Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 27th March, 2024.

**PRESENT** – Cllrs Andy Mitchelmore (Chair), Iona Pierce, David Taylor and Paul Evans together with the Clerk (John Roberts).

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Bryan Jones, Huw Jones, Kevin Shenton and Ian Jones. . **2.** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – therewere no declarations of interest. **. 3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 28th February, 2024 were submitted and confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising from the minutes were discussed as follows:

**MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES**

**4. Denbighshire Commuted Sum Projects** – Members were reminded that the sum of £11,370.95 remained available to the community council area of Llangynhafal and it was noted that this must be spent on outdoor public recreational open space that is of direct benefit to residents or users.

Possible schemes discussed previously were given further consideration as follows:

1. **Provision of water to the recently established Community Garden** **at Maes** **Hafal, Gellifor**. – in view of the cost, it had been agreed not to pursue the provision of mains water but instead to look at providing a water bowser/tank. Cllr Ian Jones was investigating this matter including obtaining costs in respect of a metal stand.
2. **Purchase of specialist litter picking equipment and containers**. – following further investigations and discussions it was decided that it would not be practical to proceed with this project. It was felt that the best way forward would be to arrange a community litter collection event as and when required.
3. **Purchase of weather proof community notice boards** - members agreed that more research needed to be carried out into this matter and whether oak notice boards could be made locally.
4. **The purchase and erection of a special plaque at Hendrerwydd to mark the location** **and transfer of Hendrerwydd Uchaf (16th century farmhouse) to St Fagans Museum,** **Cardiff** – Cllr Iona Pierce stated that she had been in touch with Countryside Services regarding this matter and was awaiting further information.
5. **The purchase and installation of replacement community seats.** – Cllr Paul Evans agreed to contact Meifod Wood Products, Denbigh regarding the purchase of new seats including a new seat to replace the damaged seat at Plas yn Rhos. . **Seat opposite Gellifor School** - it was reported that details about the new seat to be provided by a local family had not yet been received.

**5. Highway Matters –**

**(i) Maintenance of Roadside Visibility Railings** – no further information had been received from Denbighshire Highways regarding this county wide issue.

**(ii) Introduction of Speed limits at Llangynhafal and Hendrerwydd** – this matter was now being investigated by the Denbighshire Road Safety Section.

**(iii) Poor condition of the roads** – this continued to be a problem with numerous potholes in the area. It was agreed that Highways be asked to carry out repair work as a matter of urgency.

**(iv) SLOW Road Marking at Plas yn Rhos Bends** – this matter had been referred to Highways but, as yet, a reply had not been received.

**6. Community Garden Project at Maes Hafal** – reports on the following matters were submitted:

**(i) Provision of Water** – see 4(i) above.

**(ii)** **The £500 grant**, available to be spent in accordance with the Project Group’s priorities, continued to be on going in consultation with Mrs Iola Quinn.

**(iii) Direction Sign** – Cllr Andy Mitchelmore was looking into this matter with the school.

**7. Footpaths** - Path 17/1 and 17/2 at Dol y Caeau, Llangynhafal – it was reported that Countryside Services and the landowner had arranged for the boundary hedge to be cut back at this location. This action had greatly improved access to the footpath.

**8. Defibrillators within the Community – (a)Training** – following the cancelation of the February training event a new date was now being arranged by Cllr Kevin Shenton. **(b) Defibrillator at Gellifor School Site** – following discussions with the school and Education Department it was reported that arrangements were in hand to relocate the defibrillator from inside the school grounds, which were locked during the school day, to alongside the Community Council notice board on the perimeter fence which could be accessed from the road.

**9. Mountain Road beyond Llangynhafal Church** – following the recent storm damage, the Highways Dept had been contacted regarding carrying out repairs and reopening the mountain road but, to date, a reply had not been received. It was agreed to write again and to request that a site meeting be arranged to discuss the actions required to reopen the road and to prevent further flood damage taking place.

**10. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (i) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 29.02.2024 stood at £6839.65

**(ii) Audit of Accounts 2024** – correspondence from Wales Audit regarding the statutory external audit was submitted. Members noted that the approved accounts needed to be submitted to Wales Audit by 30th June 2024 and that 12th September 2024 had been appointed as the date from which electors could exercise their rights to contact Audit Wales with questions or objections. In addition, members noted that this would be a triennial “full” audit.

**11. PLANNING –** consideration was given to the following planning application: (i) Homeacre, Llanychan (Ref 22/2024/0167) – Erection of an agricultural machinery and fodder storage building and associated work. Resolved – (i) the need for all properties in the area to be notified of the proposed development and (ii) given that the building was a sizable structure quite near to neighbouring properties, careful consideration would need to be given by Planning to the effect the development would have on the properties at this location.

**12. NEW CORRESPONDENCE** - New correspondence regarding the following matters had been circulated to members prior to the meeting:

**(a) One Voice Wales – (i) Renewal of Membership –** it was agreed that the Council renews its membership for 2024/2025 at a cost of £113.00 (ii) Newsletter and details of training events were noted.

**(b) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2024** – a summary of the report and the Panel’s recommendations relating to Community Councils was received and noted. Members reiterated their previous decision not to accept any form of payment.

**(c) New Lease for the Community Centre** – at the request of the Community Centre Management Committee it was agreed that a further request be made to the County Council for the existing lease, which expired in 1999, to be renewed.

**13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – (i) Christmas Tree Arrangements 2024 for Hendrerwydd.

**14. DATE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING** - it was agreed that the Annual Open Meeting be held on 24th April 2024 and that the next meeting of the Community Council be held immediately after the Open Meeting.