

**CYNGOR Y GYMUNED  
LLANFIHANGEL RHOS-Y-CORN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
AT  
ABERGORLECH CHURCH HALL  
3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
AT 8.00 P.M.**

**COUNCILLOR'S PRESENT:** - Cllr Arthur Tattersall (Chair); Cllr. Dilwyn Daniels; Cllr. Eric Jones; Cllr. Garry Jones; Cllr. Geraint Jones; Cllr. Windsor Richards; Cllr. Rocco Sisto; Cllr. Paul Wilson; County Cllr. Mansel Charles and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** - no apologies

The Chair welcomed Garry Jones as the new Parish Councillor, and all relevant forms were completed.

The minutes of the meeting held at Brechfa Church Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019, were proposed as correct by Cllr. R. Sisto and seconded by Cllr. E. Jones, and duly signed by the chairperson.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** –no declarations of interest were made.

**10/19/886 MATTERS ARISING**

- a. **6/15/606/1 Road surface between Bronant and Capel Mair, Nantyllyn** – Ongoing.
- b. **6/16/675 Blind dip signage near Pistyllgwyn** – Signage on the road ARAF/SLOW on the Brechfa side.
- c. **6/16/675/2 Defibrillator for Gwernogle and Abergorlech.** Delivery has been made, defibrillators from Cariad one in Gwernogle, one in Nantyllyn and one in Brechfa villages. Permission has been given by the owner of Fronhaul Brechfa to put the defibrillator up on his house.
- d. **10/16/693/8 Potholes near Mile Hill Farm, Abergorlech, need filling in** – highways to inspect and fill in any pot holes. Ongoing.
- e. **11/17/765/2 Maintenance needed at all five cattle grids on the mountain** –Funding will be allocated next financial year to undertake remedial works to the worst of these grids. Council stated that two grids have been cleaned out, Fencing needs urgent attention at Blaenrhydgoch grid from Brechfa towards Llanllwni and also from Brechfa to New Inn. C.C.C. have been out and welded the rusty girder but it is not a good repair, there is a need for a New grid.
- f. **6/18/803/1 Best Kept Village sign at Abergorlech, has a rotten post** – Cllr. E. George has kindly finished cleaning and painting the sign and it is now ready to be put back on a new post. Clerk to forward this query to Jessica Morgan at NRW.
- g. **7/18/809/16 Labyrinth refurbishment at Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Church** – The council agreed to supply a bench for visitors to enjoy the tranquil labyrinth, prices obtained, the bench will be ordered.
- h. **9/18/818/6 Brynmarlais track needs attention** –The track which leads to Brynmarlais, Brechfa is being eroded by water, trees need cutting back as this is a footpath and cycle road, a meeting took place and this request will be passed onto Footpaths.
- i. **12/18/836/1 Swing needed for older/taller children at Abergorlech Park** - Abergorlech Play Area doesn't have any swings for the older/taller children, only the cradle type for toddlers. Would it be possible to have an additional swing? The clerk will ask Llansawel Community council if they could help financially. There is £479.32 available.
- j. **12/18/836/5 Speeding traffic on bend near Brynmarlais, Brechfa** - Speeding traffic on the bend near Brynmarlais, Brechfa. Would it be possible to have ARAF/SLOW printed on the road, or Slow children signage, as families/visitors are using this road when they come to stay in the Caravan, and Camp site.

- k. **2/19/848/1 –Dangerous bend Above Keepers Brechfa** - The bend above Keepers, From Gwarallt down to Keepers, it is believed that safety barriers are needed here to keep road users safe, especially with an icy road?
- l. **2/19/848/5– Fence needs repairing, below Pistyllgwyn, Abergorlech** - Fence is hanging out to the road below Pistyllgwyn entrance as you go down the hill, the posts have rotted away and the fence is hanging out and is a hazard and needs to be taken away or repaired to avoid damage to vehicles, vans, lorries, buses etc. If it catches onto a side mirror it could bring much more fence into the road and cause damage. A notice has been sent by C.C.C. to the landowner.
- m. **3/19/854/6 Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2021** – Update, once a meeting has taken place re: fundraising.
- n. **4/19/860/1 Dangerous Wall at Greenhill, Gwernogle** - Concerns were raised that the Wall at Greenhill is leaning out to the road and looks seriously unsafe, with major cracks in it. Extremely Urgent!!
- o. **4/19/860/3 Abergorlech Toilets roof problem** - The four corners of the roof of the toilets at Abergorlech need repairing it seems that the eaves have rotted away and the corners have sunk in. Clerk to send photos to Rhys Davies.
- p. **4/19/860/4 Extension pole needed on gate at Cattle grid near Hafod** -The cattle grid near Hafod (known as “yet Garreglwyd”) needs an extra pole attached to the gate so that horse riders can open and close the gate off the horses back, without having to get off the horse.
- q. **5/19/866/2 Trees leaning out to the road** - Complaints have been received that trees are hanging out to the road near Pistyllgwyn, Abergorlech. Small branches have been cut back but there is a need for more to be cut to allow clear vision of the road
- 1. **7/19/875/2 New LED Bulbs for Street lights** - C.C.C. Town and Community lighting project. They want to change the seven lights from low pressure sodium bulbs to LED bulbs at a cost of £139 each x 7 = £973.00 estimated cost. It was agreed to do this in one job to avoid extra charges.
- r. **7/19/875/3 Code of Conduct training** - Pack to be circulated to each councillor in turn. The code of conduct pack was discussed and formally accepted by the council and recorded in the minutes as requested.
- s. **9/19/881/1 Payphone Adoption** - C.C.C. Public Payphone removals by BT inviting the community council to adopt the Red kiosks, one at Brechfa, one at Nantyffin and one at Abergorlech (which is not a red kiosk). The telephone apparatus will be removed as they have hardly been used in the last 12 months. The council decided to try and adopt three kiosks in the Parish, one at Lliadiad Nennog, one at Nantyffin and one at Brechfa and also the one at Gwernogle which is a more modern type. The defibrillators can be put into them. Paperwork will be sent through in the near future.
- t. **9/19/884/1 Trees need cutting back from Gwernogle to the Main road B4310** - The Trees from Gwernogle village out to the main road B4310 need cutting back to ensure the safety of road users. The trees are overhanging the road, damaging vehicles and impairing the view of road. Can C.C.C. send notices out to land owners to request that they cut their hedges/trees back please.
- u. **9/19/884/2 The road leading up to Cnwc y Llwyn to Gilfach Meredith needs repairing urgently.** The husband is unwell and if an ambulance was needed it would not be able to get up the road. The track has deteriorated dramatically, can C.C.C. inspect this road and make arrangements to repair it as soon as possible.
- v. **9/19/885/3 The road from Brechfa to Llanllawddog needs to have the hedges cut back, and also from Felin Marlais past Pencaedu and out to the junction to the same road.** The Landowners should be contacted and asked to cut their hedges/trees back to ensure road user safety.
- w. **9/19/884/4 The council was informed that a large tree outside the council houses at Maesygroes** needs to be trimmed back, it was decided to ask a local contractor to cut it back. It should be done in the autumn.

#### **10/19/887 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email from Mari Mitchell concerning the need for minor repairs at Cwmwrdu bridge, Gwernogle. Clerk to ask C.C.C. to assess the bridge.
2. Carmarthenshire YFC thanking the council for their £100 donation.

3. Laminated list of the current councillors to be distributed to each notice board.
4. Emails from Mari Mitchell concerning how the council filled the post of councillor, when two applicants applied for the post, responses from the clerk explaining that a secret paper vote took place to fill the post.
5. Dyfed Powys Police and Crime commissioner inviting the council to visit the Llangunnor Head Quarters on the 9/10/19 between 5.30 to 9.30pm, two representatives can go. Cllr Arthur Tattersall volunteered to go.
6. Picture of the Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council County Councillor Mansel Charles for Cllr P. Wilson to see as he was not present at the last meeting.
7. C.C.C. Launch of moving Rural Carmarthenshire forward 9.30-12.30 Tuesday 8-10-19 at Emlyn Arms New Castle Emlyn. Noted
8. Grant Thornton- Annual Return 31-3-19 returned, it was noted that a Standing Order should be set up by the council (set of rules for the council to abide by). And also Financial Regulations need to be adopted by the council to abide by. Clerk to get these two documents and the council can then discuss them at the next meeting.
9. Letter from Mari Mitchell, Brechfa expressing her view that she was disappointed that she was not voted in as councillor as there are no women on the council at present. Concerns were also raised as to the amount of £500 being donated to the Royal Welsh Show in 2017 and also noted that no-one from the council attended the West Wales Rivers Trust meeting in Brechfa. The council were not informed of this meeting and therefore the councillors did not have a chance to attend, also a note that the minutes on the Website were not up to date and should be kept up to date. Noted. Response sent to Mari Mitchell.
10. Email from PCSO Louise Lewis to send her apologies, any queries please let her know via email.
11. Invoice from St Teilo Church, Brechfa for hire of hall for meetings £125.00.
12. Invoice from Lynda Davies for Re-imburement of Postage Stamps. £61.80.
13. Invoice from Abergorlech Church Hall for 4 meetings £100.00.

**10/19/888 PLANNING** – No planning matters.

**10/19/889 FINANCE** –

**These items were passed for payment:**

1. Mrs I Phillips £65.00
2. Abergorlech Church Hall £100.00
3. St Teilo Church £125.00
4. Mrs Lynda Davies £61.80

Current Account- £17,299.02

Deposit Account - £2003.45

Deposit Account 2 - £306.56

**10/19/890 ANY OTHER BUSINESS** –

1. Christmas Dinner 2019 –Clerk to get menus from Black Lion Abergorlech and Forest Arms Brechfa.
2. Tree needs to be cut down near the Gorlech River bridge at Abergorlech, the tree is large and is on the Llansawel side needs cutting down as it is obstructing the view of the road on the Brechfa side when vehicles are exiting Burma road. Clerk to contact NRW Jessica Morgan.
3. The rubbish is not being picked up on the correct day at Brechfa, it should be picked up on Thursday but the rubbish lorry is not reliable and residents are putting rubbish out it is not collected, wild animals are breaking the bags and the rubbish is all over the roads. The rubbish lorry comes and the rubbish has not been put out as it comes on the wrong day. Can this be addressed please.

**10/19/891 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The date of the next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Gwernogle Chapel Vestry at 7.30pm. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.**