Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 31.07.2019 (Subject to confirmation at the September, 2019 meeting).

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Iona Pierce, Wyn Roberts and County Councillor Huw Williams.

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

3. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 26th June, 2019 were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES** – **(a)** **Telephone Kiosk at Hendrerwydd – Conversion to information and defibrillator centre** – Cllr Kevin Shenton gave a brief update on the current situation. Funds were available to purchase a defibrillator but, as yet, a date had not been received from Cadwyn Clwyd for completing the work they had agreed to carry out to the inside of the kiosk. ..........

**(b)** **Highway Matters including Road Signs and Paths** – it was reported that correspondence had been received from the Highways Department stating that, following a visit to the Llangynhafal area on 28th June, it had been agreed as follows:-

(i) **Cyffion to Llangynhafal Church and the Mountain** – work to be carried out to ensure gullies are clear and that the roadway has been cleared and cleaned. Materials to fill the poor sections can then be put in place.

(ii) **Bend at Bryn Onnen, Llangynhafal** – arrangements to be made for road surface to be repaired.

(iii) **Road to Siglen Uchaf, Llangynhafal** – once drainage work has been investigated, Highways will look to improve the road which they agree is in poor condition.

(iv) **Lane Past Pentre Farm, Llangynhafal** – arrangements to improve the lane will be made in conjunction with the planned work at Siglen Uchaf.

The following matters were also discussed -

(v) **Village Name Sign at Gellifor Farm** – Cllr Paul Evans agreed to investigate the possibility of moving the sign closer to the hedge to prevent it being struck by large machines.

(vi) **Community Seat at Plas Coch Bach, Gellifor** – Cllr Paul Evans was thanked for arranging to have the seat repaired.

(vii) **Footpath from Pen Stryt to Llanychan** – it was agreed that the poor condition of the styles again be taken up with Highways.

(viii) **Hwylf Fain, Llanychan** – it was agreed that the poor condition of the road again be taken up with Highways. .............

**(c) Development of 3-5 Year Community Plan –** members were reminded that, at the May meeting, a schedule of ideas had been prepared and reproduced as an addendum to the minutes. Since the last meeting, action had been taken as follows:-

**\*Community Events and Activities** – as reported at the last meeting a list detailing the various events and activities arranged to take place within the community during the year had been prepared and placed on the various notice boards. A number of events had been held to raise money for next year’s Urdd Eisteddfod at Denbigh and the target of 6000 had nearly been reached.

**\*With regard to improvements to the Community Centre** – it was reported that once priorities had been established and plans prepared by the Community Centre Committee the matter would be referred back to the Community Council for joint discussions on funding.

**\*Newsletter** – this was being looked into in consultation with the local “Link Magazine” and “Y Bedol” correspondents.

**\*Community Garden/Junior Play Area, Maes Hafal** – this had been referred to Denbighshire and arrangements had been made to meet with Emily Reddy, Community Development Organiser, on 14th August.

**\*Community Christmas Tree**– the Clerk stated that he had been informed that a “Placement on the Highway” application form required completing to erect a Christmas tree on the grass verge opposite the school. It was agreed to obtain the appropriate form.

**\*Community Field for Sport and Other Activities** – Cllr Wyn Roberts had commenced work on a feasibility study in respect of this project.

**\*Dog Fouling** – it was reported that the provision of additional bins/containers continued to be investigated.

**\*Moel Famau Country Park** **(AONB)** - members agreed that it was important to work with Denbighshire Countryside Services to ensure that access via footpaths, lanes, gates, styles etc were not restricted in any way to ensure that local residents were able to obtain maximum enjoyment and benefit from the outstanding countryside on their doorstep.

**(d)** **Brenig Wind Farm Development Fund** – to date, no information had been received regarding the final “designated area of benefit” in respect of this fund.

**(e)** **Llangynhafal Church, Car Parking** – no further information had been received from the Church regarding possible improvements.

**(f) Grass Cutting at the approaches to Gellifor, Hendrerwydd, Llangynhafal and Llanychan** - it was reported that under the County Council’s new policy, grass cutting of verges and visibility areas would only be carried out once a year during late summer.

Members felt that the grassed areas at the approaches to Gellifor, Hendrerwydd, Llangynhafal and Llanychan required maintaining on a more regular basis and agreed to include this work as a budget item for next year with a view to employing a person/contractor to carry out the work.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS** – details of the current year’s accounts and bank balance were submitted for information. The current balance stood at 1908.77

6. **PLANNING MATTERS (a) Old Barn, Hwylfa Llwyn, Gellifor** – use of agricultural building for the repair and maintenance of vehicles, machinery and equipment, used in connection with agricultural contracting and ground working business (retrospective application).

Members considered the application in detail and noted that, in support of the application, the applicant had provided a noise assessment report which recommended improvements which could be carried out to the shed structure to improve sound insulation.

Also at the meeting, members were informed of concerns raised by the owners of the neighbouring properties regarding the noise currently being generated by the work carried out in the building, which they stated was causing distress and nuisance to the families. They also pointed out that stables and a bridle way were situated alongside the site which again was a cause of concern, with horses and riders passing near to the building in question.

Members considered and understood the application and also the concerns submitted by the owners of the neighbouring properties.

After a full discussion, it was felt that, for the Planning Authority to determine the application, there would be a need for them to undertake an independent and impartial review of the site to assess work and noise levels, taking into account the Planning Authority’s policies and appropriate noise regulations in respect of applications of this nature. **Resolved** – that the Planning Authority be informed accordingly.

**(b) Local Development Plan 2018-2033, Consultation on Draft Preferred Strategy** –Correspondence from Denbighshire including copies of the Draft Preferred Strategy Document had been circulated to members with the Agenda.

It was noted that work had started on the new LDP for Denbighshire with the first major consultation stage being the Draft Preferred Strategy or Pre Deposit which sets out:- \*key issues facing the County \*the vision and objectives for the new LDP \*growth levels for employment and housing \*broad locations of growth but no specific sites identified as yet \*key policies \*candidate sites register \*various assessments and background documents. Consultation on the documents would run for 8 weeks for the public and all interested bodies with further information available from the LDP Team. **Resolved** – that the correspondence be received and noted..  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 and One Voice Wales.**  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.

(b) **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Denbighshire** – correspondence from the Democratic Services Manager, Denbighshire CC was submitted. From the correspondence it was noted that the proposal for Llangynhafal was for Gellifor Chapel Vestry to continue to be the polling place for the community. **Resolved** – that the proposal be supported.

 (c) **Eisteddfod yr Urdd Sir Ddinbych 2020, Proclamation Event** – it was noted that this event would be taking place in Prestatyn on 5th October.

(d) **Developing Bilingual Communities Project** – correspondencefrom Menter IaithDinbych was received and noted.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 25th September, 2019