

**CYNGOR Y GYMUNED
LLANFIHANGEL RHOS-Y-CORN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
AT
ABERGORLECH CHURCH HALL
24TH JUNE 2021
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; County Cllr. Mansel Charles and the Clerk.
APOLOGIES: - Cllr. Geraint Jones and Cllr. Paul Wilson.

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

The minutes of the meeting held at Abergorlech Church Hall on the 26th November 2020, were proposed as correct by Cllr. E. Jones; and seconded by Cllr. D. Daniels and duly signed by the chairperson.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Declarations of interest were declared by County Cllr Mansel Charles regarding all planning applications. Cllr Garry Jones declared an interest in planning no: E37080 as he was the applicant and left the hall while discussions took place.

6/21/25 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** – NRW to construct a new pole Ongoing.
- d. **7/18/809/16 Labyrinth refurbishment at Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Church** – The Bench has been delivered.
- 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** – NRW, Ongoing
- g. **4/19/860/1 Dangerous Bank of Earth at Greenhill, Gwernogle** –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 Llidiad Nennog, the council agreed to adopt these three. Contracts have been signed and sent to BT for all 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** - They have since been re-opened and have new signage explaining that everyone should ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly.
- r. **9/20/22 Antur Teifi** – Meeting regarding Benches online on the 16th 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.
- s. **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.
- t. **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.
- u. **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.
- v. **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.
- w. **3/3/21/1 Brechfa Village Trust, request for financial assistance** - The council have had a letter from Brechfa Village Trust requesting financial assistance to buy an ability roundabout for Victoria Community Park which costs £6,000 including installation. The Park is due to be re-furbished, soon, having had a substantial grant from the Wind Farm fund, this money has been allocated for Capital works only. It was decided to keep this request until the councillors can meet in person.
- x. **3/3/21/2 Leaflets explain how to give CPR Covid Safe and use the defibrillators** – It was agreed that the Clerk and Rhoslyn Betts would work together to make a Welsh leaflet to go on the back of the English one and laminate it so that it can be given out in the Parish. Kimberley at British Heart Foundation who has supplied the leaflet in English and the video link, believed that this would be a great idea. These have been done and sent to Rhoslyn to distribute. An original copy is in the file should there be a need for any more.
- y. **3/3/21/3 Five Benches from Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm** - Requested 4 benches but they have offered an extra 1 for Abergorlech although this village is out of the funds area. These have been delivered to Councillor Garry Jones, Llysgwyn and he has kindly agreed to deliver them to their final places.
- z. **3/3/21/4 Chairman of County Council Carmarthenshire, request for donation** – Councillor Ieuan Wyn Davies, explaining that he was raising money for the Chair’s Appeal 2020/21, his charities are

Prostate Cancer UK and St Peter's Church Llanybydder. It was decided to keep this request until the next meeting when councillors would meet in person.

