

**CYNGOR Y GYMUNED
LLANFIHANGEL RHOS-Y-CORN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
AT
BRECHFA CHURCH HALL
5TH DECEMBER 2019
AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

APOLOGIES: - Cllr. Geraint Jones; Cllr. Rocco Sisto and Cllr Paul Wilson.

The minutes of the meeting held at Brechfa Church Hall on the 7th November 2019, were proposed as correct by Cllr. E. Jones; and seconded by Cllr. W. Richards, and duly signed by the chairperson.

PCSO LOUISE LEWIS – informed the council that gates had been taken from the Dryslwyn and Broad Oak areas, Sheep/lambs had also been taken and had been found in Ffairfach Market, this case is ongoing. Quad bikes have also been targeted and two people have been caught who had a lock up in Swansea. Owners should secure their vehicles and remove the keys, as most of the quads stolen have had their keys in the ignitions. Crime prevention team to come out in the New Year to the council meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – No declarations made.

12/19/898 MATTERS ARISING

- a. **6/15/606/1 Road surface between Bronant and Capel Mair, Nantyffin** – Ongoing.
- b. **11/17/765/2 Maintenance needed at all five cattle grids on the mountain** – 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. New grid put in place on the road from the mountain to New Inn.
- c. **6/18/803/1 Best Kept Village sign at Abergorlech, has a rotten post** – The sign is now ready to be put back on a new post. Jessica Morgan at NRW to contact Mr Eirian George.
- d. **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. Re-apply for grant from Antur Teifi, Brechfa Wind Farm fund.
- e. **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, to Alan Warner. The top of the path is the worst part.
- f. **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.
- g. **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? C.C.C. confirmed that no funds are available for this work and only recorded Personal Injury Accident data would assist this request to be progressed and looked at again. It is being kept on file in case funding becomes available from other sources.
- h. **3/19/854/6 Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2021, Llanegwad fundraising group** – Next meeting at the Chapel Vestry at Nantgaredig on the 7-1-20, everyone welcome.

- i. **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!! Clerk to ask C.C.C. what are they doing about it?
- j. **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. Rhys Davies confirmed that the investigation is still in progress and will get back to us as soon as he gets a reply.
- k. **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.
- l. **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.
- m. **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 Nantylfin and one at Llidiaid Nennog, the council agreed to adopt these three.
- n. **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.
- o. **10/19/890/2 Tree at Abergorlech Park entrance needs cutting down** – 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 has contacted NRW Jessica Morgan.
- p. **10/19/887/8 Standing Order and Financial Regulations** - Update the Standing Order and Financial Regulations. Clerk to get these two documents and the council can then discuss and adopt these documents.
- q. **11/19/893/8 Concerns regarding dog fouling at Victoria Park** - Concern regarding Dog Faeces left by the Dog owners in Victoria Park, very concerned that the NO DOGS signage had been removed and that children are now at risk of falling/walking in the dog mess, which can be extremely serious, the worst cases can cause blindness in children. The council agreed whole heartedly, and sent an email to the Park Committee, Llanegwad Community Council, Carmarthenshire County Council and County Councillor Mansel Charles.
- r. **11/19/893/9 Leaves need cleaning from the bend above Forest Mill, Brechfa and water crossing the road near Gwernogle Junction** – The leaves have built up on the road leading down to Forest Mill making it extremely slippery from the Abergorlech side, these need to be cleaned up. There is water crossing the road from the Gwernogle junction across the B4310 which when frozen can be hazardous.
- s. **11/19/896/2 Trees need to be assessed opposite New Quay Angling lay by** - The trees opposite New Quay Angling lay by near Abergorlech, one tree fell across the road blocking the B4310, luckily no-one was hurt, these trees need cutting down before they cause an accident. Clerk to contact NRW and C.C.C.
- t. **11/19/896/3 Dog faeces bin at Gwernogle Chapel** - A Dog Faeces bin has been put up at the Chapel in Gwernogle without any consultation, the members of the chapel were disappointed and would like to have it removed please. Clerk to notify C.C.C.
- u. **11/19/896/4 Road from Tirlan farm entrance to the mountain road, the surface needs major repairs, large potholes** - The road from Tirlan Farm entrance to the Brechfa to New Inn road needs to have new tarmac laid, C.C.C. have filled in the potholes over the years but now it is in a bad state with deep potholes. Clerk to notify C.C.C.
- v. **11/19/896/5 Blocked Manhole opposite Erw Wen Brechfa.** - A manhole is blocked and needs cleaning out opposite Erw Wen Brechfa, the water is coming out of the manhole, Next to Meillionnen, opposite Ballacrane (old Police house). C.C.C. asked to clean this manhole out.

- w. **11/19/896/6 Damaged cattle grid sign post near Tirlan farm** - The post opposite Tirlan Farm entrance has been damaged and is bent, the post holds the Cattle Grid Sign. Can C.C.C. either bend it back to its upright position or replace the post?

12/19/899 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Nat West Bank informing the council that they are changing the business account terms and conditions, and a new cheque book arrived– noted.
2. Letter from CISS Cancer Information Support Services asking for financial assistance. It was decided to decline on this occasion.
3. Glasdon bins, benches etc. catalogue.
4. Email from Nicola Smith C.C.C. informing the council that the request for safety barriers at Gwarallt bend down to keepers and also the request for passing bays on the road from Gwernogle village up to the mountain and safety barriers near Troedyrhiw have not progressed up the ranking stages as there have been no personal injury accidents recorded at these sites. No funds are available at present.
5. Email from Caroline Evans church Warden requesting one of the councillors do a reading at the Christmas service at Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Church, 15-12-19 at 2.30pm Cllr Eric Jones agreed to do the reading.
6. Emails from Mari Mitchell on behalf of the Victoria Park Committee in response to the letter sent regarding dog fouling at the park, and also my responses to them, they would like to have a new NO DOGS signage. This was passed onto Llanegwad Community Council, as the park is in their community.
7. Email from Lorna and William Bradley advertising the Handel's Messiah 23-12-19 Brechfa Church Hall, donation to Caldwell Autism Foundation.
8. Email from Mansel Charles to Sion Lewis, chasing up the need to fill in the potholes up to the C2104 junction. Response by Sion Lewis stating that the mobile gang have been deployed and they would be done by the end of the first week of December.
9. N.R.W. Jess Morgan emailed to state that a contractor will be employed to cut the trees back and put the Best Kept Village sign back up.
10. A Letter was received complaining that vehicles are travelling too fast through the village of Abergorlech, asking if it was possible to move the 30MPH signage further out towards Brechfa by some 15 meters. To ask that mobile speed cameras or the police with a Radar Speed Gun come from time to time so that the vehicles slow down. These requests were passed on to C.C.C. and the Police.

12/19/900 PLANNING – E/39796 Construction of New Access and visibility splays at Aelybryn, Brechfa by Mr Alistar Butler. The council wished to support this request.

12/19/901 FINANCE –

These items were passed for payment:

1. Salary for Lynda Davies £690.00

Current Account- £15984.02

Deposit Account - £2004.13

Deposit Account 2 - £306.66

12/19/902 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

1. The council was informed that the drain near Pantrhug, New Inn road, Brechfa is blocked. This drain needs to be cleaned out.
2. The council was notified that a drain was blocked under Forest, Brechfa, (past the junction which goes down to Felin Marlais) at the next corner before the bridge. This drain needs to be cleaned out.

12/19/903 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 2nd January 2020 at Abergorlech Church Hall at 7.30pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.