

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANWRDA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Llanwrda Community Council held at Llanwrda Village Hall on Wednesday 18th September, 2019.

Present:

Chairman: Counc. J. Thompson

Councillors: L. James, M. Carroll, B. Haworth, B. Saunders

1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Councillor J. Shipton, County Councillor A. Davies

2. Minutes of the meeting held 21st August, 2019

Minutes were accepted as correct.

3. Declaration of Interest

Councillor B. Haworth – minute (2) Road to Llanwrda Station – extra lighting

Councillor M. Carroll and Councillor L. James – Cornwallis

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

9 (a) Playing Field

The new signs for the Play Area had been collected from Relm signs, the two signs were suitable for the keep-fit equipment therefore a different sign was required for the play equipment. Councillor M. Carroll agreed to inspect the equipment for the month. The insurance of the play equipment was discussed as the equipment might already be included as part of the Cornwallis Insurance policy. Counc. L. James agreed to make enquiries.

It was agreed to purchase a new recycling bin the Nexus ® 200 Recycling Bin from Glasdon, Ltd. which holds General Waste/Mixed Recyclables. The recycling bin could possibly be placed on the tarmac by the gate.

8 (1) Road to Llanwrda Station – Moss on Road

The moss on the road was being monitored by Mr S. Knight. The loose stones were continuing to be a problem the Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County Council.

8 (2) Road to Llanwrda Station – Extra lighting

The Clerk to contact Counc. R. Jones regarding placing a light on the property of Counc. B. Haworth. If there was a problem purchasing the light Counc. B. Haworth would send details of what was required to the Clerk.

The Clerk also to arrange a further meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council and not the SWTRA.

6 (b) Web Site

The Clerk had contacted We Dig Media for a cost update, hosting is now covered for the next year, the next invoice will be in May 2020 – Annual Hosting £96.00 and monthly updates of minutes to the website £96.00

9 (1) Food bank

A meeting had been arranged at Llandovery, nothing to report.

9 (2) Community Grants

The Clerk agreed to complete the application by the next meeting and include a copy when sending the minutes.

9 (3) Llanwrda Re-cycling area

Permission would be needed from officials of Llanwrda Village Hall to lock the gate. It was agreed to enquire with Carmarthenshire County Council if they consider placing a CCTV camera in the recycling area. Also, if the Community Council would be allowed to purchase such a camera.

Community Speed Watch Group

The Clerk had placed a poster on the Notice Board and Website asking for volunteers to support a Community Speed Watch Group. A note to be placed in Post Datum.

5. Reports

5.1 (b) Report from County Councillor

An e-mail had been received from the County Councillor stating that no official reply had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the recycling plant. But was told that they didn't think there was anything they could do unless the commercial vehicles were council owned.

5.2 (b) Report from Cornwallis Trust Liaison

The Feasibility Study was ongoing and would be finalised soon. The Heritage Trust would support and consider any funding application, also stakeholders were showing an interest such the Hywel Dda Trust.

5.3 (b) Report from Police Liaison

Nothing to report.

6. Correspondence

- (a) Llandoverly Hospital League of Friends – Thanking Counc. Jon Shipton for his decision to donate his allowance to the Friends.
- (b) Clerk and Councils direct magazine
- (e) Mayor of Carmarthen – invitation to the World Peace Day by the United Nations ceremony 21st September
- (f) National Resources Wales – Statements events – 10th October, 2019 at the Halliwell Centre.

7. Payments

Clerks Wages – £392.00
Clerks Expenses – £83.14
HMRC – £98.00
Wales Audit Office - £225.75
ReIm Signs - £45.60
S. Knight - £168.75

Donations

Following a request from St Cwrdaif Church for a donation, the Clerk had written requesting a copy of their balance Sheet.

Capel Dewi - The Clerk to ask for a confirmation letter that the work was being carried out to the wall of the Chapel.

(a) Budget 2019/2020

This to be updated November.

(b) Signing of quarterly financial statements and bank statements

These to be signed at the October meeting.

(c) Audit 2018/2019

The Auditor General for Wales issued Llanwrda Community Council a qualified audit report. Details of the matters which led to the qualification are detailed below:

Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights

The council has failed to publish the Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors Rights' electronically.

In future years, the Council should ensure the Notice is published electronically in accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) Act 2013, Section 56.

Minute reference and date of approval

The minute reference and date of approval of the Accounting Statement and the Annual Governance statement is blank. The Council has confirmed that these should read '5' and 15/05/2019.

High level of reserves

We note that the Council holds a high level of general reserves, approximate 2.09 times the annual precept for 2018/2019

The Council should consider the level of general reserves required and consider taking steps to reduce the level of reserves in future years if necessary.

8. Public Question Time

(a) The Community Council were reminded that they could not lock the Gate of the Hall as no one would have access to the Defibrillator

(b) The problem with the Bottle Bank was again discussed at length with the possibility of placing a CCTV camera on the wall of the Village Hall.

9. Urgent business

Climate change, etc. awareness

Public protests to raise the awareness of Climate Change were being held throughout Carmarthenshire on Friday. The public walk through Llandeilo would start from Llandeilo Car Park at 11.00 a.m., with a welcome for anyone to support the walk.

Llanwrda – old A.40

Further complaints had been received regarding the speed of traffic along this part of the road. The Clerk to report the issue to the County Councillor.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th October, 2019.