- aa. **3/3/21/5 – Cambrian Mountains** - Discussion document reports received from Cambrian Mountains initiative community interest company position on Future landscape status. On-line survey available, for opinions and feedback on email: astudiath.cambrianmountains@gmail.com
- bb. **31/5/21/1 N.H.S. Hywel Dda University Health Board** - Have your say! A consultation document is enclosed and should be read before completing the questionnaire, regarding Pharmaceutical needs assessment. Anyone who wishes to complete a questionnaire can pick a copy up at your local Pharmacy or telephone 01554-783746
- cc. **31/5/21/2 E.D.F. ENERGY**, a letter from Grosvener Debt collectors was found pushed between the door frame and the door of the Store room at Abergorlech Toilets. I telephoned the contact telephone number on the letter to find that C.C.C. had stopped paying for the electricity since August 2020, and EDF were sending the invoices to the Public Toilets at Abergorlech with a post code for a dwelling in the parish of Llansawel. Having given them my correct details as clerk and spoken to C.C.C. who claim that they had sent my details to EDF. Invoice from EDF ENERGY, it turns out that the council owe a total of £333.18 for electricity for Abergorlech Toilets, since August 2020 to May 2021. This has been paid.
- dd. **31/5/21/3 On –line Training** - C.C.C. asking if councillors would be interested in attending an online training session for the Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councillors? If so would the preferred time be during the day or evening?
- ee. **31/5/21/4 Carmarthenshire Cruse Bereavement Care**, are asking for financial assistance to help maintain their services to the community.
- ff. **31/5/21/9 Dog wandering alone in Abergorlech Village** - The council had a complaint by email regarding a dog wandering around the village of Abergorlech unaccompanied, the resident has reported this incident to C.C.C., but wanted to keep the council informed.
- gg. **31/5/21/10 Tree under the Cothi Bridge at Abergorlech** - A tree had been washed down the river Cothi and has become stuck under the Bridge in Abergorlech. Photographs were sent to C.C.C. explaining that this tree needs to be removed to avoid flooding in the village.
- hh. **31/5/21/11 One Voice Wales** – Clerk has spoken to One Voice Wales on numerous occasions to clarify when it would be legal to have a meeting in a hall wearing masks and socially distancing. It was agreed that a meeting could take place in June however, on-line meetings should be the way forward.
- ii. **24/6/21/1 Email from Tillhill, planting scheme at Banc Farm, Abergorlech**, it will be the Glastir Enhanced Mixed Woodland across the site. Conifers and Broadleaves will be planted. Consultation Request. The council expressed their disappointment in losing yet another agricultural farm from the Parish to the planting of trees under this scheme.
- jj. **24/6/21/2 Kiosk at Lliadiad Nennog** - BT contacted the clerk to check which kiosk the council had opted to adopt. There was confusion as contractors were at Lliadiad Nennog and were going to remove the kiosk, luckily Mr Chester spoke to the contractor and stopped them from taking it away. It was confirmed by the clerk and the council have now been notified that this kiosk is now owned by the Community Council. Poster to be placed in the kiosk. The other two kiosks at Brechfa and Nantylffin have also been requested for adoption, contracts have been signed and sent to BT, the council are still waiting for these to be finalized.
- kk. **24/6/21/3 One Voice Wales - Email from Alun Harries** advising the council that it is now legal to have a meeting indoors with a maximum of 30 people, whilst complying to social distancing and wearing a face mask.
- ll. **24/6/21/9 Letter of resignation from the clerk Lynda Davies**. Due to ill health she is resigning from her post. The post of Clerk will be advertised.
- mm. **24/6/21/10 The paperwork to reclaim the VAT** - total for the financial year has been completed by the clerk, awaiting for payment to be sent to current account.

- nn. **24/6/21/11** An email from The Welsh Government, highlighting the Programme for Government and the associated Well-being Statement.
- oo. **24/6/21/12 Welsh Government, local Nature Partnership Cymru Project**, leaflet enclosed highlighting the area of Llandovery. It is possible to upload photographs and information regarding wildlife and habitat in our Parish and they will be able to collate the information and make a file which could be accessed by the public on-line.
- pp. **24/6/21/13 To agree and approve the accounts presented as the annual return to the year ended 31-3-21-** The council agreed that the accounts are a true and correct reflection of the financial accounts held by the Community Council. Chair signed the form ready to be sent to Wales Audit.
- qq. **24/6/21/15 Nat West Bank plc** - Letter sent to Nat West Bank, asking for a Mandate form so that it can be filled in by all councillors to update the signatories on the accounts held.
- rr. **24/6/21/18 Road Closure** - Notification from C.C.C of the closure of the B4310 road from Llansawel junction towards Abergorlech village for 4 miles, closure for one day on the 5th August 2021 from 9.00am until 3pm. This is to allow for MJ Quinn to carry out urgent works.
- ss. **24/6/21/19 Letter of Thanks** - Mrs Rhoslyn Andrews-Betts sent the council an email to thank the clerk for her work in getting the defibrillator leaflets printed. Asking that the council be updated with the work carried out and to thank the clerk for her work during the time when she was a community councillor.

