Cilymaenllwyd Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 29th November 2022 at Caffi Beca

Present: Anthony Jenner (Chair), Russell Davies, Dennis Jones, Anthony Eynon, Rebecca Jaimangl Jones, Tudur Lewis, Vivian Williams, Janice Morgan (Clerk)

In attendance: Julie Sweet (community member) for Matters Arising

Apologies: Cllr Dorian Phillips, Geraint James

The meeting was chaired by the Chairman Mr Anthony Jenner.

1. The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 27 September 2022 were accepted as distributed to the members on RD's proposal and seconded by DJ.

2. Matters arising from 27/9/22:

- Dinner to thank Anwen Phillips and Les Owen for their services to CCC is being held this evening
- Signs:
 - Meini Gŵyr: Trysor do not have a copy of the Meini Gŵyr information board.
 JM has been given a new contact, Phil Wait, Llandovery who was the original designer. An e-mail has been sent; awaiting response.
 - Ynys Fach Picnic Site:
 - Alan Warner Carmarthenshire CC undertook a site visit on 16th November and propose doing a general tidy up of the tarmac and hedge banks, install two low maintenance benches, and some small scale fencing works. AW will be sending a map through showing what they are responsible for as it is not the entire site

Boomerang have quoted £50 +VAT for a new composite aluminium weatherproof sign

Action: JM to provide an update re (i) Meini Gŵyr quote for new info board and (ii) works map for Ynys Fach in the next meeting

- Update re public footpaths:
 - DP has tried to contact Jason Lawday; will try again
 - A3 copies of the footpath maps were sent to JS for distribution, digitally and hard copies. JS shared on Cilymaenllwyd FB page
 - JS met with Jason Lawday recently and provided a comprehensive update re current situation – see Appendix 1 provided by JS

Action: JM and JS to work together to look at the possibility of submitting a bid for Heritage Funding to support public footpath developments

 RJames is interested in offering a warm space at Caffi Beca under a funded scheme.

Action: JM to identify appropriate funding streams and report back at next meeting

Details re introduction to planning training sent to all

- Website: JM has obtained various estimates for developing a website for the community council:
 - West Wales Web Design: 1 page website £305 per year; 5 page website £489 per year
 - Hello websitedesigncarmarthen.co.uk hosting charge £150 per year plus development costs
 - Jamie King Design & Marketing approx £500 to £700.
 - With Hindsite Ltd £600 £700; monthly maintenance costs £25/month (or £300/year) for website hosting, technical updates and website backups
 - W3 Web Designs Limited £748.

Action: JM to discuss website development with Llangynin/Llanfallteg clerk to determine requirements and what would work best

Defibrillator at Ffynnonwen

- JM has made enquiries re accessing defib grants (email sent to Phil Hill, One Voice Wales and Save a Live Cymru which is part of NHS Wales).
- Welsh Government is providing grants to improve community access to defibrillators. The next window of opportunity to submit an application is 5th December. JM will need support to complete.
- The defib at Ffynnonwen Community Centre would need to be housed in a heated cabinet which is approx £300; electricity required to heat the cabinet

Action:

- JM to ask Ffynnonwen Community Centre if they would agree to having a defib mounted outside the building
- JS to help JM with completing the Defib application form
- Furthermore, defib training organised by Grug Fussell was held at Caffi Beca on 3rd November with very good turnout. E-mail forwarded onto GF providing info re free defib pads

3. Clerk Update

- Current account: £11,919.72. Savings account: £736.61
- Precept 2023/24 to be discussed in the January meeting

4. Correspondence

- Appeal letter received from Carmarthenshire 2023 National Urdd Eisteddfod in Llandovery. It is believed that a contribution of £500 has previously been made Action: JM to check if contribution has been sent to Carmarthenshire 2023 National Urdd Eisteddfod appeal committee
- Appeal letter from Carmarthenshire YFC seeking financial support to the running costs of the movement at county level. This was rejected as the local YFCs are in Pembrokeshire

5. Signing Cheques/Mandate

- BHIB Local Councils Insurance Renewal £404.38 due by 3/12/22
- Caffi Beca £25 for meeting venue
- Mandate changes made yet to be confirmed

6. Planning

- PL/04979 change of use from yoga studio for domestic use to commercial use -Old Lan Farmhouse, Login. Details e-mailed to all. Consultation closing date is 05/12/2022
- PL/04711 conversion of garage to holiday let Old Lan Farmhouse, Login.
 Details e-mailed to all. Consulation closing date is 15/12/22

7. CIIr DP Update:

JM presented update in Cllr DP's absence:

- Introduction of 20 mph speed restrictions
 - Cllr DP urged all to respond to the consultation re introducing speed restrictions to 20mph on streelit restricted residential roads before 9th Dec
 - This legislation will come into effect on 17 Sept 2023. All can view the proposals on Traffweb – details of how to access e-mailed to all
 - Proposals within Cilymaenllwyd include:
 - Efailwen change from 40 to 30 and every other 30 to go to 20
 - DP has proposed that the 30 speed limit be extended down to Caer Bedw
 - Pantycaws to go to 20 and from Pantycaws to Glandy Cross remaining at 30
 - Llanglydwen to go from 30 to 20, however, from the bridge past Fforest and up to the sign to remain 30. A proposal has been made to change this section to 20 as it is very narrow
 - Hebron to go to 20 mph
 - Ffynnonwen DP has proposed putting a speed limit here as nothing here at the moment
 - Garnwen DP has proposed a speed restriction near Garwen

Action: All to respond to the speed restrictions in streetlit restricted residential roads before 9th December

Section 106 LDP – is a planning fee. If doing a barn conversion, fee applies; if a holiday let then fee not applicable. If building a new house Section 106 applies, i.e. planning fee of £76 per square meter, floor and loft. Currently this money goes towards affordable housing but in the future you will be able to ask for this money to go towards a community project, such as a playground, school or hall. If planning is submitted it is important to do this right at the beginning. DP is suggesting that this planning fee could go towards the Twm Carnabwth Memorial; all to keep an eye out for this.

