £600 to the Memorial Hall, and that the Memorial Hall has funds, and LCC has very limited funds we could not support this request.

They have also requested funding of £192.08 for a new printer. The Council currently pays £180 for the inclusion of a Council page in the newsletter per year. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that this request could not be supported.

It was suggested the Memorial Hall fund these requests from the recent donation from LCC.

Cllr G Marshall suggested that funding from external sources is available and would research and include the information in the response to Nita Duff.

15.2 Correspondence has been received from a member of the public regarding the provision of an end of year financial statement, and comments regarding minutes of meetings.

Action: Chair to craft a response and have reviewed by OVW prior to posting.

16. Questions to the Chair

Cllr A Jones brought blocked drains in the Village and on the main road to the attention of the meeting. Cllr G Thomas suggested the specific drains to be identified and reported.

Action: Cllr A Jones and G Marshall to inspect the drains and report to Cllr Thomas to report the issue to PCC.

An anonymous suggestion has been left in the suggestion box. As suggestions must be signed this was not actioned.

To confirm date of the next meeting, **27th September at 7.30pm**

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