

Felinfach Community Council
Minutes of Regular meeting held on Tuesday April 14th 2015
6.30pm at Maesybellan Chapel

Present: G Jones(Chairwoman), , W. Thornton, S.Brown
G. Price,I Robinson, C.Morgan, J Owen-Lowe, R. Carrotte,
D. Rowlands(Clerk)

Apologies J.Pryce

Declaration of interest -None

Minutes of last meeting was signed and dated as a true account.

Matters Arising

Purchase of Kiosks in the Community - Clerk advised Cllr's that Trawscoed & Felinfach, Kiosks were up for adoption, interest was also shown in purchasing Brechfa and The Common Kiosks, Clerk to inquire with PCC Planning Dept, (Matthew Griffiths) as to whether planning permission is required.

Clerk to speak to PCC Highways to see if it is possible to have a sign for Trawscoed erected at the top of Maesybellan Chapel pitch, to aid Delivery Drivers.

PCC General Dispensation for School modernisation and School Transport review - Clerk received a letter stating that a Standards Community Sub-Committee has granted a review into School Modernisation & School transport.

Traffic Calming in felinfach - Clerk has received the invoice for the Please drive carefully signs for Felinfach Village - cheque paid to Powys County Council.

Bus Stop Risk Assessment - Cllr Morgan has assessed the Bus stops,(Pontybat & Felinfach), No problems were found with Pontybat, but Felinfach Bus stop is in need of some repair(Fascia Boards, Guttering & repainting) Clerk to contact Mr Elwyn Jones, A.V.Griffiths & Mr Jeff Price for a quotation for the repairs.

Cwrt-y- Plyffin Lagoon - Clerk contacted Mr Geraint Richards regarding the spreading of digestate at Cwrt-y-Plyffin during the weekend of the 15th March 2015, which resulted in pollution into a nearby water course, Clerk was reassured that NRW had investigated , and that little pollution was recorded between the water upstream ,and the water quality below the spreading area. The NRW is not responsible for the testing of Drinking water Springs & Bore holes, that falls on the Environment Agency.

Cllr's were concerned that as a representative body for the Community, they are not in possession of any recorded results of the monitoring carried out by NRW, Clerk to enquire if it is possible to receive the relevant reports. Cllr Brown explained that the spreading had ceased in Cwrt-y- Plyffin ,but has commenced at the Drane in Llanfilo, causing disruption to the village. questions were also raised as to the regularity of the testing by NRW, and the amount of digestate that the ground is able to consume within a twelve month period, and if repetitive spreading is permitted. It was suggested that possibly it would be beneficial to the Council if a representative from either Talgarth Town Council or GP Biotec would attend a regular meeting to clarify the situation and put the Cllr's minds at ease, that all relevant regulations are been adhered too.

Planning

There were no Planning Application this month .

HEDG/2015/0003 - removal of 30m of hedgerow at land adjacent to Penishapentre, Llanfilo - Clerk to Write to PCC Planning Dept to support the removal of the hedge, as the Council have requested alterations to this junction for some time.

The above Planning Application has been withdrawn , but the improvements have been carried out.

Correspondence

Llanfilo Burial Ground - A letter was received from Mr Blazey, The Old Rectory, Llanfilo, pointing out his legal rights, and the rights of the Council regarding the right of way to the new Burial ground. It was suggested that possibly a sign could be erected on the gate or at the entrance to the Rectory, stating that there is no parking on the Rectory's Property.

Zurich Insurance - Clerk received renewal Insurance quote for the forth coming year(01/06/15-31/05/16), Clerk requested that the quotation be checked by Council members, It was agreed by all Councillor's that the insurance cover needed hasn't changed from last year, so therefore it was decided to except the renewal quote.

Mid Wales Housing Association - Will shortly be launching their consultation paper about its new shared ownership idea which could offer tenants an opportunity to buy a share of their current home .

Finance

Current Account Balance - £6298.76 at the end of March

Reserve Account £346.72

Clerk spoke to previous Clerk to inquire why the reserve account was set up, he explained that it was due to interest rates being high. unlike it is at the present time, It was decided that the money would remain in the reserve account.

Invoice - PCC Technical & Local Services -£ 449.44

Income - Burial of Ashes at Llandefalle £100.00

A.O.B

Mr Elwyn Jones has completed that work to the gate & post entering the new Burial Ground in Llanfilo.

Cllr Robinson has compiled a fact list, based on the progression of Broadband in the ward, he will condense the information and it will be posted on the website/parish pump/grapevine.

Chairwoman's Business

Date for the next meeting will be 26th May 2015, 7pm at Llandefalle Hall, for a regular meeting and the annual general meeting .

Signed.....Date.....