

## Cygnor Bro Llanfechain Community Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
at Llanfechain Memorial Hall

### Present:

Cllr G Marshall (Chair)  
Cllr B Ellis (Vice Chair)  
Cllr A Jones  
Cllr G Jones  
Cllr I Jones  
Cllr S Marshall

Apologies:  
Cllr A Whitmore

Members of the public: 2

### In attendance:

Lindsey Richards – Clerk to the Council

#### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Whitmore unable to attend due to family celebration. Apologies were also received from County Cllr Thomas.

#### 2. **Public Observer Statement**

The public observer statement was read out by the Chair.

#### 3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None declared.

#### 4. **To Propose and Agree Budget for 2018/19**

Cllr S Marshall gave a brief update on the cluster situation relevant to approaching the budget for 2018/19 following the resignation of the Cluster Secretary which had given Llanfechain Community Council cause for concern. A further update to be provided at the next scheduled meeting on 25<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime however the budget should be approached assuming the cluster will go ahead from 1 April 2018.

Councillors spent time considering the proposed budget and there was some general discussion around the cluster, the playground project and donations. Councillors also discussed and agreed areas where savings could be made in the budget in consideration of the precept. Councillors agreed reductions to councillor training, repairs, the website and all donations and to defer support for the playground project. Overall budget confirmed post meeting as £14442.50 including reserve.

Proposed: Cllr I Jones; seconded Cllr S Marshall. All agreed

Cllr G Marshall raised the issue of donations, that requests for donations should detail what the monies would be spent on and the benefits to the village. The Donations Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to put donations on the next agenda

#### 5. **To Propose and Agree the Precept Requirement for 2018/2019**

The Chair reported that since council had both used up a lot of its reserves and taken

on commitment to the Cluster, whilst council members had agreed areas to make cost savings, the precept would still need to be raised. An appropriate precept of £10000 was proposed by Cllr I Jones and seconded by Cllr S Marshall. All agreed.

**ACTION:** Clerk to put in precept request to Powys County Council. Cllr G Marshall to write piece for the next newsletter about the budget and rise in the precept.

**6. Subject Access Request**

The Chair reported that a Subject Access Request received by the council had been responded to following advice from Audit Office Wales and the Data Protection Office at Powys County Council. The Chair is seeking advice as to whether the Council should have Data Protection Registration.

**7. Planning Application – Telecommunications Mast and Equipment at Pen Y Parc Mawr**

Councillors did not have any comments about the planning application and therefore no objections would be raised.

The Clerk advised that a further planning application had been received that day which would be circulated to councillors. Since the deadline for comments is 25<sup>th</sup> January and therefore too late for the next scheduled meeting, councillors were asked to consider the application and forward any comments to the Clerk by 10<sup>th</sup> January. If any comments were received a further meeting would need to be convened before the next scheduled meeting. In the meantime the letter containing details of the application would be placed on the council noticeboard and website.

**ACTION:** All

**8. Consultation Severn Trent Water and Dee Valley Water**

Councillors did not have any comments to make on the consultation. Individuals can respond and this information has been posted on [llanfechain.org.uk](http://llanfechain.org.uk)

**Date of next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

Approved by Council as a correct record:

Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_