Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 27.02.2019 (Subject to confirmation at the March, 2019 meeting).

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Kevin Shenton (Chair), Wyn Roberts and County Councillor Huw Williams.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr Tony Killow declared a personal interest in item 5a being a volunteer with First Responders. Cllr Bryan Jones declared a personal interest in item 5a being chairman of the Eisteddfod Fund Raising Committee for Llangynhafal.

3. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 30th January, 2019 were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES** – (a) **Telephone Kiosk at Hendrerwydd** – A suggested layout for the display board had been circulated to members with the agenda for the meeting together with a collage of paintings produced by pupils from Ysgol Gellifor. Both items had been put together by the Cadwyn Clwyd Design Team.

A discussion regarding both items ensued when it was agreed that, with regard to the information board, the heading should read “Llangynhafal – Hendrerwydd – Gellifor – Llanychan” with the words “Parish of” taken out.

With regard to the children’s picture collage, members were not in favour of the draft submitted by the Cadwyn Clwyd design team. Members felt that work carried out previously by pupils at the school, which had been made into a ceramic picture for display on one of the outside walls at the school, provided a better example of local scenes. It was agreed to investigate whether a photograph of this work could be put on display at the kiosk, perhaps on the back of the display board.

In addition it was reported that the fund raising group from the Golden Lion, in conjunction with the Welsh Hearts Charity, had agreed to provide a defibrillator for the kiosk. Permission had been granted by BT (who are responsible for the power supply) to install a defibrillator in the kiosk providing it meets their specification and to the Council agreeing to sign an amended contract. These matters were now being looked into and a further report would be submitted to the next meeting.

(b) **Highway Matters and Road Name Signs** - The priority areas for roadway resurfacing continued to be (i) Hwylfa Fain (ii) Cyffion to Llangynhafal Church and (iii) Road to Siglen Uchaf.

With regard to the Community Council’s request for the road name signs at Lon yr Ysgol to be moved to more appropriate locations, it was reported that the matter had been looked into by the Highway’s Department. In their reply they stated that, whilst accepting that their positioning did not entirely follow the usual convention for this type of sign, they were satisfied that (i) the signs were sufficiently set back into Lon yr Ysgol from the adjoining roads to ensure that drivers recognise them as relating to Lon yr Ysgol and (ii) the signs were angled such that they could be adequately viewed by drivers travelling in either direction on the adjoining roads and actively looking for Lon yr Ysgol. They were satisfied therefore that the signs adequately served their intended purpose and created no undue safety concerns and did not require moving.

(c**) Affordable Housing to Meet Local Need** – In relation to the information provided at the last meeting regarding land at Llangynhafal and Hendrerwydd included within Denbighshire’s current LDP and earmarked for affordable housing, it was reported that further guidance was being sought from Grwp Cynefin regarding the criteria for development, possible discussions with land owners and land values etc.

With regard to affordable housing generally, members noted that permission had recently been granted to build 38 affordable dwellings on land on the outskirts of Llanbedr on the Gellifor road.

(d) **Development of 3-5 Year Community Plan** – This matter would be included on the agenda for the next open meeting and it was agreed that posters be prepared to include reference to the request for project ideas from the community. Also, as mentioned at the last meeting, it was felt that asking local groups and individuals at events such as the monthly coffee morning and/or via facebook would be helpful.

(e) **Brenig and Clocaenog Wind Farms, Community Development Funds** – To date, final details had not been announced as to which areas within the Vale of Clwyd would be eligible to apply for financial assistance from the above funds in respect of community projects.

(f) **Street Lighting in and around Gellifor** – following a review by members, it was considered that the street lighting provision in and around Gellifor was satisfactory. In view of the limited funds earmarked by Denbighshire for street lighting it was agreed that the matter of additional lights be held in abeyance for the time being.

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

(a) **Requests for Financial Assistance 2018/2019** – Consideration was given to various applications for financial assistance submitted to the Council during 2018/2019 and it was agreed to provide support as follows :- (i) Denbigh Community First Responders - £75.00, (ii) Denbighshire Home Start - £50.00, (iii) Carers Trust North Wales - £50.00, (iv) St Kentigern - £50.00, (v) Tenovus - £25.00, (vi) Wales Air Ambulance - £50.00, (vii) Eisteddfod yr Urdd Sir Ddinbych 2020 - £300.00

(b) **Financial Management and Guidance** – Correspondence from the Welsh Audit Office was received and noted. In particular, members noted that concern was being expressed regarding the fact that a number of Councils were not making proper audit arrangements and were failing to meet deadlines for the submission of accounts. These comments did not apply to Llangynhafal.

(c) **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** – A copy of the Panel’s Annual Report for 2019/2020 was submitted. The Report contained changes to the remuneration framework in respect of community and town councils with Determination 40 stating as follows:- “All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses”

The Report made it clear that members should receive monies to which they are properly entitled as a matter of course. There must be no requirement for individuals to “opt in” to receive payments. Also, receipts are not required for these payments.

The Report also stated that an individual may decline to receive part, or all, of the payments if they so wish. This must be done in writing and is an individual matter. A community or town council member wishing to decline payments must themselves write to the Clerk to do so.

It was noted that the above changes would take effect from 1st April 2019.

(d) **Reimbursement in respect of the Council’s Administration Costs 2018/2019** – Resolved that reimbursement of £120.00 to the Clerk in respect of telephone, postage, stationery and printing costs for 2018/2019 be approved.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS** – Consideration was given to the following planning application –

(a) **Land South West of Peniarth, Gellifor** – Development of 0.55ha of land for residential purposes and provision of school car parking area (Outline application with all matters reserved).

**Resolved** – that the following comments be submitted in respect of the proposals, these being follow up comments to the Community Council’s previous letter dated 25th June 2014:- (i) The Community Council is pleased to note that provision has now been made for a parking area to be provided for the benefit of activities on the school site. However, we wish to highlight that our community centre is also on the school site and the new car park area should therefore be for school and community centre use. (ii) The work relating to road widening and pavement installation for the whole site should be completed prior to the commencement of house building and the school/community centre car park should be constructed at this time, not at some point in the future. (iii) As was highlighted in our letter dated 25th June, 2014, the Community Council is anxious to ensure that the road to the front of the site is made wide enough for cars to pass each other given that, in places, there will be pavements on both sides and cars parked on the road side outside the new and existing properties. For this development there is room to move the new properties back to allow for greater widening of the road. This will also provide a greater distance between the new houses and the existing houses on the opposite side of the development site. . 7. **DENBIGHSHIRE CC, ONE VOICE WALES AND WELSH GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENCE** – Consideration was given to new correspondence from the above organisations as follows:-

(a**) Natural Resources Wales** (b) **One Voice Wales** (c) **Wales Rural Network News**  Copies of the latest bulletins from the above organisations had been circulated to members with the agenda and it was agreed that the correspondence be noted.

8. **LLANGYNHAFAL CHURCH, CAR PARKING** – with reference to previous concerns regarding parking at the Church when there was a big event/service taking place, it was reported that correspondence had been received from the Church Committee requesting that a representative meet with them to discuss the problem further and whether a solution could be found. Cllr Bryan Jones stated that he would attend on behalf of the Council.

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