

Cilymaenllwyd Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at Caffi Beca, 7.30pm

Present: Anthony Jenner (Chair), Russell Davies, Dennis Jones, Anthony Eynon, Rebecca Jaimangl Jones, Michael Fussell, Julian Williams, Cllr Dorian Phillips, Janice Morgan (Clerk)

Apologies: Tudur Lewis, Vivian Williams, Ffion John

The meeting was chaired by the Chairperson Mr Anthony Jenner.

The new Councilors were welcomed to their first meeting, MF and JW.

Action:

- **JM to send Declaration of Acceptance of Office form in Word format to MF, JW and FJ for signing and return**
- **JM to email 'Good Councillor's Guide' to the new members as part of their induction**

1. The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 31st January 2023 were accepted as distributed to the members on RD's proposal and seconded by AE.

Declaration of Interest: RD regarding item 3, Application for a Sustainable Communities Grant

2. Matters arising from 31/1/23:

- Meini Gŵyr information board: draft has been sent to all and are happy with it; some minor changes to be made and it will then go to print.
- Ynys Fach picnic site sign: JM reported that Alan Warner from the County Council has confirmed that they were happy with the sign and that tidying up the site was to take place shortly. The sign is currently being printed. All agreed for Boomerang to install the sign with special glue at an additional cost of £20, but to be done after the tidying up work has been done.
- Litter in the Ynys Fach lay-by: all agreed to remove the litter bin to see if the problem will improve.
Action: DP to ask the County Council to remove the litter bin from Ynys Fach lay-by to see if this will solve the litter problem
- Footpaths: Carmarthenshire County Council's guidelines for land owners relating to the footpaths have been sent to all.
- JM has sent an update in an e-mail to all regarding who are the land owners of the various rights of way identified at the public meeting however there are still some gaps regarding some sections.
- Concern was expressed about the unsuitability of some of the rights of way as they are so close to people's houses and therefore an intrusion of privacy or close to a slurry pit. One farmer has expressed concern re having walkers and their dogs pass through his dairy farm and the health and safety risks involved. It was agreed that it was essential to have a discussion and reach an agreement with the land owner before starting any clearing work.
- Website development – JM is currently in discussions with Jamie King regarding the format of the website. JM hopes to have a website in place very quickly.

- Diffib at Ffynnonwen Community Centre - JM has confirmed with the secretary of the Centre that the community council is willing to contribute towards the cost of a heated cabinet. DJ has also confirmed that the money raised for the cabinet in Caffi Beca and installation by D Phillips was through contributions from residents of the community organised by Grug and Begw Fussell.
- Community governor for the Federal Governing Body of Ysgol Beca and Ysgol Bro Brynach
Action: RJJ to inquire if DJJ would consider being a community governor
- Letter of thanks to GJ – JM sent
- New members - it was confirmed that FJ had been co-opted as a Councilor in place of VW and accepted
- The following potholes on the roads were reported: near Brynhafryd farm; the condition of the road between Nebo and Pantycaws is very poor; also from Llanglydwen Church to Pengawse and from Brynbanc in Ffynnonwen, to the square up to the school also very poor.
Action: DB to report poor condition of the above roads

3. Application for a Sustainable Communities Grant

- JM confirmed informaton had been sent to all re Carmarthenshire Community Council's UK Gov Shared Prosperity Fund worth £38m. A request has been received from the Login/Cwmiles footpath volunteer group for the community council to apply for a Sustainable Communities grant to assist with the work of clearing some of the footpaths in the Login area. The application was drafted by Julie Sweet, who is the representative of the volunteer group and was emailed to everyone over the weekend for all to consider.
- The deadline is very tight, which is tomorrow 29th March, therefore a decision is required urgently.
- A declaration of interest was made by RD as one of the footpaths in the application is on his land. RD left the meeting and was not part of the discussion under this item.
- The project name would be 'Cilymaenllwyd Footpaths Restoration' and the grant application is for £57,362.20 which includes a contractor clearing the footpaths identified in the application including installing gates, posts etc and also purchasing two brush cutters and safety equipment. The community council would own this equipment.
- 3 quotations have been submitted. The 3 were provided with information packs and an opportunity to walk the routes before submitting a quote.
- Concern was raised regarding insurance. It would be necessary to ensure that the contractor has appropriate insurance before undertaking the clearing work in case of causing any damage. It would be necessary to ensure that the community council's insurance is also sufficient before voluntary groups use the heavy-duty strimmers and also have a risk assessment in place of this activity.
- The application states that if successful, AJ would manage the project and JSweet as deputy.
- Payments would need to be managed very carefully as the community council would need to pay the contractor and then the community council would claim the money back from Carmarthenshire County Council. The contractor would need to submit invoices for small amounts regularly to ensure there is sufficient funds in the coffers.
- JM stated that a great deal of work had gone into drafting the application and that it would be presented in Welsh as this community council operates in Welsh. Supporting documents need to be attached with the application, i.e. constitution,

policies, budget and bank and insurance details and letters of support. Over 40 letters have come in from individuals and families, local businesses and tourism businesses plus local organisations within the community.

