

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANWINIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The meeting of Llanwinio Community Council was held on Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 8.00pm at Llanwinio Community Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs D Lewis (Chair), I Saer, H James, W Evans, G Evans, S Pask, C Smoothy, J Lewis (CCC) and R Gallie (clerk).

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July were read and recorded as a true account.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Ross Gallie – Clerk re item 9 discussion on clerk honorarium, Sarah Pask re item 9 – Donation request – Link to contractor discussed in Church repairs, Cllr J Lewis re item 10 – Donation request from YFC.

MATTERS ARISING:

State of bridge and area in Cwmfelin Mynach – The knotweed has been sprayed and the growth around the bridge has been cleared. However, the physical condition of the bridge has further deteriorated and stones have fallen off. It is noted that this will be included This is to be raised to CCC by Cllr J Lewis

The flytipping is still there on verge next to Common Land however due to it being overgrown it is not possible to get to. An attempt to review will be made in winter when growth is reduced and area becomes accessible again.

Repairs to the Llanwinio War Memorial have been arranged and will be completed during Oct. The clerk will follow up to ensure it is completed.

The VAT reclaim for 20/21 was completed and will be paid in Oct.

Training for defibrillator has been arranged for October 19th. The council will need to pay extra for £75 for face to face training rather than remote online training. The clerk will arrange for this to be paid.

The Blaenwaun kiosk containing the new defibrillator has been painted with primer ready for a final coat of red paint before the next meeting.

The clerk completed an application for a small orchard package from Local Places for Nature but was unsuccessful in the application.

Land Payments from Rhyd Caernarvon have now been paid including next bi-annual payment.

All financial records for 20/21 have been sent to the Internal Audit. The records will be delayed for Audit for Wales but will be delivered in Oct

The Donation request was sent for Roy and Rhoswen Llewellyn,

There had been a request to use the Blaenwaun playing fields by the Boncath football club, The clerk followed up to see if they were still interested, however they said they had other arrangements now

The new community signpost for the front of the community hall was ordered by the clerk.

DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR LLANWINIO CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Phil Higginson – Warden and Focal Minister for Llanwinio Church attended the meeting and explained the donation request that had been made for repairs to the Llanwinio Church. The total amount of repairs before VAT had been estimated (based on a quote seen by councillors) at £12k. The Church in Wales will contribute 3k so there was a request for the council to contribute to the repairs. Phil gave a history of the church, the importance to the community, and details of the repairs needed and the cost. Without repairs and continued support for the church there is a fear that it would be health and safety risk and would be closed down, and would be permanently lost to the community. The clerk gave a review of the current financial balances and although they had all been earmarked for projects it was agreed there were enough available funds for a donation as the funds would not be needed until Mar/April next year. It was proposed that the council donate the full £9k needed. The councillors voted and it was unanimously agreed. Phil agreed to send pictures of progress so they can be added to the council website.

DISCUSSION ON MAKING HONORARIUM PAYMENT FOR 21/22 CLERK ACTIVITIES.

After discussion it was agreed that an honorarium payment for £750 would be made to the current clerk – Ross Gallie for clerk activities for carried out for 9 months while he was a councillor.

DISCUSSION ON HOW TO CREATE A COMMUNITY PLAN.

Although the council has a plan of activities after discussion it was decided that the council needs more feedback from the community on what they should be concentrating on in a plan.

It was agreed that a survey would be put together by the next general meeting. It was agreed that this would be available online but would also be hand delivered by councillors across the Parish to ensure that it would get to everyone.

DISCUSSION ON SECTION 6 BIODIVERSITY DUTY REPORTING.

The section 6 biodiversity report was discussed. The council does produce this report which was reviewed. The question was raised if there was anything else that could be done by the council. It was agreed that it would be useful to get some expert advice on possible activities, and how to put together a more detailed policy. The clerk will review to see if there are resources available from the council or One Voice Wales who help the council.

DISCUSSION ON OPTIONS FOR PLAYGROUND AND PLAYING FIELDS

It was agreed to defer this topic until a community meeting had been arranged. The clerk made a possible suggestion that a bike path is made around the field similar to the one in Llanboidy playing field. It was agreed that this would be a possible option to be looked at.

Cllr Smoothy agreed to try and get a copy of the grant application from the Tegryn Welfare committee who have recently implemented a playground. The Clerk agreed to follow up with the Llanboidy Council to identify how they applied for grants for their playground.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A donation request was made from Phil Higginson – Warden and Focal Minister for Llanwinio church. This was discussed as an agenda item at this meeting.

The following emails were received - Email on training dates for councillors. Consultation request on fairer council tax. Home Start Cymru with regard charity support for families.

RECEIPTS:

2 nd Instalment of community precept	£2000.00
Payment for council land rent – Rhy Caernarvon	£626.00
Wayleave Payment	£36.70

BILLS:

Donation for Roy and Rhoswen Llewellyn	£100.00
SSE – Community Hall electricity	£52.64
Welsh Water – Playing Fields	£14.80

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurers Account - £17742.01

Business account – £20412.87

PLANNING: None

A.O.B.

The road between Maes y Groes to Gilfach needs resurfacing. Cllr Lewis to raise the issue with CCC

The bridge at Cwm Bach needs dredging again. Cllr Lewis to raise a request with CCC

The hedges around the playground need cutting. Cllr Evans agreed to arrange for them to be cut. It was also agreed to ask if the area around the cricket nets could also be cleared.

A noise complaint had been made re dog noises in CwmBach. This was being addressed by the Carmarthenshire Council.

As there was no further business the Chairman thanked all those who attended and declared the meeting closed.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at Llanwinio Community Hall at 8.00pm.