

A meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 30th November 2023 at 7.30pm at Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

In attendance

Cllr. Jackie Williams (Chair), Cllr. Phil Kendrick, Cllr. Jason Palmer, Cllr. Hannah Jones, Cllr. Charles de Winton and Cllr. Gary Watkins.

Also In attendance:

County Councillor Raiff Devlin (part time) and Keren Bender, Clerk

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming and congratulating the newly elected County Councillor Raiff Devlin, who thanked everyone for the invitation Cllr. Raiff Devlin assured the Community Councillors that he would work with them on issues relevant to Powys CC. He did not have a report as he had only been elected the prior week. He asked if he could leave the meeting early as he has another engagement and said he would take any actions arising from the meeting, it was agreed the Clerk would email any actions to him.

1. Apologies for absence

All Councillors in attendance

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Williams, Kendrick and de-Winton on item 6.d Correspondence, request for funding.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes of the meeting on the 19th October 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

The accompanied Wicksteed Inspection of the playground has been arranged for the 2nd January 2024. Cllr de-Winton to accompany the inspector.

Action Cllr de-Winton

Cllr de Winton reported he had contacted Mark Phillips whose barn is being used to store the replacement notice board for Llechfean, and is working towards retrieving the notice board, which he will collect.

Action Cllr de Winton

Funding streams to purchase two wheelchair friendly picnic tables, one for each playground, no response as yet.

Matting has been delivered to Cllr Kendrick who will lay it end of winter early spring to allow the grass to grow through ready for mowing, also Clerk to order extra pegs.

Action Clerk

5. Public Participation - provision for members of the public to speak.

There were no members of the public in attendance

6. Correspondence

a. OVW- National Pay Agreement with reference to Clerks Salary.

It was agreed to support the National Pay Agreement, Clerk to inform Pavo, the payroll services provider.

Action Clerk

b. Welsh Air Ambulance funding request.

It was agreed to support the request with a £100 donation.

c. Cantref Sports Society- Request for grant of £100 towards Children's Christmas Party. It was agreed to support the request with a £100 donation.

d. Llanfrynach & Cantref Village Hall. - Request for grant of £100 towards Llanfrynach Kids & Grandkids Christmas Party. It was agreed to support the request with a £100 donation.

Action Clerk

7. Training

The Community Council is obliged to publish its training plans and report it as part of the Community Councils duties.

This will include a matrix of Councillor skills and qualifications and will evidence the Community Council is competent to manage its affairs.

The Clerk to send out OVW training dates and develop a matrix for agreement

Action Clerk.

The Chair and the Clerk had recently attended a Law Course and Cllrs. Phillips and Jones had attended the New Councillors Induction Course. Certificates to be forwarded to the Clerk.

Action Cllrs Phillips and Jones

8. Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall and Ty Bach update.

Regrettably the Chair reported that Mr. Steve Williams, a trustee of the Hall, had sadly passed away at the end of October, he worked tirelessly for the community and will be greatly missed. Nikki Dutfield is stepping down from Chair with John Pimm taking over the Chair until the next AGM.

Bookings are strong. No issues with Ty-Bach at this time.

The Bus Shelter lighting has been reported as faulty, Cllr Williams to contact Western Power.

Action Cllr Williams

9. Groesffordd Village Hall update.

No report available

10. To appoint a representative to sit on the Groesffordd Hall Board of Trustees.

A representative to sit on the Board of Trustees at Groesffordd Hall had not previously been appointed by the Community Council. It was proposed and seconded to appoint Cllr G Watkins. Clerk to inform Board of Trustees.

Action Clerk

11. Village Hall Grants

Both Village Halls have forwarded their accounts. Following a discussion, it was agreed not to award a grant to either Village Hall as they both had healthy funds in their accounts. However, the Community Council would be open to consider future request should their financial positions change or if a project was taken on and funding required. This would also mean that the Precept request would not be increased. Clerk to inform respective Hall Treasurers. It was also agreed to develop a policy to aid decisions on awarding grants, which in turn would be shared with organisations applying for grants.

Action Clerk

12. Planning Applications:

No Planning applications had been received.

13. County Councillor Report.

There were 2 issues raised that the Clerk would forward to County Councillor Devlin.

The village of Llanfrynach would benefit from a road sweeper.

There are a number of potholes causing concern throughout the ward.

Both issues to be raised with the Highways Department.

Action Clerk

14. Playground Equipment.

- a. The birds nest swing – DMC Phillips has been instructed to carry out the work he had quoted for and to forward the invoice on completion.
- b. The Junior swing is in a poor condition and will need to be addressed, however it is not in a dangerous state at this moment in time and is awaiting the Wicksteed inspection.

15. Financial Issues

a. Online Banking Update

Clerk to finalise with Lloyds Bank

b. Invoices and Payments for approval

Clerks salary and HMRC were reported.

The clerk had received an email from Pavo informing the Community Council that HMRC had sent a demand for outstanding overdue payments from 2017 of £102.21, it was agreed to settle the debt.

K.Bender - Cork tiles and adhesive £14.78

Dial-a-Ride – Donation -£100

Welsh Air Ambulance – Donation- £100

Sam Williams – Grass cutting- £300

K.Bender - Rubber Matting - £89.85

PAVO- Payroll Services Q2- £36

Llanfrynach& Cantref Village Hall- Kids & Grandkids Christmas Party - £100

Cantref Sports Society- Children’s Christmas Party- £100

All were approved for payment

c. Preliminary Budget to inform the Precept 2024/25

The Clerk went through a preliminary budget line by line with the previously year’s budget remaining the same with the exception of an increase in the Clerks salary, website maintenance and playground new /replacement equipment to include wheelchair friendly Picnic Tables.

Taking into account the estimated reserves in April 2024 it was agreed not to increase the Precept.

Precept Form for £12529 to be forwarded to Powys County Council.

Action Clerk

Date of next meeting will take place on Thursday January 4th 2024 at 7.30pm as a hybrid meeting at Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall