

The Ordinary Meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 7.30pm at Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

In attendance

Cllr. Jackie Williams (Chair), Cllr. Phil Kendrick, Cllr. Julia Phillip, Cllr. Charles de-Winton and Cllr. Roger Seymour

Also In attendance:

Keren Bender, Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

County Councillor Raiff Devlin

There were no apologies received from Cllr. Jason Palmer

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes of the meeting on the 5th September 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

Notice Boards have been received and installed by Rhys Powell, who has provided his invoice and the Keys. Clerk to get spare keys cut for the Church Minister to access the notice boards.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. Correspondence

No correspondence received

7. Training Update

Cllr Kendrick reported he had attended the Charing Skills Module which he found very useful. Cllr Seymour and Cllr Phillips have attended the Code of Conduct Module and Cllr Seymour has completed the Councillor Induction Module. Clerk to update the Training Matrix.

The decision will be taken at a future meeting on what further training is required to ensure the Community Council has the knowledge and expertise to manage its affairs.

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

It was reported that the Mucky Duck will be opened once a month until further notice. A Pumpkin competition will be held and the Advent Windows will be light from the 1st December. Ty Bach will close one of its toilets for the winter. There are still questions around replacement defibrillator pads to be resolved. The Community Councillors have concerns around the replacement pads and need to debate this issue further. Clerk to agenda for the November meeting.

Action Clerk

9. Groesffordd Village Hall update.

Cllr. Kendrick, the Community Councils representative on the Groesffordd Board of Trustees, reported back that following a discussion of the offer by the Community Council to provide a wheelchair accessible picnic bench, the Trustees are not at this time in a position to accept the offer. WIFI for the Hall is still under discussion, Cllr Kendrick to take the option of MIFI to the Treasurer for consideration. The offer from the Community Council to provide a solar panelled bird nesting box was accepted by the Board of Trustees.

10. Highways Issues

It was reported that work had started on the Brecon Roundabout with the assumption that it was linked to the A40 Millbrook Stakeholder Engagement Consultation that the Community Council had taken part in and responded to Stephen Hughes of Mott Macdonald, however the Community Council has received no further communications from Mott Macdonald.

11. Planning Applications:

24/23138/FUL – Construction of machinery store – land adjacent to Groesffordd Wastewater Works. This application was refused. **Noted.** The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Thomas to reestablish the boundary fence which he removed prior to the planning application being lodged .

Action Clerk.

12. County Councillor Report.

County Councillor Raif Devlin was not in attendance to present his report nor had a written report been received. Clerk had previously written to Cllr Devlin for an update on actions he had taken away from the July meeting, awaiting a response. The Clerk will write to Powys County Council to request a County Councillor attends the November Meeting.

Action Clerk

13. Playground Equipment.

Picnic Benches

Clerk to order one wheelchair accessible picnic bench to be sited at Llanfrynach playground. Clerk to book Wickstead to carry out the annual playground inspection in the new year.

Action Clerk

14. Funding Application for Biodiversity Project Report.

The Funding application has been lodged with the National Parks, awaiting a decision.

15. OVW Conference Feedback- Cllr Seymour

Cllr Seymour reported his attendance at the conference and spoke of the presentations from the Auditor General for Wales, the Policy Advisor for the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. He also spoke of the benefit of networking with other Community Councils, along with the exhibitor's information. Two exhibitors in particular, the Eden Project and Parish Websites. The Eden Project was promoting the Big Lunch traditionally taking place during the first week in June which is a good way of engaging with the community, Councillors agreed to discuss this issue further and asked the Clerk to put it on the agenda in the new year.

Parish Websites have a reputation for designing websites for Community Councils, it was agreed to contact them for a quote on their offering.

Action Clerk

16. Financial Issues

a. Bank Balance

The Clerk reported the bank balance as of 17th October 2024 as £18,460.61

b. Invoices and Payments for approval

Clerks Salary for September plus HMRC were reported.

OVW – Conference Fees - £190

S. Williams- Grass Cutting - £200

Cost Cutters – Notice Boards- £1331.98

R.Powell -Installing Notice Boards-£400

Wales Audit Office – Audit Fees 2022/23- £205

K. Bender- Website Subscriptions- £100.66+£100.66+£20.39= £221.71

R.Seymour- Travel Expenses- £25.20j

All were approved for payment

**Date of next meeting will take place on Thursday the 28th November 2024
at 7.30pm as a hybrid meeting in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall**