

**Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council held at Lisburne Hall, Llanafan on  
Monday 2 July, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Cllr. T. Alwyn G. Davies (Chairman)**

**Cllr. P. Davies**

**Cllr. H.M. Evans**

**Cllr. Sh. Edwards**

**Cllr. J. George**

**Cllr. E. Lewis**

**Cllr. L.L. Owen**

**Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan**

**Cllr. M. Davies**

**Apologies**

**Cllr. A. Evans, Cllr. P. Bonner**

**Personal Matters**

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st May, 2018 were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting which was proposed by Cllr. C. Lloyd Morgan and seconded by Cllr. L. Owen.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Assets and Risk Assessment**

There were no matters arising.

**Sewerage at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Village**

There were no updates to report and it was decided to place the item on the agenda of the Community Council in due course for an update as the Community Council has contacted Welsh Water requesting a new sewerage system in the Village of Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn.

**Broadband within the Area**

It was reported that the Broadband Service continues to be a problem in some locations within the Community Council wards and it was resolved to make further contact with the Assembly Member and the Member of Parliament for Ceredigion to enquire about updates in regards to their campaign to obtain a better broadband service in Ceredigion in general as well as within the locality of Trawsgoed Community Council.

**Matters requiring the attention of the County Council**

**Flooding near New Cross on the C1052 road**

The situation persists with the item being kept on the agenda until the County Council takes action to resolve the problem of accumulating rain water causing flooding on a section of road.

**Proposed Street Lighting at Llanafan**

Arrangements are in hand to transfer the land in question to the ownership of the Community Council.

**Water Drains requiring attention within the area**

The following persists:

Water drains require emptying and clearing near to Minafon, Llanafan, near to Sarnau and also there is a problem of flooding rain water on the road between Minffordd, New Cross and Abermagwr.

There are large pot holes in the road on Hari Hill, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn as well as deep potholes near to Blaenmagwr and Brynmagwr. A new pot hole has appeared between Cynon Villa and Glanyrafon.

The water drain near to the entrance to Llwynbrain Farm has fallen in deeper and requires urgent attention.

**Road Markings**

Road markings within the area are still in need of re-painting.

**Maesyfelin Playing Field Association**

The Clerk referred that she had no update to report other than she was awaiting to receive the lease for signing. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Officers of Ceredigion County Council to enquire when the Community Council could expect to receive the lease for signing.

**The following issues continue and require urgent attention of the County Council:**

When joining the B4340 opposite New Cross Pub visibility is difficult as the hedge on the left hand side needs cutting back.

Opposite to Brynhyfryd, Cnwch Coch the tarmac has become loose on the road side where rain water accumulates and runs into the nearby field causing damage to the path.

Near to Cwmseiri on the A4120 visibility is impaired when turning in and out of the junction as branches are growing onto the road on the bend. The Clerk to make further contact with the County Council drawing further attention to the situation.

There is a hedge that requires cutting back in the Llanafan, near to the signage for Brynafan.

Japanese Knotweed – further contact to be undertaken with the County Council to report the problem once more.

Pot hole on the Road near to Dan y Wenallt, Llanafan: the deep pot hole remains a danger to the public, needing urgent attention.

**Road leading from Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn to Trisant**

It was reported that the condition of the road is deteriorating with several deep holes that need urgent attention including a deep pot hole near to the junction near to Trisant.

Reference was made to a water drain near to the property of Penbanc on this section of road that has overflowed. Discussion took place that this is a historical problem which requires a larger drainage pipe. The Clerk to contact the County Council to discuss the issue.

Water accumulating across the road leading from Llanafan towards Brynafan as the ditches have overflowed.

Grass is growing in the middle of the road which causes damage to the road surface on the road leading from Llanafan towards Troedrihwfelen passed the Chapel as well as near to Pencwmlydan, Brynafan.

Blocked ditch between Abertrinant and Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn.

Hill towards Brynafan: Rain water flows from the forestry area at Pant yr Hirion, accumulating across the road. A request to be made to the County Council to clear the ditch so that the rain water flows away.

Public Footpath at Awel y Bryn, Llanafan

The need remains for a hand rail on a section of the public footpath.

Llanafan Bridge, the footpath is eroding in places and needs attention.

Remedial work is needed on the wooden hand rails between Rest and Bont Fach and the roadside is eroding in sections between Bontgarreg and Bont Fach.

The problem persists in Cnwch Coch where residents are still not receiving a supply of recycling bags when requesting during the weekly refuse collection.

It was understood that recycling and black bin bags are not being regularly collected near to Celt and Trawsgoed Bridge. The Clerk to draw the attention of the County Council to the situation of the above matters as well as the following items:

The road passing Capel Cynon towards the Hill towards Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn requires urgent attention due to large pot holes across numerous sections of the road as well as the road surface rising in places.

The Clerk to contact the County Council drawing attention that the flashing warning lights outside Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School are coming on at different times of the day and night and need resetting.

### **Speed limit signs**

The speed limit signs indicating 30 m.p.h. at Frondeg bank towards Lanafan as well as near Minffordd towards Brynafan need replacing as they have become faded.

### **Renewal of a Roadside Fens**

On the B4340 near to Pont Hopkins on the right hand side from Llanafan junction the roadside fens has fallen resulting in a steep slope to the river if a vehicle or those on foot happen to go off the roadside. A request to be sent to the County Council to ensure that the site is made safe as a matter of urgency.

**Salt Bin**

The Clerk to make further contact with the County Council asking for the possibility of placing a new salt bin at the bottom of Sarnau Hill as well as a new bin in the location near to Penffordd, New Cross, Aberystwyth where rain water accumulates and freezes causing dangerous driving conditions to the public.

**Trees needing attention**

Reference was made to an oak tree that needs felling in Llanafan before it falls and causes an injury.

**Trees leading from Llanafan Village towards the B4340**

There are numerous trees on the right hand side leading towards the B4340 from Llanafan Village that are leaning across the road and need cutting back. It was decided to keep an eye on the situation.

**Traffic Lights at New Cross**

Following recent inclement weather a section of the roadside and hedge has been washed away on the right hand side of the B4340 leading from New Cross Village and traffic lights have been situated at the location. It is understood that work will be undertaken in the Autumn.

**Trees in the area of Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn**

Reference was made to particular trees that require trimming back within the Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn area that makes driving conditions difficult. The Clerk to draw the attention of the County Council to the situation making a request that the owners of the trees are contacted to take necessary action.

**Financial Matters****Members' Allowance**

Discussion took place on correspondence received from One Voice Wales making reference to the document Guidelines on Governance and Accountability for Community Council whereby Members of the Community Council can decide if they are going to pay allowances to Councillors, which needs to be taken into account when deciding upon the precept allocation. Following discussion, it was unanimously resolved that Councillors would not be claiming financial allowances.

**Telephone Kiosk at Cnwch Coch**

At the meeting of the Community Council held on the 21st of February a request for financial donation was received from the residents of Cnwch Coch. At the time it was resolved that the Community Council could not make a donation until the residents had set up a constitutional committee. At the Community Council meeting held on the 2nd of April reference was made to the response from the residents noting that they would not be setting up a constitutional committee therefore withdrawing their request.

A further written request has now been received from the residents of Cnwch Coch stating that a constitutional committee has by now been set up and would like the Community Council to reconsider their request for financial donation towards the defibrillator at Cnwch Coch. The request was discussed and it was resolved to donate £50.00 towards the running costs of a defibrillator at Cnwch Coch.

The donation was proposed by Cllr. L. Owen and seconded by Cllr. Ceridwen Lloyd-Morgan.

### **Charles Arnold Publication**

The Clerk referred to communication received from Lexis Nexis, through One Voice Wales offering a 50% discount on the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Charles Arnold Baker Publication, at a cost of £53.00 plus £7.00 posting. It was proposed by Cllr. E. Lewis and seconded by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan to purchase the publication which is relevant to the Community Council orders and organisation.

### **Website**

An invoice was received from Technoleg Taliesin for the hosting service of the Community Council website up to 1/12/18 in the sum of £90.00 as well as an additional £15 each yearly domain costs of trawsgoed-council.wales and cyngor-trawsgoed.cymru. Total cost of £120.00 The payment of the invoice was made by Cllr. L. Owen and seconded by Cllr. Sh. Edwards.

### **Correspondence**

The Cinnamon Trust

Communication was received from The Cinnamon Trust, an organisation that are looking for volunteers within the area to assist in dog walking for elderly owners or those with medical needs. Posters for volunteers to be placed on notice boards.

### **Any Other Matter**

Discussion was undertaken of the need to cut road side foliage within the area. The Clerk to contact the County Council requesting that roadsides are cut back as a matter of urgency.

### **Condition of the River Bank at the woodland area between Abermagwr and Trawsgoed Bridge.**

Members' attention was drawn by a member of the public to the condition of the river bank at the woodland between Abermagwr and Trawsgoed Bridge. The river bank is eroding, with large sections of the bank having been washed away as well as some of the stone gabions that were in place. It was resolved to draw the attention of Ceredigion County Council and Natural Resources Wales to the situation.

### **Fly Tipping**

Reference was made to items of furniture that had been fly tipped between New Cross and Sarnau, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn. The Clerk to contact the County Council drawing attention to this fly tipping.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council is to be held on Monday 3rd September, 2018 at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn School at 7.30 p.m.