

LLANSTEFFAN AND LLANYBRI COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN LLANYBRI COMMUNITY HALL

17th October 2016

Chair Councillor E Davies (Chair)
Present Councillors G Howells (Vice Chair), D Hunter, DB Davies, C Jones, B Charles, M James, B Ryder & S Taylor
Apologies Councillor A Cooper
Clerk M Phillips-Rees

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS

The Monthly Register was circulated and interests in agenda items were disclosed.

2. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th September

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The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September were confirmed and signed as a true record, No with correction to spelling.

3. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

High Street Llansteffan & traffic speeds

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The County Traffic Management Officer had sought the Council's permission to organize a meeting with Sergeant Price, Dyfed-Powys Police, with a view to establishing a Community Speedwatch Initiative. To be itemised on October agenda.

Japanese Knotweed below sea wall

Technical Services had agreed to spray the Japanese Knotweed in September.

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Llanybri playground

It was agreed that a bin is needed in Parc Adrian, before it is placed there it is necessary to check whether the council will collect from that location.

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Well Being Conference

Cllr Hunter had attended the conference and gave a brief report.

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4. Asset Transfer of Parks & Playgrounds – Jonathan Fearn & Emily Thomas CCC

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The Chair welcomed Mr J Fearn and Miss E Thomas attended the meeting from CCC, to discuss the Council's intention of giving Community Councils the opportunity to transfer CCC assets to the Community Council. Llanybri and Llansteffan CC have not expressed an interest in adopting the beach playground. The Community Council feel that the beach playground has a tourism impact and its use is predominantly that of visitors to the area. The CC are already responsible for the playground by the Morfa, Llansteffan and now Parc Adrian, Llanybri. Cllr C Jones explained that the CC's decision has not changed,

J Fearn expressed his concerns that the CC has not expressed an interest in adopting the park, as due to budget cuts within CCC the County Council will cease to maintain the playground after Summer 2017. J Fearn explained that if the CC did decide to adopt the playground then CCC will make 2x maintenance costs (£365) + £2000. If the CC does not accept the playground then CCC will maintain the playground, either by removing items as they decline or removing all of the equipment at the same time. **Timeline – March 2017 consult on the facilities through consultation process.**

Cllr G Howells expressed his concerns regarding the standard of the equipment that is currently in the playground, and emphasised that CCC does not recognise the tourism impact

of the playground and its requirements and their requirements to ensure facilities are available. Cllr B Charles suggested that an independent inspection was carried out and the CC has a copy of the findings.

Discussion was held on what were the options, albeit limited and also whether the CC could discuss this with other organisations in the area and assess their interest in adopting this playground.

J Fearn and E Thomas left the meeting at 7:45

5.Council Committees, Standing Orders & delegated powers

A discussion was held regarding the need to delegate powers when issues arise, and whether it was necessary to delegate to a small number of Councillors. 281

Resolution: Cllr C Jones proposed that things remain as they are and discuss if a contentious issue arises, Seconded by Cllr M James.

6.Llanybri defibrillator

Cllr B Charles provided an update regarding the housing of the defibrillator for Llanybri. Mr Ben Roscoe is willing for the defibrillator to be placed on the wall of the Farmers Arms and Mr Wayne Rees is willing to wire the box. The box will cost £400-£450. Sources of finance need to be sought to finance the cost of the box for the defibrillator. 282

7. Community Speedwatch Initiative

Nothing has been received on this item, therefore it will be placed on the Agenda for the November meeting. 283

8. Noticeboard in Morfa Bach

The Clerk had been contacted by the resident of the house where the CC's Notice board is located, she shared her views that the noticeboard should not be located on her wall, and they are in the process of completing work on the house and therefore require the noticeboard to be removed. A discussion was held by the members, they felt that the noticeboard had been in situ for a very long time and that it is necessary in order to perform a valuable service to that area of the Community. 284

Action: The Clerk is to write a letter covering the following points:

- i) Disappointment to the attitude ii) Legal right for it to be there iii) Consideration to limiting what is place on the board iv) Ensure that the board has not been damaged

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9. Dog fouling

Cllr C Jones brought to the attention of the Council the information received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the number of fines that have been enforced regarding dog fouling in Llansteffan. In total, during the last 5 years a total of 3 owners have been prosecuted. This led to a discussion on the level of dog fouling in the area.

Action: The Clerk is to write to the Dog/Dog Fouling Enforcement department and request advice and suggestions on what the CC can do in respect of this problem.

10.Feasibility study

Nothing has been received on this item, therefore it will be placed on the Agenda for the November meeting.

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9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr D Davies noted that the walkers sign by the junction of Llwyn Gwyn has been damaged, and that it needs to be fixed, he has also contacted the Council regarding other signs that need attention. Cllr Davies has also referred the homeless lady to the relevant organisation and it seems that she has left the area. 287

Cllr Davies has looked into the current situation of the Pheasantry, the land transfer has not happened and CCC are unable to get involved as this is a private matter. **Action: It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the solicitor, Edward Harris to receive an update regarding the agreement.**

10. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORTS

Morfa Llansteffan Playground

Minor paintwork remained outstanding. There needs to be a final cut, which hopefully will also mean a general tidy up. 288
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Carrier's Lane

The County Rangers need to be contacted to sweep the path after they have completed the last cut of the verges. The hedge has been cut and not to a satisfactory standard, it needs to be considered whether there is a long term plan for the hedge due to the proposed development on Carriers Field. 290

Croft

The damaged wooden planks at the lower end of the path have been repaired. Both bins are empty. The flower pots by the seats remain in flower and clear of dog fouling. 291

Headland Path

Some areas of the path had muddy sections and bramble and branch encroachment hindered safe access for walkers. The falling leaves are beginning to fill the gutters. The lifebelt installations were viewed as complete although, it was an external inspection only. 292

Hen Gapel

The buddleia on the pine end wall would be removed when weather allowed.

