

CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANFNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Monday 15th May 2023 at the Church Hall, Llanfynydd for 7.00pm

RE-TIRING - CHAIRMAN: Cllr. A. Roberts

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Jones, D. Hughes, C.W.J. Rhodes, A. Partridge, L. Rogers, L. Williams (re-tiring vice chairman), J. Lewis-Jones & R.S Edwards

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. N. Jones

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 6.50pm to 7.00pm

None present.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

To elect a Chair and Vice-chair

a) Chairman – It was proposed by Cllr. L. Williams to nominate Cllr. A. Roberts

Seconded: Cllr. J. Lewis-Jones

No other nominations put forward.

Cllr. A. Roberts accepted the Office of Chair. Motion carried.

b) Vice-Chair – It was proposed by Cllr. J. Jones to nominate Cllr. L. Williams

Seconded: Cllr. A. Partridge

No other nominations put forward.

Cllr. L. Williams accepted to serve Office of Vice-Chair Motion carried.

c) Sub-Committees – To be decided as and when required. Decisions are delegated to the whole of the Council.

d) Llanfynydd C.C Representative - Hope United Charities – Cllr. Bill Rhodes is presently LCC representative and gave the following update:

“ The charity met approximately twelve months ago and only two applications had been made, no other person/s have applied. The Charity may consider an application made by an organisation”.

Cllr. Rhodes would be happy to serve as LCC representative for a further 12 months.

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Williams and Seconded by Cllr. R. Edwards that Cllr. Rhodes act as representative for LCC.

Cllr. Rhodes accepted the position for a further twelve months

Motion carried.

It was also discussed for future Annual General Meetings that a chair and vice-chair would be nominated from a ward on a rotational basis. There are at least two Councillor's serving each of the wards.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING - 17th April 2023

Proposed Cllr. A. Partridge Seconded: Cllr. L. Rogers

a. Matters arising from the minutes.

1. Cymau Playing Field – Moving Goal Posts. The clerk as made requests to Mr Richard Roberts Aura Leisure Services (Play Design Officer) – follow up.

2. Cegidog Avenue – Overhanging trees behind properties – Agendered Item for further discussion.

3. Tree for each ward or Commemorative Coin to mark the King's Coronation May 2023.
Members to discuss in the June Meeting.

5. LLANFNYDD C.C FINANCIAL YEAR 31ST MARCH 2023

Presentation of Annual Statement of Accounts 2022-2023

The Clerk presented the Annual Income and Expenditure accounts of the Council for the end of the financial year 01/04/22 to 31/03/23

Local Council in Wales – Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2023

Section 1 Accounting Statements – Prepared by the Clerk / RFO

It was agreed to re-issue the following un-presented cheques:

Cheque No. 1296 = £5.98

Cheque No. 1464 = £11.94

The Internal Auditors report of the accounts will be presented at the June meeting.

6. MAES OFFA – LLANFNYDD FIELD

To discuss the following:

a) Steering Group Report

To thank Mr M. Fisher for the cut and collect at the far end of the field.

With reference to the picnic bench the recycled octagonal 8 seater picnic table is the preferred option.

Cllrs. R. Edwards and Bill Rhodes commented that this would also be a preferable option for Wyndham Drive play area.

The fruit trees have ribbons indicating local residents have adopted them. Permanent tree labels are to be purchased to name each tree type and who has adopted a tree.

Twelve fleeces will be provided after shearing in June to improve the mulch mat around each tree.

Heather Martin has reported the Paths to Wellbeing Information board will be delivered in the next few weeks, 500 copies of leaflets are in production to promote the Llanfynydd C.C area routes, funding has come from the Welsh Government.

It was noted the leaflets could possibly be delivered with the Winter Newsletter.

b) Play Equipment Installation Costs – No correspondence received

c) *Recycled Plastic Octagonal 8 Seater Picnic Bench for Maes Offa and Wyndham Drive play area.*

Cllr. L. Williams proposed LCC purchase two Picnic benches at a cost of £660 each plus VAT

Seconded: Cllr. J. Jones

All in favour – Carried

Stone for the entrance to Maes Offa – At the moment the entrance is dry but will need to be stoned for the autumn.

To order 26 acrylic labels at £2 each.

Cllr. L. Williams proposed LCC order the labels. Seconded: Cllr. R. Edwards.

All in favour – Carried.

d) *Pedestrian Footbridge* – No correspondence has been received from FCC.

The clerk to forward a letter to Lisa Mclellan FCC requesting if permission could be granted to clear the footbridge of overgrown vegetation.

7. PLANNING

No applications received.

8. ABERMORDDU C.P SCHOOL

Vacancy for a Community Governor.

The Head Teacher would welcome representation from further afield. If anyone is interested – including members of the public please contact Mr Ian Roberts.

Predominately the Governors are made up from the areas of Hope, Abermorddu and Cefn-y-Bedd.

9. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

To report any issues with footpaths and stiles.

1. Footpath topside of Bryn Yorkin Manor, Cymau.

Cllr. R. Edwards thanked Cllr. Dave Hughes for the meeting on site. The Chair read out a letter received from Mr Adrian O. Hibbert confirming the following:

The farmer is happy for a kissing gate to be installed; either side of the gate will be stockproof. The Paths to Wellbeing project has been extended for 3 months so the gate will be provided by that budget.

Cllr. J. Lewis-Jones will also speak with the farmer.

2. Llanfynydd to Coed-Talon Bridleway. Issues of a stile and access onto a footpath – photographs will be sent to Mr Alistair Hemphill – Countryside Officer

3. Hafod Abley – Stile is very wobbly. The farmer is happy for a kissing gate to be installed.

10. LLANFNYDD

Traffic speeding towards the brow of the hill near the RDA Centre – B5101

1. A letter received from Mr Andrew Dunbobbin Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales Police.

Mr Dunbobbin has asked one of his officers to contact the GoSafe Department to request that the area be considered for inclusion on their schedule and that a survey is undertaken in the village to ascertain if this is a suitable location for the GoSafe van, once an update is received from GoSafe LCC will be informed.

Action: The Clerk to follow up when the GoSafe van will be attending.

2. Supply for a VAS sign. SP Energy Network have confirmed they will supply free of charge connection to a post near the garage of Pant-y-Stain cottage.

Cllr. J. Lewis-Jones to confirm with SP Energy Network to connect.

11. CEGIDOG AVENUE, FFRITH

Tress affecting some properties that back onto the river.

Cllr. Dave Hughes to speak to FCC Housing Department. It was noted that FCC have a duty of care towards their tenants and should be addressing this issue that has been going on for a number of years.

12. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN – Matters raised with FCC Streetscene.

Matters discussed and updated.

Clerk received update from Mr Ian Williams Streetscene Area Supervisor 15/05/23

New Dog bins – Mr Williams has put forward if the council would consider funding 2 x dog bins at £300, each which includes installation. Old dog bins will be replaced free.

Members asked if they are of recyclable plastic – clerk would ask this question.

It was agreed the following:

1 dog bin for Bryn Common, at the Junction of Tithe Barn, Llanfynydd

1 dog bin for Maes Offa

1 dog bin at the entrance of the Bridleway Ffrith on the B5101

Cllr. R. Edwards proposed that LCC pay for 1 bin at £300 Seconded: Cllr. J. Lewis-Jones
Members all in favour – Carried

Flintshire C.C will pay and install for two dog bins and LCC will pay for the third.

Clerk to confirm the order with Streetscene.

Cymau - Pistyll Hill Potholes – Have been in-filled

Ffrith to Cymau Road – Majority of potholes have been done – a couple are left Streetscene will need to come back to finish.

Llanfynydd – Drain outside the old school has been cleaned.

Llanfynydd – Silt at the bottom of Sherries Hill has been cleaned.

Llanfynydd – Sherries Hill to Bryn Common Junction – The road has deteriorated quite badly class 1 patching to start early June.

Ffrith Potholes – Road up to Trimley Hall towards the milk churns – A work ticket has been raised.

Cymau Ffordd Las towards Llanfynydd – Potholes are to be in-filled. The bottom part of Ffordd Las (Talbot end) is to be resurfaced.

Coed-Talon Play Area – Entrance off bridleway. A new hanging post for gate has been installed.

Pontybodkin Tir-y-Fron Lane (coming into village from Pontblyddyn end) – Silt and debris being washed down lane onto A5104. Ditch & culvert to be inspected.

Other issues raised this evening.

1. Top of Cymau Hill – Potholes (passing Barracks Lane approaching the top of the hill) reported as really bad.
2. Fly Tipping – Ffrwd Road in lay by.
3. Cymau - Debris on Ffordd Las – Request sweeper.
4. Abermorddu Interpretation Board – Bottom of Cymau Lane at the Junction of the traffic lights in need of tidying up and painting.

Note: LCC do not own the board – the clerk will make further enquiries.

5. Cymau Road – stone wall collapse near cottage. Cllr. Dave Hughes has picked this up.

6. Ffrith – Gravel on footpath

Note: A request was made by LCC some months back to sweep the High Street and pavements. FCC Streetscene was to do a letter drop to request residents move their cars.

LCC will put in another request.

7. Nant-y-Ffrith. Report of large deep pothole.

8. Llanfynydd Senior Citizens Bungalows – Fencing behind the properties is not secure – livestock could escape.

Clerk to send an email to Mr Jamie Renshaw FCC to repair fence ASAP.

9. Llanfynydd – Traffic Lights have gone out of sync since the last repair – To report the issue.

10. Pontybodkin – Scottish Power cut back Cherry Tree on village Green and left branches in the tree.

13. WORK FOR COMMUNITY CARETAKER

To thank the caretaker for a great job of tidying the Memorial Gardens, Ffrith.

1. Llanfynydd – Bridge near Pant y Stain Cottage. Cut back brambles.

2. Llanfynydd - Notice Board near Burrows garage requires a new back panel.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

To note and acknowledge correspondence received.

1. Planting Trees on Ffrith Playing Field FL164: Ffrith Roman Site. A letter received from the Field Monument Warden – Cadw informing LCC that scheduled monument consent (SMC) would be required before any activity could take place within the scheduled area and depending on the scale of planting. The setting of the monument could be taken into consideration for any planting scheme outside the scheduled area.

Relevant links have been provided if LCC wish to proceed.

Cllrs L. Williams and N. Jones have received a copy of the email and information.

Grants Re: To mark King Charles Coronation may 2023

2. Abermorddu C.P School – A letter of thanks received for the grant. Some pictures of the activities will be forwarded to LCC.
3. Cymau Community Centre – A letter of thanks received for the grant from the Secretary.
4. Llanfynydd In Bloom – A letter of grateful thanks received.
5. Ffrith & Llanfynydd – Cllr. L. Williams (vice-chair) gave a thank you to all who made the events happen.

15. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

1. Pontybodkin – Old Post Office Lane. The van/car are still parking on the lane blocking vehicular access. Photographs to be forwarded to PCSO's.
2. Pontybodkin - A grateful thanks to Martin and Carolyn Thomas for their time painting the coal truck and notice board on the village greens.
3. Cymau Community Centre – The Defibrillator is in place.
4. Ffrith B5102 – Residents living in the cottages just before the bridleway have no wifi / broadband connection. On behalf of the residents LCC to forward a letter to Mr Mark Tami MP.

16. STREET LIGHTING

No faults reported.

17. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

<i>Cheque Number</i>		<i>VAT</i>	<i>Total</i>
1484	HMRC Tax Months 11 & 12	nil	£35.60
1485	Staff Salary April	nil	£592.47
1486	Llanfynydd In Bloom Grant s137	nil	£50.00
1487	Cymau Community Centre Grant s137	nil	£50.00
1488	Ffrith & Llanfynydd Community Association Grant s137	nil	£50.00
1489	Abermorddu C.P School Grant s137	nil	£50.00
1490	FCC Streetlighting (Victoria Crescent)	£39.50	£237.00
1491	Arthur J. Gallagher LCC Insurance Renewal	nil	£939.74
1492	LCC Community Caretaker April Inv	nil	£251.50
1493	Thomas – paint materials coal truck & notice board.	£5.00	£30.00
1494	Mega Electrical NW Ltd New Transformer	£30.00	£180.00

18. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr. D. Hughes gave updates throughout the meeting.

“Recycling is not going very well and FCC is monitoring recycling levels. If FCC fails to reach the required target across the County we may have to go for three weekly collections to cut costs.

FCC is now registering houses that are not recycling.

The Welsh Government’s introduction of the 20pmh campaign (30mph down to 20mph in certain areas) this has caused many issues in which we are trying to stop”.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Chairman – 19th June 2023

