

The Ordinary Meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 28th November 2024 at 7.30pm at Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

In attendance

Cllr. Phil Kendrick (Chair), 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 attending a meeting with Powys County Council

There were no apologies received from Cllr. Jason Palmer

Cllr Jackie Williams- representing the Community Council at a meeting with Powys County Council

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes of the meeting on the 17th October 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

The Clerk had contacted Parish Websites for a quote to develop a new website for the Community Council. The details of the quote had been circulated to all councillors.

Following an in-depth discussion, it was agreed to place the order and for Cllr Seymour to take the lead on the project.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. Correspondence

Llanfrynach Childrens Christmas Party , Grant Request from Llanfrynach Village Hall

It was agreed to support the request with a £200 Grant

Wales Air Ambulance Appeal 2024

It was agreed to support the appeal with a £100 donation

Action Clerk

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

A written report was received from Llanfrynach Hall which stated: the annual village cleanup had taken place, the Christmas lights have been put up in readiness for the village advent

window event. The Mucky Duck pop up pub was opened in November bringing neighbours together with 16 people attending.

Events for December: village advent window is starting on the 1st December, the Children's Christmas party had been arranged with the possibility of a New Years Eve party.

Ty Bach continues to receive contributions, one toilet will close in January to save money, it will reopen at Easter

8. Groesffordd Village Hall update.

Cllr. Kendrick, the Community Councils representative on the Groesffordd Board of Trustees, reported that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled to take place in January 2025.

9. Replacement Boundary Fence at Groesffordd

Concerns had been raised that the boundary fence at Groesffordd playing field was in a poor state of repair. Clerk to forward the lease outlining the boundary to Cllrs Phillips and de Winton, who will walk the boundary to establish the length and type of replacement fence required prior to a decision on quotes being sought.

Action Clerk, Cllrs Phillips and de Winton

10. Highways Issues

A report had been received that the Taff Trail sign at Walnut Square was not fit for purpose. It was agreed to contact Sian Barns at Powys County Council to request an inspection of the signage.

Action Clerk

11. Planning Applications:

24/23138/FUL – Construction of machinery store – land adjacent to Groesffordd Wastewater Works – Refused

The Clerk hand delivered a letter to Mr Thomas instructing him to reinstate the boundary fence which he had removed prior to the planning application being lodged and refused. To date the boundary fence had not been reinstated. Clerk will write to Mr Thomas again with a time deadline, should this not be adhered with the Community Council will escalate the issue to the National Parks Planning Department

. **Action Clerk.**

ENF/24/02522/BCP2- Possible breach of conditions of planning permission Ref:13/09949/FUL-

It is alleged that the development has a larger footprint than permitted-Tir Hir Llanfrynach Brecon Powys - **Awaiting decision**

12. County Councillor Report.

County Councillor Raif Devlin sent his apologies as he was in a meeting with Powys County Council, however no written report had been forwarded.

13. Playground Equipment.

Picnic Benches

The wheelchair accessible picnic bench has been received and assembled by Cllrs Kendrick and Seymour. The assembled picnic bench is now in storage awaiting siting at Llanfrynach Children's Park when the weather allows.

Action Cllrs Kendrick and Seymour

Wicksteed Inspection 2025

The annual playground inspection has been booked and is expected to take place in February, Cllr de Winton to accompany the Inspector.

14. Defibrillator Pads – Backup Spares

Councillors discussed a proposition to purchase backup spare defibrillator pads, to ensure going forward that the defibrillators sited at Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach and Llechfean, had spare pads. The Defibrillator at Groesffordd is managed by the Groesffordd Hall, Board of Trustees. This would ensure that the Defibrillators were constantly available should they be required. It was unanimously agreed to purchase two sets of spare pads and to replenish them as and when needed. Clerk to check the serial numbers of the defibrillators and place the order

Action Clerk

15. Community Engagement

It was agreed to further engage with the Community to establish what their expectations are from the Community Council. The project to include reaching out via a newsletter, website and Facebook to inform residents who the Councillors are, and what the Community Council had achieved over the past year. Also to host a big lunch event in early summer to gather resident's views and what the Community Council should focus on going forward.

16. Biodiversity Funding Application Update

The Funding application lodged with the National Parks, has been successful with the full grant of £768 being awarded. The Clerk to purchase 1 Birdbox as a trial to test the WIFI capabilities.

Action Clerk

17. Councillor Allowances 2024/25

A new form had been issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), all Councillors are required to complete the form whether or not they wish to receive the allowance, all

Councillors received the form and need to return to the Clerk to enable a return to be forwarded to IRP.

18. National Government Pay Agreement 2024/25

Councillors were forwarded the National Government Pay Agreement for Clerks 2024/25. The grade the Clerk was appointed on, SCP12, now stands at 14.36 per hour, backdated to the 1st April 2024. This was agreed by all Councillors, the Chair to forward an email to be lodged with payroll services.

Action Chair

19. Spend against budget as of the 28th November 2024

Budget preparation 2025/26 to inform the 2025 Precept .

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 will be discussed in more depth at the January meeting when the precept will also be agreed

20. Financial Issues

a. Bank Balance

The Clerk reported the bank balance as of 28th November was £15,128.54

b. Invoices and Payments for approval

Clerks Salary for October, November and December plus HMRC were reported.

S. Williams- Grass Cutting Llanfrynach - £200

S.Williams – Grass Cutting Groesffordd - £420

NBB – Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Table - £588

NBB- Picnic Table Fixing Kit –£23.76

One Voice Wales – Training Invoice 8526 -£40

All were approved for payment

c. Audit Report and Audit Notice

The Clerk reported that the Wales Audit Office had issued the Community Council with an Unqualified Audit Opinion, The Annual Returns for year ending 31st March2024 also stated that no matters had come to their attention to give cause for concern, Councillors thanked the Clerk, reiterating it was a good result for the Community Council.

The Audit notice will be posted on the website, Facebook and notice boards

Action Clerk

**Date of next meeting will take place on Thursday the 16th January 2025
at 7.30pm as a hybrid meeting in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall**