

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 6th January 2021 at 7.30pm by electronic media.

Present:

Ms Jackie Williams JW

Mr Andrew Phillips AP

Mr Jason Palmer JP

Mr Charles De Winton CdeW(Chairperson)

Mr Ray Powell RP

Mr Gary Watkins GW

In attendance: Ms Sue Dale (Clerk) SD.

Welcome All.

Apologies: IM, TP.

- 1. Declarations of Interest.** None
- 2. Public Participation** Helen Lucocq of Brecon Beacons National Park Authority presented on "Future Beacons", their strategic policy document which can be found at www.beacons-npa.gov.uk. Helen was thanked for her presentation.
- 3. Minutes of the last meetings** The minutes of the meeting of 25th November 2021 were approved for signing.
- 4. Matters Arising** Debris which builds up on the road through Llanfrynach over time has been removed. Councillors were asked to look out for such accumulations in the future so that they can be removed before trees start to grow in them.
Tree planting to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee should be put on the agenda for next time.
- 5. Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall & Ty Bach** An Internet connection has been enabled at the Hall, with thanks to GW and JW. Thanks also to PK who project managed to refurbishment. Hall lettings are very busy.
Ty Bach's hand drier is broken, CDW to take a look.
- 6. Groesffordd Village Hall Management** A Councillor is looking at the bus service in Groesffordd, hoping to have it reinstated if he can document the interest of residents. A survey is to be conducted, with the help of GW. Council will help compile the questions for the survey.
Clerk to email a trustee at Groesffordd Village Hall.
- 7. Planning Application:** 21/20550/FUL – 1 Cantref. To make holiday accommodation. No objections.
21/20597/FUL – 6 School Row. Extension. No objections.
- 8. Powys County Council Matters** Bad weather is forecast.
The requests made after the last meeting have been met.
The local development plan is being rewritten, according to schedule.
- 9. Cheques, budget v actuals, donations and bank reconciliation for approval.**

- 01/02/2022 Clerks wage & stationery allowance	£432.60so
- 06/01/2022 Reimbursement of printing costs	£150.00

10. To consider and set a budget for 2022-23

£2500 worth of excess budget is to be used for election costs in May. Also £1000 from the new equipment budget to off-set the expenses for next year.

11. To consider and set the precept for 2022-23

The precept was fixed at £11,000, accommodating the £2500 allowance for the elections expenses. And the additional £1000. This is a decrease of £2,000 from the precept for 2021-22 (£13000).

12. To consider requests from residents to support children's Christmas parties in the ward. Council requires a modest grant to be set aside next year. It was agreed that modest receipted expenditure would be reimbursed this year.

13. An ecological policy has been drafted by GW. To be discussed and the policy adopted. The policy was adopted, GW was thanked for his work. An annual review of the policy should take place in January 2023. Clerk and GW.

14. Brecon Beacons Park Authority are consulting on their draft management plan "Future Beacons". To be discussed and action agreed. The document details the many challenges to the Park. The greatest of which are climate change and pollution. It sets out how the needed change may be accomplished. By involving the residents and visitors to the park in a long process of cooperation. The Community Council invited the officer back in May/June. The executive summary of "Future Beacons" can be found at www.beacons-npa.gov.uk.

15. The Council's meetings are now, by law, hybrid. They must be face to face and electronically presented. However Welsh Governemtn has issued new instructions, due to covid, forbidding meetings of more than 6 persons in public premises. This meeting and subsequent meeting will be under the new instruction and will be held electronically until the welsh government changes the instruction. (For information only)

16. The Chairperson's letter to residents has been published at a cost of £150. Items from Lechfaen, Cantref, Llanfrynach and Groesffordd/Llanhamlach were included. Thanks to Helen, Julia and Jackie particularly. The letter was delivered to residents by councillors.

17. The bus services to Groesffordd and Llanfrynach are under consideration by the Community Council. A survey of residents views is to be undertaken. To be discussed and action agreed. Questions are to be sent to the Clerk for circulation. Groesffordd is to be surveyed first then Llanfrynach. Councillors remarked that the 6pm bus from Brecon to Llanfrynach has been halted, they would like to understand why. No further discussion is needed until the Groesffordd results are ready to be looked at.

18. Any Other Business (to be used to pass on information only)

-The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

- Tree planting

- grant for tree planting from Powys County Council.

The phosphate pollution issue will further delay the "White Swan". One of the Community Councillors will speak to the owner.

Date of next meeting is Thursday 17th February 2022. Venue to be announced.

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 21.04pm