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

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

**1. APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies. 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest.

**3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 26th February 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 again reminded that Denbighshire CC were currently inviting bids from organisations in Llangynhafal in respect of the above funding and that the provision of outdoor play equipment on the school field had been identified as a possible project.

**Provision of Outdoor Play Equipment** – in accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk reported that he had contacted Denbighshire to ask if they had a list of preferred contractors for the supply and erection of playground equipment. In reply Denbighshire CC stated that they no longer published such a list but that RoSPA did have a list of suppliers.

Following a full discussion, Cllr Andy Mitchelmore agreed to contact two or three suppliers from the RoSPA list and report back in due course.

 **5. Digital Health Checks for Community Councils** – Cllr Andy Mitchelmore reported that he had completed the self-assessment review of the Community Council’s current digital and information technology setup and that the document had now been submitted to the Digital Team at One Voice Wales.

**6. Possible Playing Field at Hendrerwydd** – as reported at the last meeting, this matter was being looked into by Llangynhafal Football Club for the 2026 Summer League season. The club was currently looking into the possibility of obtaining grant aid towards setting up costs etc.

 **PAGE 291** 7. **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 work on the plaque was nearing completion and that consideration would need to be given to setting the plaque on a suitable plinth/pillar. She stated that she would contact the contractor regarding this matter.

**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 been completed by the contractor and that all the seats were now in good order. However, the location of some seats required tidying up and Cllr Paul Evans stated that he would look into this matter before the next meeting.

**10. Possible Speed Limits at Hendrerwydd and Llangynhafal Village Centres** – in response to the Community Councils request for speed limits to be introduced at Llangynhafal and Hendrerwydd, it was reported that a reply had now been received from Denbighshire’s Road Safety Section.

From the correspondence, it was noted that any variation from the speed limits categorised in the Highway Code would require a Traffic Regulation Order which was a long and costly process involving extensive consultation. Denbighshire would not be permitted to change the speed limit without a full review which looked at several factors including accident history. They stated that they had taken the opportunity to check the accident records for the above locations and noted that none had had been recorded over recent years and there was no data to suggest that traffic speed at these locations was excessive.

The Department’s limited resources were focused on locations where accidents were happening and, in view of the above, Llangynhafal and Hendrerwydd were not considered to be priority locations. However, they stated that they would continue to monitor the locations on an ad hoc basis. **Resolved** – that the correspondence be received and noted.

 **PAGE 292 11. Highway matters** – **(i) Pot holes/poor condition of the roads** – it was reported that some repair work had been carried out since the last meeting but the general condition of the roads remained a cause of concern. In particular, reference was made to the poor condition of the road leading to **Pentre Farm, Llangynhafal** and the mountain beyond. Also at this location, the culvert and road required repair due to severe water erosion over the winter months. It was agreed that these matters be referred to Highways for urgent action.

**(ii)** **Review of 20mph Speed Limit at Gellifor** – correspondence from Denbighshire Traffic Management regarding suggested exceptions to the default 20mph speed limit was submitted. Exceptions were roads in built up areas that have remained at 30mph.

The only road with a speed limit within the community of Llangynhafal was the road from Plas yn Rhos, Llanychan passed the school to Pen Stryt, Gellifor. Following the recent changes in legislation, the speed limit for this stretch of road had reduced from 30 to 20mph, this being the default limit.

It was reported that this matter had been commented upon locally, the general view being that, in the interest of improved road safety, the speed limit should remain at 20mph, and that an exception did not need to be made for this stretch of road or any other road in the area.

It was agreed that Denbighshire Traffic Management be informed accordingly.

**(iii) Mountain road above Llangynhafal Church** – in response to the further concerns expressed by members regarding the damaged mountain road, the clerk reported that a reply had now been received from Highways which stated that the issue had been noted and that work deemed necessary would be done when resources and budgets allowed.

**(iv) Blocked pipe and gulley above Plas yn Llan, Llangynhafal** – it was agreed that this matter be referred to Highways for action.

**12. Footpaths - Hwylfa Llwyn** – it was reported that work clearing the gorse infestation at the top of Hwylfa Llwyn Uchaf had now been completed.

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

**15. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (a) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 01.03.2025 stood at £7,763.44

 **PAGE 293 (b) Payment of Invoices** – it was agreed that the following invoices be approved for payment: (i) £111.06 – JRB Enterprise Ltd – Refill dog waste bags. (ii) £495.00 – L J Construction – Repairs to community seats. (iii) £118.00 - One Voice Wales – Membership 2025/2026.

**(c) Applications for Financial Assistance 2024/2025** – consideration was given to various applications for financial assistance received during the year and it was agreed that donations of £50 be approved for each of the following organisations: (i) Urdd Gobaith Cymru (ii) St Kentigern Hospice (iii) Hope House Hospice (iv) Denbigh First Responders (v) Wales Air Ambulance (vi) Cerebral Palsy Cymru.

 **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) New National Park Proposal** – correspondence from the Clerk of Llanfair DC Community Council was submitted. It was noted that Llanfair Council were of the opinion that the voices of local people were not being heard in the consultation process currently taking place regarding the proposed new National Park and felt that a joint response from several councils would carry more weight. They wondered, therefore, if representatives from councils in the area would be interested in a meeting (probably virtual) to discuss and submit views on the National Park proposals.

The matter was discussed by members and it was agreed to inform Llanfair that Llangynhafal Community Council would wish to be represented at a joint meeting.

**(c) Biodiversity and Ecosystem Report** – correspondence from One Voice Wales regarding the statutory duty placed on local councils to report on how they have met biodiversity and ecosystem issues was submitted. Councils had until the end of 2025 to produce what is often referred to as the “Section 6 Report” covering all actions taken by the Council over the past three years.

The Clerk stated that he would look into this matter and report back to a future meeting.

 **PAGE 294 (d) Denbighshire CC proposals for closer working with Community Councils** – Correspondence from Denbighshire CC outlining steps they would be taking to establish closer working with Community and Town Councils, including the setting up of a new Liaison Officer role, was received and noted.

**(e) Payment to Council Members – Remuneration Panel Report 2025/2026** – the Panel’s report and recommendations for 2025/2026 were received and noted. Members reiterated their individual decisions not to accept any form of remuneration for undertaking the duties of local councillor.

**(f) Review of Welsh Government Constituencies – Final determination for 2026 Elections** – members noted that it had been decided to create 16 Senedd constituencies each to be represented by 6 members. The community of Llangynhafal fell into the new “Clwyd” Senedd Constituency which had been created from the Parliamentary areas of Clwyd East and Clwyd North. The next Welsh Government elections would take place during 2026.

**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 30th April 2025, immediately after the 2025 Open Community Meeting