- After discussing the application extensively, it was agreed to submit.
Action: JM to submit the grant application by the closing date of 29/3/23

4. Correspondence

- Request from Cylch Meithrin Ffynnonwen for financial support. It was agreed to give £600 as last year
- An appeal for funds received from: Cruse Bereavement Support and also Macmillan Cancer Support and Llangollen International Eisteddfod. As they are not local organisations, their requests were declined on this occasion
- A letter of thanks received from 'Y Cardi Bach' for the donation of £250
- JM has sent out the following consultations for everyone's attention:
 - New hospital site – 2 sites under consideration: 2 in Whitland and 1 in St Clears. The dates of the public drop-in sessions were shared with everyone
 - Community Review for town and community councils in Carmarthenshire - looking at number of council members for the community; how it is divided into wards; the number and boundaries of any wards
 - Revised Local Development Plan 2018-2033 – see section 8 for more details on this
 - New registration rules for all bird keepers in Britain
- JM has sent the following information to everyone:
 - UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund – see section 3
 - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report – see section 8

5. Signing cheques/mandate

- Financial update: JM confirmed that there is £12,818.91 in the current account
- JM's cheque for clerk's salary of £1291.20 was rejected as there was an inconsistency with the signing arrangements on the mandate. Barclays Bank had noted on the renewed mandate that 3 signatures were required but this was changed to 2 signatures as has always been the case. A new cheque will need to be written
- Cheques payable to:
 - Mr Robert James, Caffi Beca - £25
 - Cylch Meithrin Ffynnonwen - £600
 - One Voice Wales membership 2023/24 - £134
 - Carmarthenshire County Council Recharge for community council elections 2022-23 - £323.32
 - This year's contribution towards the Carmarthenshire Urdd National Eisteddfod Appeal 2023 - £500

6. Planning

- The following planning applications were submitted since the last meeting:
 - One Planet development including house, implement shed, hay barn, polytunnel and wind turbine - land near Garnwen quarry
 - 3 new self-catering 1 bedroom eco tree houses at 'Coed Llys Mill Alpaca Ranch', alongside the proposed Cardi Bach shared use path, Melin Coedllys Login
 - Retrospective planning permission for a building to be used for employment use - Llys Awel, Efailwen
 - Polytunnel – Swn yr Adar, Hebron
 - Outbuilding used for domestic purposes – Lower Hill, Login

- There had been no objections regarding the above applications.

7. Training Plan

- A list of the latest online training sessions was sent to all. Members are encouraged to consider registering for a session, especially the new members as part of their induction programme.
- The community council will need to have a training plan in place for 2023/24
Action: JM to prepare a draft of a training plan for the May meeting for all to consider

8. Any Other Matter

Update from Cllr DP:

- Revised LDP (2018 – 2033): DP stated that it is very important that we respond to the new proposals in the LDP which is currently under consultation. There are 3 sites in this area being considered for new and affordable homes: 2 sites in Glandy Cross and 1 in Efailwen. The deadline is mid-April. The link to the details will be emailed to all.
Action: JM to send LDP details to all. All to look at the maps and details for the 2 sites in Glandy Cross and the 1 site in Efailwen; consider local needs (i.e. is the 10% development sufficient to meet local needs?) and send comments to Carmarthenshire County Council
- Remuneration: DP reported, following the consultation on Councillors' remuneration, that from May 2022 all Councillors should be paid £150 per year. Councillors can decide to decline
Action: JM to send the information to all and confirm the requirements regarding remuneration for Councillors
- Y Cardi Bach – work is ongoing. An ecology survey is currently being carried out and is looking at two sections to open between Rhydowen and Llanglydwen. A 4th round of drawings have been drafted for Llanfyrnach to Crymych
- Rubbish – many had not received the black boxes and this had caused problems. DP went out with the County Council and ensured that everyone received a box. DP reported that the new rubbish recycling system has already made a big difference to the county's recycling
- Voneus network – they are working in the area and have installed a box in Maenclochog
- JM stated that an S6 report needs to be produced for 2022/23 which is a report on biodiversity duties
Action: JM to draft S6 reports and distribute to all for comments

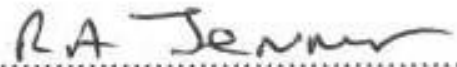
9. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 30th May 2023 at 7.30pm at Caffi Beca.

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson

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