

Cyngor Bro LLANBRYNMAIR Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 7th June 2023.

Present

Councillors - E Davies (Chairman), F Cauley, R Ashton, T P Jones, D Jones, E Lewis, I Edwards, S Evans, G Davies and Cllr G Mitchell (Powys)

Apologies – B Jones and G Mitchell (Powys)

The Chairman, E Davies, extended a warm welcome to all

Presentations - Matthew Whitehead, Fountains Forestry gave an update on the work to extract timber from the land above Blaen y Cwm. 44 tonne lorries will begin movement on the 15th of July. They will keep clear of school bus times and E Lewis asked if consideration could also be given to fishermen travelling to Lake Gwyddior. There are concerns about use of a new layby. Several Fountain Forestry representatives will be travelling up and down the road every day and will be keeping a close eye on the conditions of the road. Matthew will contact the Clerk if there are any developments whilst also keeping in close touch with the residents affected by the works. Matthew would like to come and meet the council again in a couple of months. S Reast to write a notice for the public to help manage expectations and understanding

Declarations of interest – None

Approving minutes of previous meeting held on 5th of April and the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th of May 2023

Everyone in agreement

Matters arising

1. Business rates for Car Park - R Ashton had discussed the matter with a friend who is a solicitor but she could not shed any further light other than to suggest the Council try to negotiate the price. The Clerk explained that the bill is calculated using a specific formula. It was agreed that the Clerk would attempt one more letter to the VOA
2. Car parking in Llan village - F Cauley has visited nearby residents to listen to their concerns and wishes. It was agreed that the Gardening Club would tidy the greenery to some extent and consider the placing of a notice board and maybe a bench at some point in the future. It is possible that some fine chippings will be needed in some of the more uneven patches
3. Request for cycle path around the Community Field - S Reast to press for the tree survey in order to move matters along
4. Proposal to re-open the railway station in Llanbrynmair - The Cambrian Transport Liaison Committee report was presented in which there was an update about the Carno case stating that the Welsh Government would be issuing updates in the next month
5. Public toilets - S Reast has discussed motion sensors with Becky Rowlands. It was agreed that there was no need to keep the outside lights on as there is a street light nearby in the car park. S Reast to ask Mark Shelley to look at the work that needs doing in the ladies' toilets again

6. Noticeboards - No update
7. Defibrillator equipment in the Llanbrynmair area - The owner of the garage in Bont has decided not to sell his building for now so the defibrillator can stay where it is for the time being. I Edwards to research cost of setting up a new defibrillator in the old phone box in Tafolwern
8. Consider new equipment for the Playground - There needs to be some swings for toddlers as well as older children. S Reast to order some urgently and to transfer their cost to the Wind Farm Trust
9. Training Plan and Annual Report – There had been some technical difficulties with the Planning Aid Wales training session. S Reast to query the invoice before paying. F Cauley would like to do the Code of Conduct training
10. Hedge beside Tyrpeg in Talerddig – No update. S Reast to contact the owner again
11. BT cable down by Bont crossroad – The cable has been tied to the fence for now. G Davies mentioned that a similar problem exists near the Wig
12. Hedges by Pont Bel – The exact location of overgrowth was noted on a map for the Clerk to present to Network Rail
13. Turning Pandy lane in Bont into a one way road – A quote was presented for 2 signs 'Araf / Slow' by Aztec Print - £40.00 each + VAT
14. Light in Llan – Powys County Council have confirmed that a new light will be installed sometime in the next two years. There was some confusion about the exact location of the light. S Reast to enquire again. F Cauley to ask about the light timing
15. Dog poo bins – A letter from PCC was presented saying that they would not be installing new dog poo bins in the area. S Reast to ask Cemmaes Road Clerk how they came to have some in their area
16. Sewage in the river – S Reast and G Mitchell are co-ordinating a meeting with Dŵr Cymru
17. Concealed entrance, Maes yr Efail – S Reast to discuss with nearby residents
18. Verges in Bont – No update
19. Tenders for cutting grass in playground – It was agreed that weed killer should not be used in the park. S Reast has been talking to the contractors in order to build good relations. S Reast to push for a price for bark chippings again
20. Presentation by Beryl Vaughan, Budget Committee, Urdd Eisteddfod 2024 – A budget was presented which demonstrated that there is a shortage of funds in this financial year. It was agreed to postpone a decision until later in the year and see what may then be available. E Davies gave an update on various events being organised to raise funds
21. Station House, Talerddig – There will be a meeting with Children's Services on site on the 1st of August at 2.00pm. I Edwards, P Jones, D Jones, S Evans and F Cauley to attend
22. Graffiti on Pont Brics – Network Rail are organising cleaning work
23. Cutting the grass between Wynnstay and the farm – R Ashton to have a word with the farmer
24. Willow tunnel needs more bark chippings – S Reast is waiting for a price from Andrew Evans Landscapes
25. Plas Llwyn Owen little Cilyn building on the corner of Pandy road (Bont) – S Reast to write to the owners asking for their thoughts on the safety of the floor which is rotting in the case of someone trying to enter out of curiosity
26. Glandŵr fence – No update

Road matters

- White lines by Yr Efail and Bryncoch – No update. S Reast to enquire again

- White stones on the edge of Pandy lane – These should have been removed
- Speed of traffic past the school – S Reast to write to Russel George MS
- Speed of traffic from main road into the village – S Reast to write to Russel George MS
- Trees in front of Blaen y Cwm – restricted passing space. This was discussed with Matthew Whitehead at the start of the meeting. Powys County Council are not going to allow further passing places to be built

Written and verbal report from Cllr Gary Mitchell (Cyngor Sir Powys) – written report presented in G Mitchell’s absence

Correspondence

- Report on planning strategy by Cllr. Jake Berriman PCC
- Environment and nature – Powys Town and Community Councils, 14th June in the Pavillion, Llandrindod. S Reast and F Cauley to attend

Planning

- 23/0804/REM | Section 73 application to remove condition no. 9 attached to planning approval M/2001/1101 (holiday restriction) | Sawmill Studio Pennant Llanbrynmair Powys SY19 7BL – It was agreed to oppose the case by vote; P Jones proposed, R Ashton seconding and 3 additional votes. D Jones proposed to support the case with no seconding. It was felt that the rationale for the original planning restrictions was still relevant and the case for revoking it for the sake of selling alone would undermine the foundation of existing rules

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Bank balance and financial statement

There was no updated balance sheet as the Clerk had not received bank statements

Funding requests and financial payments

Date agreed	Item	Total	Cheque no.	Notes
07/06/23	Arfon Hughes Services	£165.00		
07/06/23	PHS Annual Fee	£844.27		
07/06/23	Contribution towards SSAFA (Charity for Armed Forces)			Refused after vote of 5:3 and one abstention
07/06/23	Planning Aid Wales – training costs	£115.50		S Reast to enquire as R Ashton was unable to attend due to technical difficulties
07/06/23	E.ON Next	£1145.11		S Reast to research why the bills are so high
07/06/23	Clerk’s salary	£368.00		
07/06/23	Tax and NI on	£92.00		

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07/06/23	Llanbrynmair Community Centre, Contribution towards costs	£372.02		It was agreed to transfer this to the Wind Farm Trust
07/06/23	Gloversure – web- site costs	£42.00		

Items for the next agenda

- F Cauley – Bins at the bottom of Bryneinty road
- F Cauley – Weed killer around sign posts
- I Edwards – Publication of minutes

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 5th July 2023

The following meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 2nd August 2023

Sarah Reast

Clerk to Llanbrynmair Community Council