

**Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council held at Lisburne Hall on
Monday 16th May, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. Sh Edwards (Chairman)

Cllr. T.A.G. Davies

Cllr. A. Evans

Cllr. H.M. Evans

Cllr. J. George

Cllr. E. Lewis

Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan

Cllr. J.J. Powell

Cllr. L.L. Owen

Cllr. R. Jones

Apologies: Cllr.B. Jenkins

Personal Matters

No matters to report.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th April, 2016 were confirmed and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan and seconded by Cllr. J. Powell.

The Special Meeting held on 12th April 2016 was confirmed and accepted as a true record of the meeting. Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan proposed their correctness and this was seconded by Cllr. E. Lewis.

Matters arising from the minutes

Risk Assessment of Assets

No matters arising.

Sewerage at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn

No further update was received. The Clerk to contact the County Council for an update.

Action: The Clerk to contact the County Council.

Trees on the B4340 at Llechwedd Dyrys

Following the last meeting of the Community Council the land owner had carried out additional work on the site but it seems visible that not enough work has been undertaken to alleviate the problem and there is still a potential danger on site. Correspondence was received from Rob Duke, an officer within Ceredigion County Council informing in regards to the County Council and the perspective of road safety the landowner had carried out what was asked within the statutory notice that was issued. Rob Duke also noted that he had made an assessment of the site and he was satisfied that the remaining trees are no longer a danger to the public. It is noted that some of the trees that remain have, in the past been identified as dangerous by Rob Duke in site meetings with members of the Community Council. His response to this was that he had now been able to undertake a more detailed examination within the compound of the trees and not a visual examination as was done at the site meetings. The above was discussed at a Special Meeting of the Community Council on the 12th April and it was agreed at that meeting to invite Kevin Kirkland, Rob Duke's Line Manager to a site meeting with Community Councillors.

It was also agreed to organize an independent inspector to make a safety assessment of the trees.

The Clerk reported that she had received a response from Kevin Kirkland noting that he would not attend a site meeting as he had every faith in the decisions and advice given to the Community Council by Rob Duke. He also noted that Rob Duke would be keeping an eye on the situation regularly and taking action accordingly.

The above response was discussed and it was decided to record the dissatisfaction of the Community Council of the response and attitude of the County Council. It was also agreed that it was not appropriate to pay for an independent assessment as it would be a difficult situation in terms of access to private land to make an assessment.

It was agreed that reports in the Cambrian News and Y Ddolen should include a clear statement reassuring the public that community councillors had been acting on their behalf to do everything possible to solve the problem of dangerous trees at Llechwedd Dyrys. The report to include the steps taken over several years by members of the Community Council to try and obtain a resolution and get landowners to make safe the dangerous trees and the lack of cooperation of landowner and Ceredigion County Council and that there was nothing more that Community Councillors could do for public safety.

Broadband within the Area

No further information to report. It was agreed that the Clerk sends a strong letter to BT to inquire whether there are any developments, also sending a copy to Elin Jones A.M.

Matters need attention of the County Council

Water near New Cross

The accumulation of rain water at the said location is worsening.

The Clerk to contact the County Council to report on the situation and ask for work to be done as a matter of urgency.

Action: Clerk.

Ditch From Brenan i Lwynbrain

Action: The Clerk to contact the County Council as a matter of urgency noting that the situation is getting worse.

Web Site

A draft of the website was received from Nigel Callaghan. Community Councillors to look at the site and send comments to the Clerk.

Dolgwybedig Hill

It is understood that the work to be undertaken has been included in the County Council's work program for 2017. The Clerk to contact the County Council once again, referring that the condition of the road is deteriorating and needs urgent attention.

Action: Clerk.

Ffordd Uchaf Llanafan

No work undertaken on site as of yet.

Street Lighting opposite the Old Chapel in New Cross

The street lights are still not working and have been like that since February. It was agreed to make further contact with the County Council to express the Councillors' disappointment that the situation remains the same noting that members of the public are concerned about the lack of light.

Maes y Felin, Llanafan

No update. The Clerk to make contact with Tai Ceredigion and the relevant Police Officer for an update.

Financial Matters

The financial situation of the Community Council is noted as follows: £9,054.20 in the Current Account; £27.68 in the Playing Field account and £1,985.01 in the Savings Account.

Precept 2016/17

A sum of £4,500 was received in the bank on 30th April, 2016 from Ceredigion County Council.

Insurance

The Insurance renewal date is looming. It was resolved unanimously to renew with Zurich insurance and to sign up for a 5-year contract for a reduction in price. Insurance for the 2016/17 year would be £353.84. The payment was proposed by Cllr. A. Evans and seconded by Clr. L. Owen.

Ysgol Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn

An invoice was received from Mrs. M. Gwynne, Headteacher of Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Primary School for the use of the School for Community Council meetings from January 2015 to January 2016. Five meetings at £15.00 per meeting. Total of £75.00. It was resolved to pay the invoice with payment proposed by Cllr. J. Powell and seconded by Cllr. J. George.

Representing Wales in a Fishing Competition

A letter was received from Ifor Christie, Cnwch Coch and Steffan Rattray, New Cross asking for a financial donation from the Community Council. Both had been selected to represent their Country in a fishing competition in Ireland in August. Reference was made that there would be considerable cost to attend the competition and it was agreed to donate a sum of £50.00 to Ifor Christie and £50.00 to Steffan Rattray towards the cost of competing. The donation was proposed by Cllr. L. Owen and seconded by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan.

Maesyfelin Playground Association

A request for financial contribution towards running costs was receive from Maesyfelin Playground Association. It was resolved to donate a sum of £500 to the Association. Donation was proposed by Cllr. J. Powell and seconded by Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan.

Review of Post 16 Home to School/College Transport and Spare Seat Provision

Acknowledgment was received from Llanilar Community Council in response to the letter sent to them noting Trawsgoed Community Council's comments on the review.

The following communication was received:

Revised Code of Conduct for Members of Community Councils

A revised edition of the above was received from Ceredigion County Council which comes into force on 20th May, 2016. All members have received a copy via e-mail.

Annual General Meeting of Ceredigion County Council

An invitation to the Annual General Meeting of the County Council on 20th May, 2016 where a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council will be elected. Unfortunately, the date wasn't convenient to members of Trawsgoed Community Council and apologies to be sent.

Action: The Clerk.

Planning Application

New applications

County Councillor Rowland Jones refrained from discussions with regards to the following planning application:

Application Number A160375 Application to allow occupancy of the dwelling in breach of agricultural occupancy condition. Y Deri, Cnwch Coch, Aberystwyth.

Following discussion, it was decided that there were no objections to the application.

Action: The Clerk to respond as noted above.

Cnwch Coch Post Office

Correspondence from Neil F. Jenkins, Field Change Advisor, The Post Office updating the Community Council of the present situation following the closure of the Post Office at Cnwch Coch. In the letter received it notes that The Post Office are trying make arrangements for a mobile service to visit Cnwch Coch and also trying to find a local Postmaster that would be interested in the opportunity to provide the service within the community.

Following discussion, it was decided to receive the letter and respond that if it would be difficult to find a suitable location at Cnwch Coch to site the Mobile Post Office it is suggested that siting the Mobile Post Office at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn would be an alternative option. Although this was an alternative suggestion, members would like it noted that finding a suitable location at Cnwch Coch would be their first choice.

ANY OTHER MATTER**Wind Mill at Penuwch Fach**

It was inquired whether any new information had been received on the above but there was no further information available.

Church Wall at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn

It was reported that the river was eroding the Old Church Yard Wall at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn. It was decided that the Clerk contact the Rivers Authority to bring the problem to their attention asking for urgent attention to the halt the erosion.

Welsh Water and the connection to the Sewerage System at Llanafan

A productive meeting was held with authorities involved with the second phase of the Sewerage System at Llanafan on the 12th April, 2016. Arrangements seem to be running smoothly in regards to getting home owners to connect to the sewerage system after Welsh Water agreed to waive the fee for connecting to the lateral drain. It was noted that the persistence of the Community Council had been productive in ensuring fair and balance fees to the residence, noting that a scheme such as this cost a substantial amount of money and that if home owners would not agree to connect the scheme would have been fruitless.

Reference was made to two houses in particular in Llanafan which have been noted as 'non-duty properties' who should have been, in the opinion of the Community Council classed as 'duty properties' that is, houses that seem to be polluting the environment and at present have no adequate sewerage system. It is hoped that these two houses would have the same privileges to connect as the duty properties in order that they do not pollute the environment in future. Indeed, it is believed that one property owner themselves has noted that their property should be classed as a duty property and are willing to connect. The Clerk to contact relevant officers of Welsh Water and Environment Agency to note the need to change the designation of these two houses.

It was also noted that the road through Llanafan remained closed during the recent Elections, although Ceredigion County Council had make relevant arrangements to ensure the opening of the road but this information had not been relayed to the workmen at Llanafan to ensure that electors would be able to reach the Polling Station without having to take the alternative closure route. Once the workmen on site were made aware of the problem during the election morning they went out of their way to ensure that residents reach the Polling Booth in as convenient a manner as possible. Appreciation was shown how considerate the workmen have been during the previous weeks of local residence. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter of appreciation to the contractors on site at Llanafan.

The Clerk to also contact the Election Officer, Ceredigion County Council ensuring that the road would be open during the upcoming referendum on the 23rd May.

Salt bin at Cnwch Coch

The salt bin has not been replaced as of yet. The Clerk to contact Ceredigion County Council enquiring what is the time scale for replacing the broken salt bin.

Action: The Clerk.

Drain near Brynhyfryd, Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn.

No response or action has been taken with regards to repairing the drain. Community Councillors felt that this is a serious situation. This is an open drain which has been left with a large, deep hole whereby if a child or anybody else were to fall into it they could sustain serious injuries, if not worse. The Clerk to contact the County Council pleading that this drain be seen to as a matter of urgency.

Action: The Clerk to contact officers within Ceredigion County Council.

Consultation on various proposed changes to speed limits on County Roads in Ceredigion

Further to discussions and decisions made at the Special Meeting on 12th April, 2016 where the above was discussed a response was received from an officer of the County Council to the observations made by the Community Council for the proposals for a 20 m.p.h. speed limit through Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Village as noted below.

Near the School House – suggestion to extend the speed restriction to the top corner of the field above the Grange;

Response of the County Council:

The officer from the County Council didn't agree with these suggestions as there is insufficient room to place a pole at the said location.

Near to Dolau Ceunant – suggestion to extend the speed restriction further up the road as it was felt that the County Council's suggestion is too near the school entrance.

Response of the County Council:

The Officer disagreed with the suggestion, again as there was insufficient room to place a pole, but also felt that if the speed restrictions were to start on a piece of road that is away from residential houses it would be counterproductive as drivers would ignore the speed restrictions completely.

To the West of **Tanybryn** – It is noted that this piece of road is an unclassified road, therefore the speed restrictions should be started just under Caeglas.

Response of the County Council:

The County Council has reconsidered this location and will be amending the notice slightly to coincide with the above.

Following discussions, it was felt that it would be beneficial to invite Tom Delph-Janiurek to a site meeting at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn village to discuss the suggestions and responses.

Action: The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for a site meeting.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting is to be held on Monday 27th June at 7.30 p.m. at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Primary School.