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**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 26th February, 2025.**

**PRESENT** – Cllrs Bryan Jones (Chair), Iona Pierce, Paul Evans, Huw Jones, Ian Jones and David Taylor together with the Clerk (John Roberts).

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Andy Mitchelmore and Kevin Shenton. 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Paul Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 12 and 15 being a director of Townsend Supplies Ltd.

**3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 29th January 2025were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

 **MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES**

**4. Denbighshire Commuted Sum Funding of £11,370.00 to improve open spaces and play areas in the Llangynhafal area** – Members were reminded that Denbighshire CC were currently inviting bids from organisations in Llangynhafal in respect of the above funding scheme.

**Provision of Outdoor Play Equipment** - Following local consultation, the provision of play equipment on the school playing field for school and community use had been identified as a priority project and Cllr Andy Mitchelmore had agreed to carry out research in consultation with the school including pupils.

As a result of this research, 2 items of large play equipment had been identified as being the preferred options and details had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

These were considered by members who noted that the selected items were being supplied on a self-build basis. In this respect, members were of the opinion that the selected equipment needed to be of sturdy construction and erected by professionals to comply with all Health and Safety Regulations.

It was agreed, therefore, to make enquiries with Denbighshire as to whether they had a list of preferred contractors for the supply and erection of playground equipment or if they had knowledge of contractors used by other councils.

**With regard to a bid being made for noticeboards** – it was agreed that this possibility be left for the time being pending the completion of investigations regarding play equipment.

 **PAGE 287 5. Digital Health Checks for Community Councils** – in accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, it was reported that Cllr Andy Mitchelmore had arranged to complete a self-assessment review of the Community Council’s current digital and information technology setup.

Copies of the completed self-assessment document had been circulated prior to the meeting for members to consider and, subject to some minor alterations, it was agreed that the document be approved for submission to the Digital Team at One Voice Wales.

**6. Possible Playing Field at Hendrerwydd** – members noted that this matter was being looked into by Llangynhafal Football Club for the 2026 Summer League season but no details were available at the present time.

7. **Plaque at Hendrerwydd to mark the location and transfer of Hendrerwydd Uchaf (16th century farmhouse) to St Fagans Museum, Cardiff** – copies of the draft inscription to be inserted on the plaque had been circulated to members by Cllr Iona Pierce prior to the meeting.

Subject to minor alterations, it was agreed that the inscription be approved and that work on the plaque be finalised.

**8. 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

**9. Community Seats** – it was reported that work on repairing various seats within the community had not yet commenced but that the contractor was hopeful that a start would be made during the next few weeks.

**10. Highway matters** – **(i) Pot holes/poor condition of the roads** – it was reported that the roads identified for attention at the last meeting had been reported to the Highways Dept and to local County Councillor Huw Williams. Members raised further concerns regarding dangerous pot holes near Plas Coch, Llanychan and the dangerous condition of the hedgerow/roadside bank on the Rhewl turning at Llanychan Church junction. It was agreed that these also be referred to Highways for attention.

 **PAGE 288 (ii) Gullies and drains** - In addition to the above, concern was again expressed regarding blocked roadside drains and gulleys within the community with the blocked gullies at Hendrerwydd being highlighted as being in urgent need of attention to avoid possible flooding of property. It was agreed that this matter be referred to Highways for action.

 **(iii)** **Mountain Road above Llangynhafal Church** – with regard to previous concerns about 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, the Chair reported that he had raised the matter with Countryside Services who had agreed to hold joint talks with Highways in an attempt to resolve the problem.

**11. Footpaths - Hwylfa Llwyn** – following the recent storms, the damage caused to the path at Hwylfa Llwyn Isaf had been reported to Highways. In reply Highways had stated that they were hoping to undertake a number of tasks at Hwylfa Llwyn over 2025/2026 once funding became available in April. At the present time work to clear the gorse infestation at the top of Hwylfa Llwyn Uchaf was in progress.

**12. Christmas Tree Arrangements for Hendrerwydd and Gellifor** – it was confirmed that the cost of the Christmas tree at Gellifor was being met by the Community Centre Committee with the Community Council paying for the tree at Hendrerwydd. An invoice in the sum of £190.20 had now been received and it was agreed that this be approved for payment.

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

**14. 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.

**15. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (a) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 01.02.2025 stood at £7818.44

**(b) Payment of Invoices** – it was agreed that the following invoices be approved for payment: (i) £190.20 - Townsend Supplies Ltd re supply of Christmas Tree (ii) £41.24 - Tony Killow - Defibrillator batteries.

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

**(a) Ty Coch Farm, Llangynhafal Ref 22/2024/1623/PF** – erection of a roof over existing collecting and feeding area

 **PAGE289** **(b) Ty Coch Farm, Llangynhafal Ref 22/2024/1624/PF** – erection of roof over existing feeding area **Resolved** – that the Community Council has no adverse comments regarding the proposals.

 **17. 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 were submitted and noted.

**(b) AONB/National Landscape Forum** – the minutes of the November Forum were submitted and noted.

**(c) Denbighshire Local Toilet Strategy Consultation** – correspondence had been circulated to members for their information/completion and return to Denbighshire CC

**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 March 2025.