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**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 29th January, 2025.**

**PRESENT** – Cllrs Bryan Jones (Chair), Andy Mitchelmore, Iona Pierce, Paul Evans Kevin Shenton and Huw Jones together with the Clerk (John Roberts).

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Ian Jones and David Taylor 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – there were no declarations of interest.

**3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 27th November 2024were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

 **MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES**

**4. Denbighshire Commuted Sum Projects (to improve open spaces and play areas)** – Correspondence from Denbighshire inviting bids from available funds totalling £11,370.95 for the community council area of Llangynhafal was submitted.

During recent months, the Council had been looking at possible projects including the provision of children’s play equipment on the school field for school and community use and the provision of community noticeboards.

**With regard to play equipment** - in accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, Cllr Andy Mitchelmore reported that he had been in touch with the school to ask pupils what type of play equipment they would like to see on the limited amount of space available.

A number of ideas had been put forward and Cllr Mitchelmore agreed to carry out further work with a view to a bid being submitted under the Commuted Sum Scheme.

**With regard to noticeboards**, the Clerk stated that, based on the discussions held at the last meeting, he would prepare a separate bid for possible submission should the level of available funding be sufficient to cover both projects.

**5. Community Garden at Maes Hafal, Provision of Green Bins for Garden Waste** – it was reported that this matter continued to be looked into by Housing and Community Services at Denbighshire. .

 **PAGE 284 . 6. Plaque at Hendrerwydd to mark the location and transfer of Hendrerwydd Uchaf (16th century farmhouse) to St Fagans Museum, Cardiff** – Cllr Iona Pierce reported that a local craftsman was working on the plaque and that a draft of the agreed inscription would be submitted in due course.

**7. Community Seats** – it was reported that an estimate in the sum of £450 had been received in respect of repairing various seats within the community and it was agreed that the estimate be accepted and to ask the contractor to carry out the work as soon as possible.

**8. Highway matters** – **(i) Poor condition of the roads** – the poor condition of the roads within the community was a major cause for concern and the following were highlighted for urgent attention by Highways: (i) the road from Gables all the way to Cyffion (ii) the entire length of Hwylfa Fain (iii) Plas yn Rhos bends (iv) the bend at Bryn Onnen on the Gellifor to Cyffion road and (v) along the top road near the turning for Tyn y Caeau.

In addition, the drains and gulleys above Llangynhafal Church and along Hwylfa Fain were in urgent need of cleaning.

 **(ii)** **Mountain Road above Llangynhafal Church** – concern was again expressed regarding the damaged mountain road and the fact that emergency service vehicles had not been able to attend to an emergency relating to a walker on Offas Dyke. It was agreed that the incident be raised with the Highways Department with a view to urgent action being taken to repair the road.

**9. Footpaths, Hwylfa Llwyn Isaf** – it was reported that, following the recent storms, the condition of the path at Hwylfa Llwyn had deteriorated significantly and was in need of repair. It was agreed that the matter be referred to Highways for attention.

**10. Christmas Tree Arrangements for Hendrerwydd and Gellifor** – it was reported that the Christmas tree arrangements had gone well and that an invoice for the trees was awaited.

**11. New lease for the Community Centre** – this matter had been referred to Denbighshire and a reply was awaited.

**12. Speed limits at Hendrerwydd and Llangynhafal** – it was reported that this matter had been referred to Highways but as yet a reply had not been received.

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**13. Digital Health Checks for Community Councils** – Cllr Andy Mitchelmore reported that he was looking into this matter on behalf of the Council and would report further at the next meeting.

**14. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (a) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 01.01.2025 stood at £6074.24

**(b) Audit of the Councils Accounts for 2023-2024** – correspondence from Audit Wales was submitted. Members noted that a full audit had been carried out with the audit opinion being that there were no matters to give cause for concern. In accordance with legal requirements, public notices had been erected stating that the audit had been completed and that the Annual Return was available for inspection by local electors.

**15. PLANNING MATTERS** – consideration was given to the following planning applications

**(a) Stryt Fawr, Llanychan Ref 22/2024/1550/PF** – erection of roof extension over existing agricultural yard, removal of existing slurry silo and underground effluent tank and installation of replacement slurry silo and underground effluent tank and associated work. **Resolved** – that the Community Council has no adverse comments regarding the proposals.

**(b) Wern Fawr, Llangynhafal Ref 22/2024/1603/PF –** erection of extension to existing covered silage clamp. **Resolved** – that the Community Council has no adverse comments regarding the proposals.

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

**(a) One Voice Wales/Planning Aid Wales** – The monthly Newsletter together with details of training events and information on One Voice Wales National Awards 2025 were submitted and noted.

**(b) Draft Regional Transport Plan for North Wales 2025** – correspondence regarding a public consultation on the draft 2025 Regional Transport Plan for North Wales was submitted and noted.

**17. ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING** – Possible Community Playing Field at Hendrerwydd.

**18. DATE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING** - it was agreed that the next meeting of the Community Council be held at the Community Centre on 26th February 2025.