Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 30.01.2019 (Subject to confirmation at the February, 2019 meeting).

**PRESENT** – Cllrs Paul Evans (Vice Chair), Wyn Roberts, Tony Killow, Bryan Jones and Huw Jones together with the Clerk (John Roberts)

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Carys Jones, Kevin Shenton (Chair), Iona Pierce and County Councillor Huw Williams.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – there were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 28th November, 2018 were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES** – (a) **Telephone Kiosk at Hendrerwydd** – It was reported that Cadwyn Clwyd had been contacted regarding the Council’s suggestions in respect of the display-board and internal fittings for the Kiosk and it was understood that the design team were now finalising the arrangements. Members requested that sketches of the proposed layout and contents be circulated for discussion together with a time scale for completion. It was also noted that discussions were taking place regarding the provision and installation of a defibrillator as part of the project and members would be updated on progress regarding this matter at the next meeting, including whether BT approval was required.

(b) **Highway Matters** –The following matters were still being looked into (a) the request for visibility mirrors on the B5429 at the Hwylfa Fain/Rhewl turning (b) the urgent need for resurfacing work at (i) Hwylfa Fain (ii) Cyffion to Llangynhafal Church (iii) Road to Siglen Uchaf (c) the damaged village name sign at Gellifor Farm and (d) moving the road name signs at Lon yr Ysgol, Gellifor. In addition it was requested that the condition of the pavement from Gellifor Chapel towards Gellifor Farm be looked into.

(c**) Affordable Housing to Meet Local Need** – It was reported that the Chair together with Cllr Bryan Jones and the Clerk had met with a representative from the Planning Department to discuss the availability of land, under Denbighshire’s current Local Development Plan (LDP), for affordable housing in the area. From the discussion it was noted that - (i) The County Council is in the early stages of producing a new LDP with discussions on affordable housing being ongoing. (ii) No land owned by DCC in and around Llangynhafal was within the current LDP or available for affordable housing. This could be a matter for the Community Council to follow up under the new LDP. (iii) Under the current LDP, parcels of land had been included within the hamlets of Llangynhafal and Hendrerwydd which could be made available by land owners for affordable housing. (iv) Grwp Cynefin could advise further on these sites including criteria for development, discussions with land owners, land values etc. It was agreed that the matter be kept under review and that further guidance be sought from Grwp Cynefin.

(d) **Development of 3-5 Year Community Plan** – At the last meeting members supported the principle of developing a Community Plan to guide actions and help the Council decide, in consultation with residents, what it wants to achieve and how it will get there.

It was confirmed that the matter be included on the agenda for the next open meeting in April and that local groups and individuals, at events such as the monthly coffee morning and/or via facebook be asked for ideas/items for inclusion in the plan. With regard to a community event during 2019, it was noted that a number of events were being arranged by the local Fund Raising Committee in support of the Denbigh Urdd Eisteddfod 2020.

(e) **Brenig and Clocaenog Wind Farms** – In accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, it was reported that representations had been made to both the above wind farm organisations for the boundary in respect of the two “Area of Benefit Funds” to be set at the line of the AONB not the River Clwyd. This would ensure that all communities within the Vale of Clwyd would be eligible to apply for financial assistance in respect of community projects and not just those to the west of the River.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS** – Consideration was given to the following:-

(a) **Draft Budget and** **Community Council Precept 2019/2020** – Consideration was given to the Council’s budget requirements and precept for 2019/20. The current year’s budget and spending had been discussed at the last meeting and the estimated balance at year end now stood at £1,637.00.

Draft budget proposals for 2019/2020 were submitted, the base requirements again being similar to those of previous years. Estimated expenditure was broken down as follows:- (i) Insurance and Subscriptions £490.00 (ii) Admin, Audit and Translation £970.00 (iii) Street Furniture £400.00 (iv) Community Support and Donations £900.00 (v) Possible New Legislation £1000.00. A precept of £3500.00 plus current year balances would leave a projected surplus at 2019/2020 year end of £1377.00.

Resolved – (i) that the draft budget for 2019/2020, as outlined above, be approved. (ii) that the Community Council precepts upon Denbighshire, being the billing Authority, the sum of £3500.00 for 2019/2020.

(b) **Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019/2020** – Correspondence from Welsh Government was submitted from which members noted that the appropriate sum for the purposes of the 1972 Act for Community Councils in Wales for 2019/2020 was £8.12 per elector.

(c) **Payment of Audit Fee** – it was reported that an invoice in the sum of £286.80 had been received from the Welsh Audit Office in respect of the Audit of Accounts 2017/2018. Resolved – that the invoice be approved for payment.

6. **DENBIGHSHIRE CC, ONE VOICE WALES AND WELSH GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENCE** – Consideration was given to new correspondence from the above organisations as follows:- (a) **Review of Town/Community Council Sector in Wales** – Correspondence from Welsh Government outlining the areas for immediate action and the areas for further consideration under the above Review was submitted and noted.

(b**) Natural Resources Wales and One Voice Wales** – copies of their latest bulletins had been circulated to members with the agenda together with details of training events for Councillors organised by One Voice Wales for 2019. It was agreed that the correspondence be noted.

(c) **Denbighshire LDP 2018/2033** – correspondence from Denbighshire Planning giving details of drop in sessions which had been organised to give town and community councils the opportunity to comment on proposals for the County as a whole in respect of growth and location, was submitted. Copy papers had been circulated with the agenda and it was noted that drop in sessions had been arranged for 4th and 5th February at Denbigh and Ruthin which members could attend if able to do so.

(e) **Denbighshire CC Agricultural Estate** – members noted that it was the intention of the County Council to declare the agricultural holding at Llety, Llangynhafal surplus with subsequent disposal to the existing tenant. No objections were raised to this proposal.

7. **STREET LIGHTING** – it was agreed thatstreet lighting along Lon yr Ysgol be looked at prior to the next meeting.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 27th February, 2019.