

Felinfach Community Council
Minutes of regular meeting held on
Monday 21st November 2016
Llanfilo Old School

Present: S. Brown (acting Chairwoman)
R. Carrotte,. G.Jones A. Lawrence, G. Price, J.Pryce.

Apologies I. Robinson, C.Morgan.

Declaration of interest -None

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

Matters Arising

1. **Consultation of Wind Farms** - The Clerk had received an e-mail, requesting the response of the Council to the LDP consultation regarding wind farms, In Powys County Councils LDP it does not refer to any proposed wind farms in our area, Cllr Price, reported that the Commoner's of Llandefalle & Llangoed Commons had heard that there was a possibility that there could be suitable areas on the common to accommodate wind turbines, but at this present time there is no evidence of any imminent applications. Cllr Brown is concerned that an application could be approved without going through the correct channels, but Cllr Pryce reassured her that an environmental assessment would be carried out and a consultation period would proceed any approval

2. **Felinfach Play Park** - Clerk updated the Committee of the progress that the Play Park Committee have made since formed, They have been fundraising tirelessly and have managed to accrue a handsome amount of £3500.00, to which under the Councils umbrella they have managed to secure a grant from Powys County Council of £3250, the work will start as soon as possible, and needs to be finished by the end of February 2017, just in time for the summer.

3. **Superfast Broadband** - Clerk advised the Council of the huge response from the article in the Parish Pump regarding the connection of Broadband, a considerable amount of people contacted the Clerk to vent their frustration over the lack of " superfast broadband " with the connection and speed being a problem. The Clerk has forwarded an e-mail to Susi Marston from B.T. with the details of the complaints, Clerk awaiting her reply.

4. **Felinfach Bus Stop** - Clerk explained to the Councillors that were not present at the site meeting on Tuesday 8th Nov. that when the Committee met with Nick Townsend (senior Civil Engineer) to assess the proposed Powys County Council plan for the new layout of the bus stop, Councillor's were not in agreement with Mr Townsend's plan, and put forward a more straight forward solution, which Mr Townsend took on board, Clerk awaiting to hear from him, with the outcome.

5. **Gwernyfed High School Closure Update** - PCC cabinet met on 27th Sept.2016, at the meeting the cabinet agreed to abandon elements A,B, & D of the proposals and will re-consult on element C. the Cabinet will consider a further report in respect of the two schools in due course.
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Planning

1. There were no planning applications for this meeting.

FYI, Consent has been given for the following:

P/2016/0903 Full Consent Lower Drostre - Erection of an extension to an agricultural building .

P/2016/0975 House Consent Church House Llandefalle - Two Storey extension

P/2016/0519 House Consent Llwyn cynog Farm - Erection of two storey extension

Correspondence

1. Town & Community Council Elections 2017 - Clerk received a letter from Electoral Services, giving information regarding the forthcoming elections in May 2017, advising of the dates, the potential cost of the Community Council Ward election , and the County Council electoral divisions, along with procedures that need to be followed, following the election.
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2. MECC - Making Every Contact Count - Clerk received an e-mail from PAVO to gauge the response to a training course that is being proposed for people that have regular contact with members of the public that has an interest in health & health promotion. There was little interest shown in attending such an event from the Councillor's.
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3. British Red Cross - The Council received an annual request from the British Red Cross to give a donation to support local services, it was agreed that a donation of £50 would be given.
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Finance

Account review

1. Current A/c - Expenditure

Statement dated 5th Oct 2017 - 4th Nov 2017

Previous balance	10855.13
Withdrawn	350.00
Income	500.00
New Balance	11,005.13

Payments	
K.Williams 531	350.00

Income	
Peter Evans Undertaker	500.00

Invoice outstanding:

Elwyn Jones Builder	1477.20
Crickhowell Resource Centre	29.20
K. Williams	350.00

Donations

Citizens Advice Bureau (All of which have been paid)	60.00
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2. Reserve A/c
Statement 5TH Oct 2016 - 4th Nov 2016
Balance: 346.94
Interest 0.01

3. Play Park A/c
Opening Statement 1st Nov 2016
Balance 0.00

A.O.B

1. Llandefalle Churchyard Wall - Clerk received a letter last month from Mr Mellors, Llan Farm, Llandefalle, with regards to the wall on the south side of the churchyard, It was unsure as to who actually was responsible for the upkeep as Mr Mellors has maintained it for several years, but feels that he is no longer capable of repairing it, Clerk contacted Mrs Vera Harley, Church Warden, who has contacted The Church in Wales and they have responded as Follows:

The Churchyard and the boundary wall were transferred to the Parish Council in 1925, along with the kissing gate which forms part of the boundary wall. It was agreed that the Clerk will liaise with Mr Mellors over the repair of the wall. It was also reported to the Clerk, that the Kissing Gate is in need of repair, Council agreed that Mr Elwyn Jones would be asked to quote a price for the job.

2. Warning of Procurement - Clerk received an e-mail concerning the consultants that are advising Powys on procuring public services, Clerk shared the information with the Council.
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3. Consultation on Welsh -medium stream at Brecon High School -The consultation begins on Monday 21st November 2016 and will end on Monday 9th January 2017. A meeting will be held for Parents & Community at Brecon High School from 6.30pm - 8.30pm on Thursday 1st December.
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Date of next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 10th January 2017 at Maes-y-Bellan Chapel at 6.30pm.

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