8. AOB

- Action: AJ to discuss concern re development work by Maesyfelin with DP
- VW stated that he intends to withdraw from the community council in May, having served as a member for several years.

9. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 7.30pm at Caffi Beca.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman

Signed:

Chair: Dyddiad: 31/01/2023

Appendix 1 – provided by Julie Sweet

Cilymaenllwyd Parish Meeting 29.11.22 6.45 pm Caffi Beca.

Footpaths -

Progress has been made on some of the footpaths that were put forward at the 27.9.22 meeting at Caffi Beca.

Footpaths put forward for Login and Cwm-Miles were -4/7, 4/12, 4/13, 4/16, 4/19 & 18/42. I have highlighted in bold the Login footpaths forwarded to the Council by Councillor Phillips.

Footpaths 4/7, 4/6 & 4/8 are proposed new footpath routes that the Council are aiming for. These are long term rights of way ideas that the Council are in charge of and we can't proceed until they are rights of way.

Footpath - 18/43, part of the *Landsker Borderland Trail*, has been cleared at the Login end and access is good all the way to Cilgynydd Farm and Crosshands. There is some signage.

Landsker Borderlands Trail has now been classified as a long-distance route by the Council. This means that it should get regular maintenance by the Council ranger team.

This would therefore include footpaths from Cilymaenllwyd parish 18/42, **4/12**, 4/10 & 52/8. These footpaths should get maintenance through the Council and any issues reported should be dealt with quicker than other footpaths not on the Landsker Trail.

Footpath - 4/13 has been cleared at the road end by Login village. I understand Jason Lawday from the Council visited week commencing 14.11.22 has visited the landowners and this path may move slightly to improve access but the entire footpath can now be walked.

Footpath - **4/12** has been further cleared and widened. Access is good but still a bit of a scramble in places due to the wet ground to Cilymaenllwyd Chapel. This path is signed. There are drainage issues which the Council are aware of and Jason is due to visit again 13.12.22 to see the viability of a proposal put forward by the landowner.

Footpath - **18/42** has a tree just fallen by the junction of **18/42** & 18/43. Jason visited on 25.11.22 and surveyed the area with Julie Sweet. Jason has gone away to research if it is more cost effective to move the current right of way to the opposite side of the river/stream. This would make a bridge cheaper as it is a shorter span and there is a permissive path already where a previous path was.

Footpath - **4/19** still has access issues where the trees have fallen in the steep section. The council have replied...

"A path inspection was carried out. The issue regarding the windblown trees has been discussed with the landowner, who intends to remove them as part of ongoing forestry operations. It has been logged as legal issue number 13998."

Pont Dol-Wilym which leads to the Cromlech, Gwal y Filiast, from footpath 4/19 - has had

another 6 months closure extension. The Council hope a new bridge which will take the weight and width of a tractor as per the landowners' requirements will be in place by June 2023.

All the Community Councils have been contacted to ask them to put forward routes that they considered to be priority routes for their communities, but due to the level of resources available, this is to be limited to 10% of the total network within the Community. Jason Lawday states he is not directly involved in this, but believes that it amounts to an overall length in metres, rather than a specific number of paths that could be prioritised for regular maintenance by the rangers. Potentially, this could be increased with volunteer assistance. It's not too late to submit Community priority paths.

Therefore, as several of our footpaths within Cilymaenllwyd Parish form part of the Landsker Trail and are now subject to potential regular maintenance we should consider other footpaths that are already open but have maintenance or small access issues.

It would be time consuming to accurately measure the total distance of Cilymaenllwyd footpath network in metres. But to submit short sections of problem paths which can be measured on the Ordnance Survey (OS) map should be adequate.

So, if Login footpath volunteer group could put forward;

Footpath **4/19** which has good access but the length to be submitted as a priority route for maintenance to the Council is map reference SN16516 24908 to SN16487 25097, a length of approximately 200 metres.

Footpath 4/20 which is between Login and Efailwen has good access but access issues around map reference SN16042 25369 to SN16308 to 25583, approximately 350 metres. Also, the same footpath but further along the footpath, map reference SN 16695 25875 to SN 16962 25943, approximately 240 metres.

Funding for footpaths.

Julie Sweet roughly investigated funding:

Paths to Wellbeing through the ramblers opens next year about June 2023. They would provide assistance and fund certain path furniture. Jason thinks Cilymaenllwyd would be a good candidate and would be supportive.

Welsh Heritage funding.

Previous grants have been given for a variety of footpath themes. Because footpath networks link communities this may work best if we work in collaboration with the County Council, the Parish Council and the community. Also, it could go beyond Cilymaenllwyd and perhaps incorporate Llanboidy Parish and perhaps Llanfallteg, so make it a ward? Also, this grant has to be submitted in Welsh. Funding available up to £100,000.