**LLANGYNHAFAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 30/04/2025**

**PRESENT** – The meeting was attended by 9 local residents including Councillors and was chaired by Cllr Bryan Jones. **1. APOLOGIES** – Cllr Ian Jones. Sandra Newell, Kirsty Newell, Tony Killow, Janet Killow. **2. MINUTES** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the minutes of the open meeting held on 24 April 2024 were read and signed as a correct record. **3. MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES.**

**(a) Community Centre Lease** – it was reported that the preparation of a new lease continued to be looked into by Denbighshire CC but that, to date, no further correspondence had been received.

**(b) Provision of SLOW road markings at Plas yn Rhos bends** – at last years meeting it was reported that Highways had stated that they would not be taking action regarding this matter as there had been no accidents recorded at this location. However, it was pointed out at this year’s meeting that, over the years, a number of accidents had taken place with cars failing to negotiate the bend and ending up in the adjacent field. It was agreed that the situation be kept under review.

**(c) Planning Application – Land adjacent to Gellifor Farm/Peniarth, Gellifor** – this planning application had been discussed in some detail at the last meeting and the various comments and observations put forward had been submitted to the Planning Department.

The Planning Committee considered the comments but, in the end, the submitted planning application was approved with very little amendment.

**4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 2024/2025.**

The Chair, Cllr Bryan Jones, explained that the Community Council was required to prepare and publish a report annually detailing the Council’s priorities, activities and achievements during the past year. This was the Council’s third such report copies of which were circulated at the meeting.

Cllr Bryan Jones referred to the report and gave a brief outline of the work of the Community Council over the past 12 months making particular reference to the following:

**(a)** **Funding to improve open spaces and play areas** – the Chair reported that Denbighshire was currently inviting bids from organisations within Llangynhafal in respect of commuted sum funding of £11,370.00 available to improve open spaces and play facilities in the area. The provision of new outside play equipment on the school playing field had been identified as a possible project and the Community Council was currently looking into this further.

**(b) Community Garden Project** – the priority this year had been the provision of water to the garden with one IBC water tank and frame being provided.

**(c) Affordable Housing** – as reported at last year’s meeting, the Council was now awaiting information on whether provision for affordable housing would be made in Denbighshire’s new Local Development Plan to be published in the near future.

**(d) Defibrillators** – the defibrillator situated on the school site had now been moved from inside the school grounds, which are locked during the school day, to alongside the community council notice board on the perimeter fence where it can be accessed from the road. The Council was currently looking at providing a new defibrillator at the Golden Lion, Llangynhafal to replace the existing defibrillator which had become damaged.

**(e) Highway Matters** – the Chair reported that the Community Council continued to be in regular contact with Denbighshire on a range of highway issues including complaints about the poor condition of roads due to potholes. With regard to the introduction of speed limits at Llangynhafal and Hendrerwydd, the Council had now been informed that these were not considered to be priority locations but would be kept under review.

**(f) Moel Famau Country Park, Footpaths and Bridleways** – the condition of footpaths and bridleways continued to be monitored on a regular basis.

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The report highlighted other issues and topics discussed over the past twelve months and during an ensuing discussion the following points were noted – (i) The fact that the school playing field continued to be available for children to use out of school hours. (ii) that the work of maintaining/replacing the various community seats was ongoing.

The report was available on the Community Council’s website www.llangynhafal.org.uk

**5. IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**  As had been explained last year, it was reported that the Community Council was aware that funding opportunities were becoming available to develop new community schemes or improve existing facilities.

The Council continued to look into this matter but would welcome suggestions on what could be developed/improved within the community.

During the ensuing discussion the following points were highlighted - **a.** The lack of a community hub or meeting place during the week for residents to get together for (i) a chat over tea/coffee (ii) attending improvement classes e.g. computer training or (iii) exercise classes etc.

In this respect – could a larger building be provided on the site of the community garden or could the Chapel be contacted to establish if the Chapel Vestry could be used for community activities?

**b.** Assistance for residents who found it difficult to attend events or visit the local towns for shops/banking/post office etc. Could a mobile bank or post office visit the village?

The Chair thanked those present for their input and suggestions and stated that the above would be looked into further by the Community Council.

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There being no further business, Cllr Bryan Jones thanked everyone for attending and for participating in the discussions.