

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 26th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Village Hall.

Present:

Mr Thomas Jones **TJ**
Mr Tony Hamnett **AT**
Mr Ray Powell **RP**

Mr Bill Burrows **BB**
Mr Ian Matthews **IM**
Mr Charles De Winton **CdeW**

In attendance: Ms Sue Dale (Clerk) **SD**

1. **Apologies.** Ms Heather Hornung **HH**, County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick **LF**
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None
3. **Public Participation.** None
4. **Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters Arising** Broadband – it seems that more than one organisation is offering a 10 megabyte package.

There is one application for designated disabled parking in progress.

Amended Standing Orders, Complaints Policy and Code of Conduct have been circulated, for preparation for approval at the next meeting.

6. **Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall and Ty Bach** Some work on the toilet refurbishment has been completed but there is a query over it. The Community Council will consider a request a sweeper machine to clean the village – particularly outside the community hall. To be put on the agenda for December. **SD**

7. **Groesffordd Hall Management**

There has been a Trustees' meeting (held every 6 months). They are continuing with the extension for extra storage space. An architect has commented on the design. The Trustees were hoping for a continuous design but current advice indicates a stepped design might be favoured by the planning officers. The Trustees may seek further free advice from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

Current Account £6846.54

Savings Account £9026.72

Income is at £2145.50

Grass and hedge cutting has been exceptionally well done this year. The contractor is interested in continuing his work. He has also been asked for a quotation for cutting the grass in the whole village in the event Powys devolve that duty to the Community Council. The Clerk to approach Powys County Council for current costings. **SD**

8. Flood Risk Management

The Community Council would like to buy a gift for the person who put the block stone into position. This to come out of the Chairman's allowance. *SD, CdeW*

9. Traffic Safety

A former Community Councillor's report on the matter is as follows: Due to the ongoing delays since the inept WG consultation on the Llanhamlach local speed limit, having talked to other Llanhamlach objectors, I took the opportunity of the WG's 'Carwyn Connect' open meeting at Theatr Brycheiniog on 12 October to question the First Minister about the ongoing delays in implementation of all three local Trunk Road speed limits around Brecon - for the CC this includes Llanhamlach and Nant Ddu. I believe my emailed question, copied to you, dated 11 October was forwarded to Councillors. The First Minister was well informed in his answer, which had an air of apology, and he said implementation would be 'soon'. I won't repeat the banter but this was good natured. I asked him to write to me so I could inform others, and a copy of the First Minister's letter is attached. Can you pass this on to Nant Ddu residents? I'm sure the First Minister's involvement will give the village further leverage should delays in implementation continue.

Our request for a lengthened 50mph zone is likely to be upheld, and that the WG is also in the process of actioning the request for proper signage at the two crossings of the central A40 reservation near Millbrook.

Needless to say Llanhamlach residents were frustrated with the WG / Trunk Roads Agency's quick over-the-top action on installing the permanent looking 30mph speed restriction signs at Scethrog and the Kestrel Inn. This was to protect their own backs should the poor road surface have caused an accident. As the CC probably knows, the WG has a Temporary Order to control / reroute traffic on the A40 over this stretch from 7 to 17 November so as to carry out the road surfacing.

A Nant Ddu resident has written to Ken Skates (Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills) about the 50 mile per hour speed restrictions to be placed on the A40 – to request that they be reduced to 40 mile per hour. Community Councillors, although sympathetic, were concerned that it had taken 2 years to establish the 50 mile an hour limit and further requests may delay the implementation of

the 50 mile an hour limits. The First Minister has written that the speed restrictions should be installed in early 2018.

A470 – A resident has written to a community councillor requesting when the date of the speed restrictions at Nant Ddu, on the A470, come into place. TJ to liaise.

C96 – The speed strips are not in place between Groesffordd and Llangorse. The Community Council wishes to send a gentle prompt to the County Councillor, who is also Portfolio Holder for Highways. SD

10. Large vehicles are getting stuck between PenyRheol and the turning to Pentwyn Farm. To be discussed and action agreed.

In order to prevent these occurrences the community council needs to request a sign to indicate the unsuitability of the lane for large vehicles (over 6 ft wide). SD, TJ to provide map references.

11. Garages and allotments at Groesffordd, to discuss the possibility of the Community Council taking over the management of this facility from Powys County Council.

Powys County Council has recently notified licensees that rent for the facility may be due for the past 6 years. The Community Council is keen to take the facility on and to that end have asked the appropriate officer for details of the licences. SD to check registration of the land and to renew the Council's request for details.

12. Planning Application 17/15048/FUL – Glan Menascin. No objections.

13. Co-option of candidates onto the Community Council. Only one candidate had come forward, CdeW proposed her selection and IM seconded. All were in favour.

14. Newsletter preparation. The aim is to produce a newsletter in time for Christmas. Liaise with the new editor. SD

15. Update to Lechfaen well repair. No further expense has been incurred, but the work continues to clear the area of brambles etc. The Community Council wishes to commend all those involved for an excellent piece of work for the community.

16. Conservation area – action plan development from the outcome of the public meeting. About 40 people came to Llanfrynach and Cantref village hall to see the presentation by Planning Officers and to discuss the issues with members of the Community Council and the County Councillor. No-one was in favour of the proposed conservation area and many were against it.

SD - to request further information from the Brecon Beacons National Parks Authority (BBNPA) about conservation areas.

- To ask the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Planning Officer for a meeting with Community Councillors and possibly the County Councillor,

to discuss the nature of conservation areas, what being in a conservation area means. SD to ask the County Councillor and the BBNPA.

- Put all on notice that Llanfrynach is not interested in becoming a conservation area, possibly lobbying BBNPA committee members. SD, IM CdeW and RP.

- Circulate the proposed map of the conservation area. SD

17. Vehicles' speed through Llanfrynach village is generally too high, to be discussed and action agreed. The buses are felt to go too quickly through the village. The Community Council will write to Stagecoach to remind them of the speed limit. SD

18. A letter of support for a resident wishing to change the use of her house to residential has been drafted for approval of the Community Council. If approved by email the letter can be sent to the resident for her use. SD

19. Arrangements for the Christmas dinner. To be held at the Three Horseshoes in the New Year.

20. Cheques signing

Clerk's Pay (standing order Oct)	£364.80
M Bramley for block stone	£739.85
Lechfaen Well refurbishment	£66.27
Charles de Winton (grass cutting)	£500.00

21. Finance Statement and budget considerations 2018/19.

£2300 for Councillors allowances, as directed by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) must be put into the budget for 2018-19. Donations must be applied for. Budget proposal to be discussed next meeting. SD

22. Powys County Council Matters None

23. Correspondence – noted and to be circulated. SD

Email: Independent Review Panel on the role of community councils.

Email: Independent Remuneration Panel (Wales)- Draft Annual Report.

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

Find out if the email system is working as problems have been experienced.

SD

A resident of Groesffordd Park has observed that notices have appeared on parked cars in the vicinity. It is a small community and residents feel annoyed by the cars parked in the road.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 7th December 2017 at 7.30 pm in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.