Parc Adrian Sharp

It was reported that weeds were growing through adjacent to the flat seat swing. This needs to be monitored. Cllr B Charles expressed his disappointment in the lack of consultation by Sunshine Playgrounds, with the installation of posts and then the immediate removal due to a manufacturing problem. It is imperative that they give prior warning if the park needs to be closed. 293
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11. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS, BANK RECONCILIATION & BUDGET PERFORMANCE**Resolved**

i) That the following accounts be approved for payment:

NAME	DETAILS	AMOUNT
M Phillips-Rees	Salary	637.92
SE Dutch	Gratuity (see note below)	1533.00
Pro Print	Photocopying	6.72
M Phillips-Rees	Expenses	46.44
TOTAL:		2224.08

GRATUITY (Extract from ex-clerk's Contract of Employment)

"An amount equal to 3.75% of salary will be deposited monthly in a secure fund from the commencement date following your appointment. The accumulated fund will be paid in total on termination of employment subject to completion of 5 years continuous satisfactory service prior to the termination date, or upon your death to the nominated next of kin."

Listed in Budget 2016-17: Increase by £342 to £1533 (3.75% of salary of £9128 – 15 hrs/wk)

INCOME RECEIVED SINCE
LAST MEETING

Bank Interest

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE 200.00

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE

30th September 2016 23,243.12

ii) **Confirmation of the Eynon Trust donation towards Wharley Point Footpath legal fees be confirmed at the October meeting.**

EYNON TRUST DONATIONS:

18.02.14 = £5,000

16.04.14 = £4,000 Total = £9,000

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EDWARD HARRIS LEGAL FEES PAID TO-DATE (excl. VAT which is reclaimed):

17.02.14 = £4166.67

14.04.14 = £2578.60

18.05.15 = £399.00

14.12.15 = £483.00 Total = £7627.27

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FUNDS REMAINING FROM EYNON TRUST DONATIONS:

£9,000 - £7627.27 = £1372.73

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The Clerk expressed her concern regarding the situation with the bank information details. Cllr C Jones expressed her concerns as she had personally taken a letter regarding change of personnel, Clerk is to visit local branch and contact the SLCC.

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12. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

1. Eluned Morgan
2. 2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies In Wales – Agenda Nov?
3. Centenary Fields
4. RABI – Financial assistance
5. CCC Infrastructure Levy Process
6. OVW Training Schedule
7. Training Bursary in Wales
8. Seasonal decorations
9. Western Power
10. Changes to refuse and recycling collection
11. Seat catalogue
12. Written statement from Lesley Griffiths – Nitrate Pollution
13. Oil spill on A48
14. Public consultation Dyfed Powys
- Action – Clerk to send electronically to members**
15. Sample Maintenance staff contracts of employment
- Action – Clerk to put this on the agenda for the November meeting.**
16. Rat issues
17. Hen Gapel management agreement
18. Glan Y Mor disability access paving's
19. Community energy
20. OVW Annual report
21. OVW Infrastructure Commission

22. OVW – Keynote speech Mark Drakeford

23. Welsh treasury news

24. Chairing skills

25. Grants

NFU/Greggs Foundation

Action – share this email with Cllr Brian Charles.

26. Peter Bartlett – Excessive speed

Action – Clerk to contact John McEvoy for advice and the possibility of a site visit.

27. Llansteffan Sports Club

Action – Clerk to write a letter explaining that all the matters raised are being dealt with and the CC is liaising with the appropriate authorities. Also this matter is to be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

28. Llansteffan beach toilet block

No response has been received regarding the site visit

13. PLANNING MATTERS

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There were no planning matters for consideration during this meeting.

14. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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- Concerns were raised regarding Ferry Farm Woods, Allt y Brain Woods and Plas Hill.
- The logo illustration was discussed and needs to be amended.
- Llansteffan Hall fees have increased..
- The Hall ‘Book Sale’ has been cancelled.
- Road sign at Down Farm, Llanybri junction required re-fixing, and still has not been completed
- Sunken drain by Farmer’s Arms Llanybri still represented a health and safety issue – this matter has still not been remedied.
- Grass bank in front of Maesolbri Llanybri had still not been mown – CCC has changed the workers plans and they are no longer cutting this bank.
- There will be filming in Towy Boat Club Tuesday to Thursday this week.
- Congratulations to member of the Towy Boat Club who are representing GB.
- There was a considerable amount of mud on the road by Ferry Farm whilst the lower fields were being harvested.
- Signs at the bottom of Carriers Lane

The meeting closed at 21.40.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 12th December at 7 pm in Llanybri Community Hall

Signed..... Chairman/Vice Chairman Date

