

Felinfach Community Council

Minutes of meeting at Maes y Bellan Chapel

Date: January 15th 2014

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

Apologies - None

Declaration of interest - None

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Mr Chairman, and Mr C. Morgan, carried out a risk assessment on Llanfilo & Felinfach bus stops, there was no maintenance to be done on either.

Clerk reported on the reply from the minister of transport, regarding the junction at Felinfach, on the A470, according to the evidence from her officials, the amount of collisions at the junction, does not justify further safety measures being implemented at this present time, the situation will be kept under review.

Chairman reported that the situation at pont-y-bat junction, with the school bus turning, has not changed, he will chase the Highways Dept.

Chairman reported on the meeting held between Powys County Council and Powys Health Board, at Elim Church, Brecon, the overspend from last year was £40m, which will be taken out of next year's financial budget to balance the books, various suggestions were put forward to reduce the deficit, which included doing things differently, eg:

- Increasing charges for services, that are already chargeable,
- Reduce services
- Requesting community groups to take over services.
- Health Board and PCC liaising between each other to share information, and combine services.
- Reducing Staff.
- Advisory services joining forces.

Altogether a good presented meeting with power point presentation - very interesting.

Planning report from Planning Sub - Committee

P/2013/0613 - Cllr Morgan had drawn up a reply to plans submitted for a new club house at the Funglas, pointing out a few issues of concern.

- Increase in traffic.
- Type of lighting proposed to be used from the car park to the club house, which needs to be invisible from the outside of the site, due to light pollution as we are in a registered darker skies area. In the meeting it was suggested we send an additional response to comment on the darker skies issue, but as the date of consultations had passed and the lighting issue was addressed in our original submission, the decision was made to take no further action at this present time.
- If shooting stand No.6 is to be erected in another part of the site, then another planning application would need to be presented to the Council.
- Hours of opening.

P/2013/1169 & P/2013/1189 - no objections

Correspondence

- Powys Rural housing newsletter - reporting on house building and development in rural Wales.
- One Voice Wales Training Programme and booklet - given to Ian Robinson.
- Talking Books Wales - it was decided that no donation would be given, as the books are available via PCC and RNIB with no charge.
- Western power Stakeholders Meeting - information given to Ian Robinson.
- Wicksteed (Play equipment for community parks) brochure received - which raised the issue of the renewal of the lease for the park, clerk to chase up Charles Crookes(solicitors) for an update.

Finance

Further income of £445.00 - Llandefalle Churchyard,

Cheques paid to :

K.Williams - Grass cutting	£200.00
Swalec	£ 11.95

Precept Budget was set at £6400, which equates to £17.25 per household.

Village Hall Grant - It was agreed that the amount per hall (Llanfilo, Llandefalle, Maes y Bellan) would remain the same as last year £270.00.

Chairman's Business

Concern was raised by Ian Robinson, that the lane between Maes-y-lan and Caebetran road (map no.188explorer, 091/349/350) has been fenced off since the sale of Maes-y-lan, clerk to write to PCC Rights of ways officer to enquire if the lane is a right of way, or what is it actually classed as.

Concern was raised by S.Brown,and G Jones regarding the flooding on the road between Llanfilo Church and the Draen Farm and Felinfach Village - Clerk to contact Highways Dept. -regarding inspection and cleaning of drains.

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 19th February 2014 at Llanfilo Old School, @ 7.30pm.