**LLANGYNHAFAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 24/04/2019**

**PRESENT** – The meeting was attended by 16 local residents including Councillors and was chaired by Cllr Kevin Shenton.

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllr Wyn Roberts

**2. MINUTES** – The minutes of the open meeting held on 25 April 2018 were read and signed as a correct record.

**3. MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) **Transfer of Graveyard Extension to the Church** – the situation remained as reported at the last open meeting with ownership continuing to rest with Denbighshire CC.

(b) **Community Centre Lease** – it was reported that no correspondence had been received since the last open meeting regarding a new lease.

(c) **Affordable housing to meet local need** – this matter had been discussed in some detail at the last open meeting and it was reported that, during the year, the Community Council had continued to have meetings and discussions with Grwp Cynefin/Denbighshire regarding the provision of affordable housing in the area, the issues covered included the following:-

\*The need for persons to register their interest with Grwp Cynefin, this being the main way of determining the level of local need. It was only possible to register under the name of Llangynhafal but this included Gellifor and Hendrerwydd. It was understood that during the year 4 persons had registered with Grwp Cynefin.

\*The availability of land had been discussed with Grwp Cynefin and the Planning Department but this remains a problem. However, possible sites had been identified at Llangynhafal and Hendrerwydd where the planning department would look favourably on limited affordable housing development, including on a self build basis, but to date no landowner had had shown an interest in making land available for such developments.

\*It was noted that since last year’s open meeting, work on a large affordable housing development had started at Llanbedr where land had been specifically designated for this purpose. In addition, it was understood that land in Llandyrnog had also been earmarked for affordable housing. Whilst projects relating to more affordable housing in the area were welcomed, it was hoped that large developments of this type would not lead to a change in the demography of the area.

4. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 2018/2019** - The Council Chairman, Cllr Kevin Shenton, gave a brief outline of the work of the Community Council over the past 12 months making particular reference to affordable housing, already outlined above, and other issues as follows:-

(a) **Speed Restriction Measures** – Slow/Araf road markings had been provided at or near Pen Stryt, Ty Brith, Glasfryn, Pen Rhos and Rhos Farm. Denbighshire had been asked to look at providing 20mph signs near the school and this matter was ongoing.

(b) **Additional Car Parking at Maes Hafal** – In an effort to ease the parking problems around the school, part of the grassed area near No2 Maes Hafal had been converted into parking spaces. This had created 5 new parking spaces for use by staff and visitors to the school.

(c) **Development of land for housing between Maes Hafal and Gellifor Farm** – It was reported that this matter remained with the Planning Department but from the latest plans submitted, it was understood that an area of land next to Maes Hafal was now being set aside for use as a school/community centre car park. The Council would continue to monitor the situation.

(d) **Old Red Telephone Kiosk at Hendrerwydd** – As reported at the last open meeting, this now belongs to the Community. Maintenance of the outside, including repainting the kiosk and replacing broken panes, had been completed and the Council was grateful to David Cooper for all the work he had carried out on the kiosk. With regard to the inside, it was reported that the Council had signed up to the “Cadwyn Clwyd Telephone Kiosk Regeneration Project” and a scheme to get the best out of the space available was now nearing completion. The current situation was as follows:-

\*Provision had been made for shelves, a notice board, maps and historical pictures of the area together with maps of local walks etc.

\*A version of the ceramic picture depicting local scenes put together in liaison with Gellifor School pupils had been passed to the Cadwyn Clwyd design team.

\*Fund raisers from the Golden Lion had kindly agreed to donate a defibrillator to be installed in the kiosk. The Council was currently liaising with BT regarding a power supply.

(e) **Community Seats** – It was reported that the Council had carried on with the programme of repairing/replacing seats in the community with new seats having been provided at Hendrerwydd and Hwylfa Llwyn crossroads.

(f) **Highway Matters** – together with County Councillor Huw Williams the Council had been successful in pressing for resurfacing work to be carried out on roads in the area. The current priorities were Hwylfa Fain, the road to Siglen Uchaf, the road to Llangynhafal Church and the maintenance of footpaths in the area.

A discussion regarding footpaths ensued when it was request that the poor condition of the path from Pen Stryt to Llanychan be investigated.

(g) **Road/Street Name** – Application had been made by residents to have an official name placed on the road from the School to the Old Shop Yard. The name Lon yr Ysgol had been approved and signs erected. However, the location of the new signs had been a cause for concern and the Council had asked the Highways Department to move the signs to more appropriate locations. In response Highways had looked into the matter but were happy that the signs were in the correct position.

(h) **Bus Shelters** – As had been reported at the last open meeting, the Council had started to look at the provision of bus shelters in the community, possibly at Plas Coch Bach junction, Gellifor and at Hendrerwydd. However, concerns had been raised locally regarding this project and in view of these concerns it had been decided not to pursue the matter further.

(i) **Community Notice Boards** – the Community Council notice board had been renovated by Mr Les Manifold and in addition Mr Paul Chamberlin had made a new notice board which had been placed outside the school for general use. Grateful thanks were extended to both for their work.

5 **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – County Councillor Huw Williams gave a brief outline of his role and work as a County Councillor over the past 12 months including his role as Chair of the County’s Scrutiny Committee. He stated that he worked very closely with the Community Council and had been involved with many of the issues mentioned above. Other issues mentioned by Cllr Williams included the problem of moorland fires during the dry summer, the business units at Ty Coch, Llangynhafal, pupil numbers at the School and various highway matters.

6**. IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS/5 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – The Chair reported that the Community Council was aware that funding opportunities could become available over the next 5 years to develop community projects/services or to help improve existing facilities within the community of Llangynhafal. In particular, community development funds were being set up under the wind farm schemes at Brennig and Clocaenog and, after attending various meetings, the Community Council was hopeful that Llangynhafal would be included in the agreed “Area of Benefit” for these schemes.

A general discussion ensued regarding projects which could be developed and what could be improved within the community of LLangynhafal with particular reference being made to the following:-

\* Play Area/Garden at Maes Hafal, Gellifor \* Improvements to the Community Centre \* Additional Dog Bins \* Providing a Christmas Tree Outside the School and Carol Singing \* Maintenance of Roads, Styles and Footpaths

A general questionnaire had been prepared and shared at events such as the monthly coffee morning and further copies were circulated at the meeting for residents to complete and return.

The Chairman stated that all items put forward would be looked into by the Community Council for possible inclusion in a proposed 5 year plan.

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