

**The Ordinary Meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 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:

Keren Bender, Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Charles de-Winton and County Councillor Raiff Devlin

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, it was agreed to take the verbal resignation and to advertise the vacancy. **Action Clerk**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes.**

The Clerk reported she had lodged the precept of £12,529.00 with Powys County Council and had received an acknowledgement.

The Clerk and Chair would work together to determine the make and models of the Defibrillators prior to purchase, ongoing. **Action Chair and Clerk**

An email had been sent to [countryside@powys.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@powys.gov.uk) to report the Taff Trail sign at Walnut Square was not fit for purpose and requesting a site visit. The response was it was National Parks responsibility. The Clerk contacted National Park and their response was " The Warden has had a look at the signs in Victoria Square and they all seem to be in good condition and are pointing in the correct direction" National Parks also believed that this particular signage was the responsibility of Powys County Council

All Councillors and the Clerk 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. **Ongoing Action All Councillors**

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

Mr Thomas attended regarding correspondence that had been sent to him regarding the boundary fence at Groes at Groesffordd. See item 6 correspondence .

## **6. Correspondence**

### **Response from Mr Thomas from the request to reinstate the boundary fence at the field around Groesford Village Hall.**

Mr Thomas attended the meeting and explained why the fence was taken down and informed Councillors that the fence had since been reinstated. The Chair thanked Mr Thomas for his attendance, assuring him his original planning application had been supported by the Community Council and wished him well with his re application.

### **Flashing lights -Livestock and farm activity-Groesffordd to Tallyn Road Highgrove Farm. – Moira and Philip Williams**

Cllr Charles de Winton had received an email requesting financial support from the Community Council to purchase flashing lights, this followed a recommendation from the Highways Department at Powys County Council that measures should be taken to ensure the safety of drivers, livestock and farm machinery traffic. Unfortunately even though the Community Council supported the principle it is not in a position to fund this venture. The Community Council will refer this outcome to the County Councillor who will be asked to take it up with the Highways Department. Clerk to inform its decision to Mr& Mrs Williams and County Councillor Raiff Devlin.

**Action Clerk**

**Powys County Council 20mph Review Report** The report contained the roads in Powys where a review of 20mph restricted roads were included in the public consultation. There were no roads included in the report from within the ward, therefore no changes to existing speed limits would be made – **Noted**

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

It was reported that an electrician had carried out an audit of the Hall with no issues identified. A local builder is investigating a bulge in the wall. The tree besides the Hall had been pruned.

## **8. Groesffordd Village Hall update.**

Cllr. Kendrick, the Community Councils representative on the Groesffordd Board of Trustees, reported he was awaiting the minutes of the previous meeting, which he was not able to attend due to a clash of meeting date with the Community Council Meeting.

## **9. Replacement Boundary Fence at Groesffordd**

The Community Council are awaiting quotes to replace the boundary fence.

### **10. Highways Issues**

A complaint had been received from a member of the public that the Bus Stop at Groesffordd was full of items resulting in insufficient room for the school children to stand when waiting for the school bus. It was unclear who owned the bus stop, Clerk to contact Powys County Council, Highways Department to establish ownership. **Action Clerk**

### **11. Planning Applications:**

There were no Planning Applications to consider.

### **12. County Councillor Report.**

County Councillor Raif Devlin was not able to attend the meeting in person however he had forwarded his written report. The salient points were that the Council Budget was successfully approved with an additional £1.2m of funding awarded to Powys County Council by the Welsh Government which will be put into the Highways Department to improve service delivery. Cllr Devlin has submitted a freedom of information request to the Welsh Government around the Brynich Roundabout Active Travel Costs. He is also looking into a Groesffordd Play Area Project, however before this is pursued a conversation needs to take place with the Trustees of Groesffordd Hall.

### **13. Playground Equipment.**

There were no issues to report.

### **14. Update on Bird Box Grant and End of Project Report**

The Clerk reported 2 Solar Panel and 2 Standard Birdboxes have been received with Cllr Seymour in the process of erecting them, one Solar panel WIFI box has been successfully set up and it is now live on the Website.

The Clerk and Cllr Seymour have completed the end of project report. Clerk to lodge the report with the Barbara Anglezarke of the National Parks. **Action Clerk**

### **15. Sewerage pipe crossing the river in Llanfrynach**

Cllr Phil Kendrick reported he had received concerns from a resident around the sewerage pipe crossing the river at Llanfrynach.

A stone pillar needs repairing as it's washed away but as infrastructure it's Welsh Water responsibility. Cllr Kendrick to forward photos and written explanation to the Clerk who will report the issue to Welsh Water. **Action Cllr Kendrick and Clerk**

**16. Update on Developing a Grant Application Form**

Cllr Kendrick presented the Grant Form for Councillors comments, following a discussion it was agreed to accept the form with a few amendments, Clerk to update the form and forward to all councillors. The form will then be placed on the website and the Community Councils Facebook Page.

**Action Clerk**

**17. Initiate a strategy to involve residents in future plans**

It was agreed to defer this item to the April Meeting

**18. Financial Regulations 2024**

The Clerk to forward the agreed amendments to Councillors prior to placing them on the Councils Website.

**Action Clerk**

**19. Financial Issues**

**a. Bank Balance**

The Clerk reported the bank balance as of 27<sup>th</sup> February stood at £16370.34

**b. Invoices and Payments for approval**

Clerks Salary for February 2025 plus HMRC were reported.

K.Bender - Boston Seeds – Wildflower seeds - £53.99

K.Bender Postage-Registered Mail- £3.35

RSPB – One Solar Panel WIFI Birdbox and One Nest Box - £265

RSPB- One Nest Box - £25

Wicksteed – Playground Inspection - £246

Pavo – Payroll Services – Invoice 2731 Quarter 2- £36

Pavo – Payroll Services – Invoice 2843 Quarter 3 - £36

Cllr Seymour – Travell Expenses - £25.20

One Voice Wales – Membership Fees - £127

All Payments were approved

**Date of next meeting will take place on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025  
at 7.30pm as a hybrid meeting in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall**