

**CYNGOR Y GYMUNED
LLANFIHANGEL RHOS-Y-CORN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
AT
BRECHFA CHURCH HALL
1ST FEBRUARY 2018
AT 7.30 P.M.**

COUNCILLOR'S PRESENT:- Cllr. R. Sisto(Chair); Cllr.D.Daniels; Cllr.E.George; Cllr.E. Jones; Cllr.G. Jones; Cllr.W Richards; Cllr. A. Tattersall and L.Davies(Clerk). Mrs Caroline Evans and Mr Peter Polish (representatives from Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Community Association).

APOLOGIES:- Cllr. P. Wilson, County Cllr. Mansel Charles, Community Policing Officer Roger Anthony and Mr Huw Denman Chair Community Association.

The minutes of the meeting held at Gwernogle Church Hall on the 4th January 2018, were proposed as correct by Cllr. E. Jones and seconded by Cllr.W. Richards and duly signed by the chairperson.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – No Declarations of interest were made.

Mrs Caroline Evans and Mr Peter Polish (representatives from Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Community Association).

It was suggested that a meeting should be held with Adam Price and Jonathan Edwards in attendance, with a well publicised open public meeting (posters and emailing as many people as possible) so that everyone in the parish has the opportunity to attend. As the money involved is a large amount it is important to get a committee together that represents the whole of the community. The money involved could be loaned to people on a low interest rate or maybe local organisations could apply for funding to carry out essential work for the community. The options are numerous, but it is important to get a committee formed as soon as possible. We will wait to hear from the Community Association who are in contact with Adam Price and Jonathan Edwards to get a date.

2/18/779 MATTERS ARISING

- a. **265/09/04 Narrow Pistyll bend, Abergorlech** – This bend is very dangerous and is a cause for concern, call for a site meeting with C.C.C. 8-1-18.
- b. **6/15/606/1 Road surface between Bronant and Capel Mair, Nantyffin** – The road between the Bronant bungalows and Capel Mair farm entrance, Nantyffin was due to have a new surfaced laid over the potholes that have been filled in, but it has not materialized. C.C.C. promised this would be done depending on funding. 8-1-18
- c. **1/16/642/3 Website and Email Address for the Community Council is being developed.**
- d. **4/16/660/15 Road leading from Nantyffin up to Banc farm, Abergorlech needs major repairs** – C.C.C. have agreed to repair the road once funding becomes available.
- e. **6/16/675 Blind dip signage near Pistyllgwyn** – John McEvoy has agreed to put road signage on the road ARAF/SLOW on the Brechfa side. It has not materialised.
- f. **6/16/675/1 Lay by full of rubble and road sweepings** –We have asked for it to be emptied and re-instated to its original size.
- g. **6/16/675/2 Defibrillator for Gwernogle and Abergorlech.** The community council have one defibrillator and are trying to obtain another one, so that they can be fitted together.
- h. **7/16/681/1 Overhanging trees damaging vehicles** – There are overhanging trees from Gwernogle village to Greenhill and up to Pantycoubal Farm, several complaints have been received that tractors are being scratched

and damaged by these trees. They need to be cut back urgently. The council are going to ask a contractor for a price to cut these trees back.

- i. **10/16/693/8 Potholes near Mile Hill Farm need filling in** – There are several potholes on the road leading up to Mile Hill Farm, Abergorlech, some have been filled in but others have been left, can these be filled in?
- j. **3/17/723/3 Uneven road surface on the Mountain road from the entrance to Gwernogle road and up to the T-Junction leading to Llanllwni and New Inn.** When this road was put down every joint has become very rough between every lorry load. The road between the joints is fine but each and every joint is really rough and full of potholes. This needs to be addressed and the tarmac needs to be cut out and new tarmac laid. This road is very rough.
- k. **4/17/729/3 Uneven tarmac surface on the road B4310 between Pistyllgwyn and Bedw fach** – Very rough road, a large piece of the road has been tarmacked and is in excellent condition but there is a piece of road between Pistyllgwyn, Abergorlech and half way between Bedw fach and Bryncothi that has not been re-surfaced and is very rough. This piece of road is deteriorating rapidly with two white lines showing and a drain needs to be unblocked as water is staying on the road opposite Bedw Fach and then the new surface can be laid.
- l. **Speeding traffic through Lliadiad Nennog** – Complaints were received from residents of Lliadiad Nennog about speeding cars going through the village. Council to contact John McEvoy.
- m. **9/17/750/12 Model Code of Conduct Training Pack** – This is being circulated amongst all councillors, all councillors need to understand the Code which all councillors are bound by.
- n. **9/17/753/5 Hedges need cutting back leading up to Capel Mair Farm, and up towards Banc Farm, Nantyllyn.** Natural Resources Wales own one side of the green By-way, and have cut back some of the plantation that was encroaching onto the road. However the whole road needs to be done to the end of the plantation, and also the landowner on the other side needs to do the same, C.C.C have been notified.
- o. **9/17/753/6 Organising a Committee to obtain and distribute funds from the Brechfa West Wind.** Huw Denham Chair of the Community Association informed the council that there will be a need to have several people on a committee to ensure a fair distribution of funds that are due to be paid to the area from the Brechfa West Wind Farm. The council agreed that there should be representatives from the council on the new committee.
- p. **10/17/759/1 Request for No Parking signage** – A concern was raised about parking on the corner approaching the bridge at Cwmwrdu (Gwernogle Side). This space is needed when lorries approach the bridge to allow them enough turning space to get over the bridge without any accidents. A request for signage to be sent into C.C.C. An email was received from a concerned land owner, explaining that this signage is essential to ensure that lorries etc can approach the bridge safely. A photograph of the area was sent in to highlight the need for signage.
- q. **10/17/759/3 Post and Rails need repairs at Abergorlech** – The post and rails at the side of the B4310 road at Abergorlech needs to be repaired as many of the rails have fallen and need re-attaching or new rails and posts put up. Can this be assessed and suitable repairs made?
- r. **11/17/765/2 Maintenance needed at all five cattle grids on the mountain** – There are five cattle grids on the Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Mountain which need maintenance, some more than others, The Blaenrhydgoch cattle grid (goes towards Llanllwni Mountain) needs to have fences on either side repaired or new ones put up. Could PLEASE SHUT THE GATE signs be added to each location to ensure that the public keep these gates closed to avoid animals escaping from the mountain.
- s. **11/17/765/5 Abergorlech Toilets** - The toilets at Abergorlech need to be regularly checked for cleanliness and to ensure that they are fit for purpose for use by the public. An inspection was made of the toilets by Councillor P. Wilson, all items highlighted last month were still outstanding. Mr Rhys Davies C.C.C. was inspecting the building with his Building Inspector to see what could be done? A report will be sent on to us.
- t. **12/17/771/1 Ditches need cleaning near Pencaedu, Brechfa** - There are leaves blocking ditches near Pencaedu and Felin Marlais, Brechfa with water running out on the road. Can these be cleaned out?
- u. **12/17/771/2 Narrow Pipework under road result in blocked ditches near Taicyd, Brechfa** - The pipework below Taicyd are too narrow to take the water and they are always blocking with the ditch water running out onto the road. Can new larger pipes be put in?

- v. **12/17/771/3 Speeding traffic through Abergorlech village** - The council had complaints of motor vehicles speeding through the village of Abergorlech between 7 and 8 in the morning and late afternoons between 5 and 6 pm. This has been reported to the police. 09-1-18.
- w. **12/17/771/4 Stones loose on Abergorlech bridge** - Abergorlech narrow bridge leading to Llanfynydd has been knocked again and two stones have fallen out of the wall. It seems that the cement mixture used for repairs has a high lime content which is being washed out with the rain and therefore the stones keep falling out, when they are knocked due to the narrowness of the bridge.
- x. **12/17/771/5 Bottle Bank removed from Abergorlech** - The council was notified that the bottle bank at Abergorlech had been removed due to health and safety as it was not on a flat surface, a request has been made by the local land lord to have it re-instated on a flat surface in the car park of his pub. Residents are leaving empty bottles outside the pub as they cannot find the bottle bank, this is a health and safety issue. Clerk has notified C.C.C. of this request. Clerk spoke to C.C.C. and was told that a review was taking place with regards to all recycling areas in the county, and they couldn't do anything until the results came back, they will then inform us what has been decided.
- y. **1/18/777/3 Pothole in B4310 on the approach to Abergorlech** - Nasty Pothole between New Quay Angling Layby and Abergorlech Village, before the first house of Abergorlech from Brechfa side. It is a large deep pothole which needs filling in desperately.

2/18/780 CORRESPONDENCE

1. C.C.C. Rhys Davies confirming receipt of our letter, listing the repairs that are needed at the Abergorlech Toilets. He intends to meet with his building inspector to look at all the issues raised.
2. British Heart Foundation, Newsbeat, asking for financial support, it was decided to donate £30 to this worthy cause.
3. Tenovus Cancer Care asking for financial assistance, it was decided to decline on this occasion.
4. Letter from C.C.C. John McEvoy Road Safety & Traffic Manager responding to several road matters within our parish. Blind dip near Pistyllgwyn-visibility study will be undertaken, speeding traffic through Llidiaid Nennog and Abergorlech.
5. Celebration of Culture Awards 2018 – Nominations now open, closing date 23-2-18, 5pm.
6. Dyfed Powys Local resilience forum for C.C.C. Richard Elms Civil Contingencies Manager.
7. Report on cleanliness and maintenance needed at Abergorlech Toilets by Councillor Paul Wilson. Nothing has been done since last month.

2/18/781 PLANNING – No planning matters

2/18/782 FINANCE

These items were passed for payment:

1. British Heart Foundation, donation £30.00
2. Llinos Humphreys, auditing annual return £50.00

Current Account- £18,575.44

Deposit Account - £1999.03

Deposit Account 2 - £305.91

2/18/783 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was reported that rubbish is being left at Abergorlech Park by users of the bike trails etc. Report this to Russell Jones Natural Resources Wales, as they own this land.
2. The council was informed that a crack has appeared in the road before you get to Pistyllgwyn Abergorlech when travelling towards Brechfa from Abergorlech. It is on the left hand side on the flat piece of road before you climb up towards Pistyllgwyn. Clerk to let C.C.C. know.
3. The council was notified that there are numerous Potholes from Tirlan farm entrance up to the Main road from New Inn to Brechfa, this section is very rough and needs to be resurfaced. Clerk to let C.C.C. know.

4. It was reported to the council that a white lorry has been parked on Natural Resources Wales land just after you go over the bridge leading up to Graig near Bryncothi lodge, Number plate GN58 EVF. Inform Russell Jones NRW.
5. A car (Volvo V70 Silver) has crashed into a property at Brechfa and has been left at the picnic site going into Garth, at Gwarallt forestry. Clerk to let Russell Jones NRW know.
6. Complaints were received that a street light outside Esgair Villa, Abergorlech, keeps flashing on and off consistently throughout the night. Clerk to let C.C.C. know about this.
7. Unfortunately, the council couldn't have our monthly meeting at Abergorlech Church Hall as it was double booked to have welsh lessons, clerk to contact the Hall committee to see what arrangements can be made to ensure that the Community Council can continue to use the hall as it has for numerous years, as it seems that our loyalty counts for nothing.

2/18/784 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 1st March 2018 at Gwernogle Chapel Vestry at 7.30pm

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.