6/21/26 PLANNING –

1. PL/01958 Prior notification for improvement of existing and construction of a new track at Gwarallt Forest, Brechfa, Carmarthen SA32 7BP. The council would like to support this application
2. E/37080 - PROPOSED CENTRE TO SUPPORT MOUNTAIN BIKING, WALKING, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED FACILITIES, DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION AND HOLIDAY POD SITE - REVISED DESIGN TO THE BUILDING, LAYOUT OF THE CAR PARKING AREA, ACCESS ROAD AND HOLIDAY PODS AND PROVISION OF POND AND CONNECTING ROUTE TO BRECHFA FOREST - LAND ADJACENT TO BYRGWM FOREST, BRECHFA, NANTGAREDIG, SA32 7RD -
Councillor Garry Jones declared an interest in planning no: E37080 as he was the applicant and left the hall while discussions took place. The councillors discussed this application in great detail, looking over the revised plans of the site. It was decided to support this application as it will bring work into the area.

6/21/27 FINANCE –

1/21/1 Precept Reduced for 2020/2021 - Councillors decided to reduce the Precept to £6000.00. a decrease of £1500.00 per annum.

1/21/2 These items were passed for payment:

1. Invoice from With Hindsite Ltd, updating website £20.00
2. Payment received from Antur Teifi for £2874.00 on the 10/3/21 for 5 benches.
3. Invoice from Mrs Lynda Davies Clerk for Salary for Sept, Oct, and Nov 2020 totalling £690.00.
4. Invoice from Wales Audit for auditing the accounts for £385.85.
5. Payment for Mrs Isabelle Phillips £65.00 for cleaning the bus stop for 13 weeks, up to the end of December 2020.
6. Payment for Mrs Lynda Davies, Clerks Salary for Dec,2020 Jan & Feb 2021 £690.00.

24/4/21/1

1. Invoice from C.C.C. Public lighting maintenance charges and lighting energy, total including VAT £470.88.

2. Invoice from C.C.C. Toilet recharges Abergorlech 2020/2021 for general public conveniences fees and costs, Operative charges for April 2020 – March 2021. 100% cost less 4 months Covid closure. Total including vat £1947.30.
3. One Voice Wales annual membership £82.00.
4. Zurich Municipal Insurance £440.18.
5. Second life Products Wales Ltd for the five benches for each village totalling £2874.00.

31/5/21/1

1. Invoice from With Hindsite Ltd, domain name renewal for two years £20.00.
2. Annual Audit fee for Llinos Humphreys for checking the accounts prior to sending them to Audit Wales, agreed amount of £100.00 due for payment.
3. The Precept has been received into the current account totalling £2,000.
4. Re-imburement to Lynda Davies, for postage stamps, stationary, invoices attached totalling £74.04.

24/6/21

1. Invoice from With Hindsite Ltd Annual website hosting fee £120.00.
2. Clerk spoke to Nantgaredig School to see why they have not banked our cheque No:1012, but they stated that they had no record of receiving it, therefore there is a need to supply a new replacement cheque to them for £300.00.
3. Payment to Mrs I Phillips for cleaning the bus stop at Brechfa, £65.00
4. Payment for the use of the Hall at Abergorlech for the monthly meeting of June 2021. £25.00.

Current Account £14,447.58

Deposit Account - £ 2,006.69

Deposit Account 2 - £ 307.06

6/21/28 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**AOB**

1. Complaints have been received regarding speeding traffic through the village of Abergorlech, early morning and late afternoon. It seems to be people that are commuting to work, and are not abiding by the 30mph speed limit through the village. Clerk to contact C.C.C to ask for suggestions.
2. The narrow bridge at Abergorlech leading to the Llanfynydd road has yet again been knocked by vehicles and the top stones have been dislodged and therefore need to be repaired again. The stones are loose and are a hazard to residents and visitors to the area. Report to C.C.C.
3. A query has been raised regarding the new Bridge crossing the Cothi near Nantyffin built by Natural Resources Wales to gain access to the Forestry. Have Carmarthenshire County Council paid anything towards this build? Clerk to contact C.C.C.

6/21/29 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING - To be organised when Corona Virus Rules allow