

The Ordinary Meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 10th April 2025 at 7.30pm at Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

In attendance

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

Also In attendance:

County Councillor Raiff Devlin

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Charles de-Winton and Cllr. Julia Phillip. Keren Bender, Clerk was on bereavement leave.

With the absence of the Clerk, it was agreed that Cllr Jackie Williams would clerk the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes of the meeting on the 27th February 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

An email to be sent to Mr& Mrs P Williams of Highgrove to explain the decision taken by the Community Council with reference to their request for support with traffic signs.

Action Clerk

Cllr Kendrick clarified the position of the stone pillar that is being washed away and requiring a repair. It is the sewerage pipe crossing the Menasgin River in Llanfrynach, east of the bridge on the back road to Pencelli. Clerk to contact Welsh Water.

Action Clerk

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

There were no members of the public in attendance

6. Correspondence and Information

Cllr Williams had been asked by Brian Shepard from LLechfaen if the Well in the village could be strimmed and maintained. It was agreed to asked Sam Williams to add it to his schedule.

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

It was reported that Ty Bach is fully open for the summer season. The 2nd WIFI Solar Panel Bird Box has been installed on the wall of the Village Hall with a bird already setting up home.

8. Groesffordd Village Hall update.

The next meeting of the Hall trustees is scheduled to take place later in April. Cllr Kendrick will speak to Trustees concerning creating a playground in the field next to the Hall, Cllr Devlin will email Tony Hamnett regarding attending the April Trustees meeting

9. Replacement Boundary Fence at Groesffordd

Cllr Kendrick will contact both Cllrs De Winton and Phillips to discuss the outcome of the quotes to replace the boundary fence. If there is no resolution is reached, it was agreed to approach Mr J Thomas for a quote.

10. Bus Shelter at Llanhamlach and Groesffordd

Following correspondence between the Community Council and Powys County Council it has been established that both bus shelters are owned by the Community Council and therefore the responsibility for their upkeep lies with the Community Council. It was reported that the bus shelter at Groesffordd was regularly cleared by volunteers from the village and there was now enough room for children to shelter catching the school bus.

11. Highways Issues:

Cllr Williams requested that County Councillor Devlin adds the Old Ford to Danyden (Pennorth) Road to his list for the meeting is has scheduled with the inspector on the 11th April 2025.

The road in Llanfrynach has had areas filled in, in preparation for surface dressing, Cllr Devlin will ask that residents are notified as cars will need to be moved.

The response from the Freedom of Information request concerning the costings for the Brynich Roadabout project . Costs were £132,758, Cllr Williams asked what the progress was with the dual carriageway Millbrock, Llanhamlach as there had been a further accident.

Action County Councillor Devlin

12. Planning Applications

Application 25/23637/Ful- proposed enlargement of dormer window and change of flat roof to pitched roof, 6 Tregare Road LD3 7HT- There were no observations or objections raised.

13. County Councillor Report.

County Councillor Raif Devlin reported there is £5 million playground fund and would update Councillors when it is released along with further details.

Concerns have been raised to lower the speed limit in Llanhamlach to 40 mph, he will look to setting up a meeting with residents to discuss the issue, also contact Mr Bramley who was instrumental in lowering the speed limit to 50mph.

Land surrounding Groesford Hall is leased from Powys County Council by the Community Council, Cllr Devlin is investigating the possibility of an asset transfer and will set up a meeting with Powys CC representatives and Community Councillors to explore this concept.

Cllr Devlin has asked for clarification on the Brecon to Monmouth Canal issue. He explained to Community Councillors that the Canal will not be allowed to run dry. However, there is an issue with taking water from the Usk River due to water levels being too low which affects the biodiversity of the river. Agencies are working together to rectify this issue and a meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

14. Playground Equipment.

Cllr Kendrick has painted the goal posts in Llanfrynach Park as agreed at a previous meeting and also raised with the Wicksteed Report.

15. Initiate a strategy to involve residents in future plans

It is understood that there may not be enough time left to set up a Big Lunch Day this year.

In the meanwhile, information boards showing Councillors' faces will be set up in both Halls and possibly in the bus shelters along with the Community Council's Facebook page and website. The public will also be asked if they have any projects that require funding to contact their Councillor.

16. Audit 2025/26 to be a Full Audit

The Audit for 2025/26 will be a full audit which is a requirement of the Wales Audit Office every 3rd Year, as opposed to a basic audit.

17 Agree Future Meeting Dates

It was agreed to continue with a 6 week cycle, the Clerk will present the dates for the Financial year at the May meeting.

Action Clerk

18. Financial Matters

a. Bank Balance

The Clerk reported the bank balance as of 31st March 2025 and the 10th April 2025 stood at £15,253.16

b. Invoices and Payments for approval

Clerks Salary for March 2025 plus HMRC were reported.

The payment was approved

**Date of next meeting will take place on Thursday the 15th May 2025
to be proceeded by the AGM at 7.30pm as a hybrid meeting
in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall**