

The Ordinary Meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 16th January 2025 7.30pm at Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

In attendance

Cllr Jackie Williams-Chair, Cllr. Phil Kendrick, Cllr. Julia Phillip, and Cllr. Roger Seymour

Also In attendance:

County Councillor Raiff Devlin and Keren Bender, Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Charles de-Winton

There were no apologies received from Cllr. Jason Palmer, however, he had verbally indicated to the Clerk, he no longer wished to remain as Community Councillor.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes of the meeting on the 28th November 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

There had not been a response from the hand delivered letter of the 18th November 2024 to Mr Thomas concerning the Community Councils request for Mr Thomas to reinstate the boundary fence at Groesffordd playing fields.

The Clerk to send a registered letter to Mr Thomas requesting him to inform the Community Council by the 30th January 2025, when he will be in a position to re-instate the boundary fence.

Action Clerk

Following the Councillors decision to purchase backup spare defibrillator pads, to ensure going forward that the defibrillators sited at Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach and Llechfean, had spare pads. The Clerk and Chair would work together to determine the make and models of the Defibrillators prior to purchase.

Action Chair and Clerk

Picnic Bench - The assembled picnic bench is now in storage awaiting siting at Llanfrynach Children's Park when the weather allows.

Action Cllrs Kendrick and De Winton

Cllr Kendrick will adapt the Grant Form to formalise the conditions to apply for a grant and present it to the February Meeting.

Action Cllr. Kendrick

One Bird Box had been received to test if the 3 sites identified to site the Solar Panel WIFI Birdbox could pick up a WIFI signal. **Action Cllr Seymour**

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. Correspondence

Powys Local Bus Network Consultation

It was agreed to display the notice in bus stops, notice boards, facebook and the website, Clerk to photocopy the notice and forward to Cllr. Seymour. **Action Clerk**

Correspondence received from Welsh Air Ambulance expressing acknowledgement and thanks for the generous donation of £200

Correspondence received from Llanfrynach and Cantref Hall Committee expressing their thanks for the donation of £200 towards the Childrens Party stating over 20 children attended and had a great time, also that with events like this helps the community get together and new villagers to meet others.

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

It was reported that the Hall Committee had met on the 15th January 2025 and agreed the following events. Rugby from January through to March. Film night on the 16th February and the Sports and Fete on the 28th June.

8. Groesffordd Village Hall update.

Cllr. Kendrick, the Community Councils representative on the Groesffordd Board of Trustees, reported that due to a clash of meeting date with the Community Council meeting, he would forward any issues directly to the Board of Trustees.

9. Replacement Boundary Fence at Groesffordd

Concerns had been raised that the boundary fence at was in a poor state of repair. The Lease outlining the boundary has been forwarded to Cllrs Phillips and de Winton, who have walked the boundary at Groesffordd playing field to establish the length and type of replacement fence. Quotes are now being sought. **Action Cllr Phillips**

10. Highways Issues

An email had been sent to countryside@powys.gov.uk to report the Taff Trail sign at Walnut Square was not fit for purpose and requesting a site visit. Awaiting response.

Cllr. Phillips reported a number of potholes at Cantref, Cllr. Devlin agreed to work with her to identify the pothole locations and take the issue to the Highways Department.

Action Cllr Phillips and County Cllr Devlin.

11. Planning Applications:

25/23503/FUL and 25//23504/LBC, both applications referred to the part conversion of an agricultural barn into a holiday let at Manest Court, Llanhamlach LD3 7YD. There were no objections or concerns from Councillors.

12. County Councillor Report.

County Councillor Raif Devlin reported.

13. Playground Equipment.

There were no issues to report.

14. Wicksteed Inspection Report 2025

The inspection report was positive with only low or very low risks identified. Councillors will schedule work to eliminate all risks when the weather allows.

15. Website and Community Council Email Addresses Update

Cllr Seymour, who is leading this project, reported the website was now up and running and he was working on populating it, the clerk commented the website was easy to navigate and looked professional.

All Councillors have received instruction on how to setup their own councillor government Email account, Cllr Seymour volunteered to help any Councillor that was not familiar with setting up their new email account.

Action All Councillors

Cllr Seymour also reported that he was working on the Community Councils Facebook page and that the number of followers had risen from 18 to 52 as of the 16th January.

16. Councillor Recruitment Drive

It was agreed to discuss councillor recruitment in more detail in the February meeting, however, in the meantime the Clerk would forward a vacancy notice to Cllr. Seymour for inclusion on the website and the Facebook page.

Action Clerk & Cllr. Seymour

17. Initiate a strategy to involve residents in future plans

It was agreed to defer this item until the February Meeting

18. Spend against 2024/25 budget as of the 16th January 2025.

Budget Preparation 2025/26 to inform the Precept 2025/26

The Clerk had prepared the budget to date against expenditure along with a proposed budget for 2025/26. Councillors went through the proposed budget line by line and following questions of clarification made a few alterations. The budget for 2025/26 was agreed and set at £15167.00 and the precept at £12529.00. There was no increase in Precept from the previous year.

19. Financial Issues

a. Bank Balance

The Clerk reported the bank balance as of 16th January 2025 was 17059.34, which included the Precept of £4176 deposited on the 30th December 2024

b. Invoices and Payments for approval

Clerks Salary for January 2025 plus HMRC were reported.

Wales Audit Office – Audit Fees 2023/24 - £221

Parish Online – Web Design - £378

RSPB – Solar Panel WIFI Birdbox- £240

All were approved for payment

**Date of next meeting will take place on Thursday the 27th February 2025
at 7.30pm as a hybrid meeting in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall**