

**CYNGOR Y GYMUNED  
LLANFIHANGEL RHOS-Y-CORN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
AT  
ABERGORLECH CHURCH HALL  
26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020  
AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

**APOLOGIES:** - Cllr. Geraint Jones.

*All councillors wore face masks and also kept to the 2mtr distancing throughout the meeting in compliance with the Government Rules concerning Corona Virus Covid 19.*

The minutes of the meeting held at Brechfa Church Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020, were proposed as correct by Cllr. E. Jones; and seconded by Cllr. D. Daniels and duly signed by the chairperson.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – No declarations of interest disclosed.

**11/20/19 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. **6/18/803/1 Best Kept Village sign at Abergorlech, has a rotten post** – Ongoing.
- 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** – Ongoing
- g. **4/19/860/1 Dangerous Wall at Greenhill, Gwernogle** – The wall has collapsed and it blocked the road, the owner of Greenhill cleared the road but rain has eroded the earth now open to the elements and it is bringing earth down to the road, and in doing so it seems it is taking away the earth from under the Garage's footings. Unless something is built to stop the soil from eroding away, the Garage may also fall down onto the road. Clerk to contact C.C.C.
- h. **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. Rhys Davies confirmed that the investigation is still in progress and will get back to us as soon as he gets funding.
- i. **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 Lldiad Nennog, the council agreed to adopt these three.
- j. **12/19/902/02 Blocked drain under Forest, Brechfa** - A drain is 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.

- k. **1/20/05/02 Road in bad repair leading to Gilfach Lan Meredith** – This road is in a rough state of repair, the postmen are complaining that they are damaging their vehicles when delivering the post, they may have to STOP deliveries as the road is so rough.
- l. **2/20/11/1 Bin near Bus stop at Brechfa** – It was decided to move the rubbish bin from the Bus stop further up the road towards Abergorlech.
- m. **2/20/11/4 New rubbish Bin at Abergorlech** – A request was made for a new rubbish bin near the hall at Abergorlech.
- n. **2/20/11/5 Road between Bronant Bungalows and Capel Mair entrance needs attention** – The potholes needs filling and the road has cracked on one side and is deteriorating due to rainwater.
- o. **2/20/11/6 LED lights** – Street lights are going to be changed to LED Bulbs, the council would like to find out when these will be done?
- p. **2/20/11/7 Water on road near Pencaedu, Brechfa** – Rain water on the road near Pencaedu, Brechfa, the ditches need cleaning out so that the water stays off the road.
- q. **4/20/1 Abergorlech Toilets were closed due to Covid 19** - C.C.C Advised the Community council to close the toilets and put up posters to explain that they were closed due to Corona Virus. They have since been re-opened and have new signage explaining that everyone should ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly.
- r. **5/20/1 Y Lloffwr** – Requesting financial assistance, It was decided to donate £200.
- s. **5/20/2 Letter from Wales Air Ambulance** – thanking the council for their donation of £200. It was decided to donate a further £200 to this worthy cause.
- t. **5/20/4 Carmarthenshire YFC** - informing the council that all YFC events will be cancelled or postponed for the time being due to Coronavirus. YFC Office will be closed as from the 20<sup>th</sup> March for 12 weeks.
- u. **5/20/5 Gŵyl y Banc Awst, Llanbedr Pont Steffan** – thanking the council for their donation of £50, explaining that the eisteddfod has been cancelled due to Covid -19 but all monies raised will go to the next eisteddfod.
- v. **5/20/6 NHS WALES** - NHS WALES have written to the council to inform them that it has identified a problem with OUT OF HOURS SERVICE as they are finding it hard to get GP's to cover the unsociable hours. The service has decided to move Llandysul to Glangwili General Hospital, Carmarthen during the overnight hours (11pm-8pm).
- w. **5/20/8 A Letter of complaint** from an electorate was received by email on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020, unhappy with the way the council were processing matters.
- x. **5/20/9 Email from the same electorate** - retracting the previous letter of complaint.
- y. **5/20/10 Email from C.C.C** - Sir Gar Newsroom, important message from Cllr Emlyn Dole leader of Carmarthenshire County Council, if anyone wants help you can contact C.C.C. or as they are now known as Sir Garedig/ Carmarthenshire's kindness.
- z. **5/20/11 Year End Audit** - Mrs Llinos Humphreys has completed the audit, but we cannot pass the audit until we can have a meeting, I have emailed the Welsh Government at Cardiff and they state that the audit has to be passed as correct by the council at a monthly meeting. We will have to wait and see what Parliament comes up with. We need to pay Llinos for her work £100 as agreed in the AGM, and in the audit agreement that has been drawn up before the work was carried out.
- aa. **5/20/13 Year End Accounts** – Please find enclosed copies of the balance sheet, bank reconciliation and a list of payments.
- bb. **6/20/15 New Quay & District Angling Association at Abergorlech** - The clerk was contacted by a representative from the New Quay & District Angling Association (Abergorlech) which is based at the large lay-by as you approach Abergorlech, they only have 16 members. They were asking whether the council would be willing to make a donation to their club so that they can plant some trees along the riverbank to give the river some shade and to encourage fish to find the shade. They also wanted to repair a shed that has been blown down in the wind near their section of the river. They were also looking for volunteers to help re-instate the shed and plant the trees. The council declined on this occasion.

- cc. **6/20/16 Wall at Greenhill, Gwernogle** has partially collapsed and blocked the road, but has now been cleared away and the road is clear. The remaining soil bank is being eroded by the rain and is running out onto the road. If the rain continues to erode the soil bank it will eventually disturb the footings of the garage which is above, and this will eventually fall down to the road. Something needs to be built to hold the soil back and make sure that the garage doesn't fall down.
- dd. **6/20/17 NRW** - Philip Morgan telephoned to explain that the barriers at Graig Forestry which were put in place after the Rave last summer will have to be removed and re-positioned. They have had complaints that the barriers are prohibiting the use of a by-way road and therefore have to move the barriers. Their intention is to relocate the barriers to allow access to the by-way however stopping access to the Forestry.
- ee. **6/20/19 Audit Wales** - have returned the Year End Audit Report up to 31-3-20, The Notice of appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights was put up on the notice boards as usual BUT this should have been put up electronically on the website as well. Another matter which came to the Auditors attention was the High Level of Reserves, this needs to be addressed to reduce the amount kept as reserves for future years.
- ff. **6/20/20 The Notice of Conclusion of Audit** – This has now been put up on the website and notice boards for two weeks, to allow electors to obtain copies.
- gg. **9/20/22 Antur Teifi** – Meeting regarding Benches online on the 16<sup>th</sup> September with Antur Teifi regarding the grant we applied for, 4 benches for the Parish, they have come back to me, to state that they will finance 5 benches: 1- Brechfa, 1-Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Labyrinth, 1- Gwernogle, 1- Nantyffin and an additional 1- for Abergorlech, although they are outside the perimeter of the fund.
- hh. **9/20/23 Cerebral Palsy Cymru** - Requesting financial support, as due to Covid 19 pandemic their fundraising and charity shops have suffered by 80% and they are facing desperate times with 1/5 of the team being made redundant. It was decided to donate £100.00.
- ii. **9/20/24 Traws Link Cymru/West Wales Rail Campaign** - They would like to re-instate the railway from Carmarthen to Aberystwyth, and are hoping that the council would help them financially to maintain their Website and the cost of publication of the New Strategic Rail Corridor for West Wales.
- jj. **9/20/25 Trees falling across the B4310** - Complaints regarding trees falling across the road B4310, County Councillor Mansel Charles has immediately sent these issues into the Highways, and they have been dealt with instantly.
- kk. **9/20/26 Tilhill Planting Scheme** - Notification came from Jack Griffiths (Tilhill) regarding Woodland Creation Scheme in Brechfa Forest, 101.44ha is to be planted at Banc Farm.
- ll. **9/20/27 The independent Remuneration Panel Draft Annual Report 2021/22** - has now been published for consultation and is available on its website. Any concerns or comments can be sent to [IRPMailbox@gov.wales](mailto:IRPMailbox@gov.wales) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2020.
- mm. **11/20/23/1 Congratulations card should be sent to Cllr Ieuan Davies Llanybydder** on his term in office as Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council, Clerk sent a card.
- nn. **11/20/23/2 Carmarthen Animal Market** - Has closed down, the clerk wrote a letter to C.C.C. expressing the need to re-open the mart with New Auctioneers for future generations, with such exceptional purpose built buildings and vast parking to accommodate every visitor. It would be such a waste to leave this empty.
- oo. **11/20/23/3 Complaints regarding a Speeding Car** - Reports have been made to three councillors complaining of a car racing through the village of Abergorlech from the Llanfynydd road and then turning towards Llansawel with no concern for any other road users. Clerk to contact Police to report this.
- pp. **11/20/23/4** It was also reported to the council that Joy Riders were racing on the Mountain of Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn, the police have been keeping an eye on the area and have caught one of the drivers, the Police are still monitoring the area.
- qq. **11/20/23/5 Unused Parked Car taking up parking space** - A Parked car which is under a plastic cover and has not been moved for over a year, this car is parked in the Abergorlech Council flats car park

and needs to be moved so that other people can park their road worthy car there. At the moment people are having to park on the roadside as there is no room in the car park. Can someone look into this situation.

rr. **11/20/23/6 Hedges at Bedw Fach, Abergorlech** - Complaints have been received regarding the hedges at Bedw Fach, Abergorlech. They are overgrown and are pushing the traffic to travel in the middle of the road. They need to be cut back to the boundary with the B4310 road. Clerk to report to Highways.

ss. **11/20/23/7 Gilfach Wen, Brechfa, Hedges** - The council was informed that the hedges of Gilfach Wen need to be cut back as they are encroaching onto the main B4310 road. Although not in our Parish, the road users are in our Parish. Clerk to report to Highways

#### **11/20/21 PLANNING –**

1. **E/40735** Full planning application for an agricultural type steel framed building with box profile sheeting walls and a fibre cement profiled roof at Pantyporthman Lliadiad Nennog, Gwernogle, Carmarthen SA32 7RS for Kay James
2. **E/40704** Full planning application for a proposed outbuilding with terrace at Llysgwyn, Brechfa for Mr & Mrs Jones.
3. **E/40329** Penyarreg Forest, Near Gwernogle, Brechfa, Carmarthen,  
Description of proposal: existing forest road running from the large main borrow pit and turning area within Penyarreg at SN 523 352, down to the proposed ford crossing point at SA 521 355 will be maintained by scraping, re-profiling and re-stoning as required to create a running surface capable of supporting 44 tonne timber wagons. Agent Tillhill Forestry, Mr Alan Wilson Church Bank Llandovery.  
Applicant: Mr William Roberts, Talyfan Gannock Park Conwy LL31 9PZ.
4. **E/40735** - Full planning granted for an agricultural type steel framed building with box profile sheeting walls and a fibre cement profiled roof at Pantyporthman Lliadiad Nennog, Gwernogle, Carmarthen SA32 7RS for Mrs Kay James
- 3 **E/40704** - Full planning granted for a proposed outbuilding with terrace at Llysgwyn, Brechfa for Mr & Mrs Jones.

#### **11/20/22 FINANCE –**

1. **5/20/7 Receipt of Precept** payment into the council's Current account on the 27-4-20 totalling £2,500.00.

#### **These items were passed for payment:**

1. Invoice from Carmarthenshire County Council footway lighting £565.05.
2. Invoice from Carmarthenshire County Council for Abergorlech Toilets £2558.41.
3. Payment to Llinos Humphreys who audited the council's accounts £100.00.
4. Payment to Mrs Isabelle Phillips cleaner £65.00 cheque 1.Replacement cheque.
5. Payment to Mrs Isabelle Phillips cheque 2.
6. Zurich Municipal Insurance £436.74.
7. Mrs Lynda Davies salary for clerk, March, April and May 2020 £690.00
8. Mr Ian Phillips for grass cutting at Gwernogle £60.00.
9. With Hindsite Ltd annual Plug in fee for PDF embedder £10.00.
10. Mrs Lynda Davies salary for clerk, June, July, August 2020 £690.00.
- 11 Abergorlech Church Hall rent of hall for meeting £25.00.
12. Y Lloffwr Donation £200.00.
13. Cerebral Palsy Donation £100.00.
14. Air Ambulance Wales £200.00

Current Account £15263.88

Deposit Account - £2006.53

Deposit Account 2 - £307.03

#### **11/20/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

**11/20/24 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING - To be organised when Corona Virus Rules allow**