Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 25.09.2019 (Subject to confirmation at the October, 2019 meeting).

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Iona Pierce, Carys Jones, Huw Jones 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 31st July, 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 and agreed to press Cadwyn Clwyd for a completion date in respect of the project.

**(b)** **Highway Matters including Road Signs and Paths** – it was reported that maintenance work had been carried out on a number of roads in the area but Hwylfa Fain and the road to Siglen Uchaf remained in poor condition. It was agreed that these again be referred to Highways for attention.

With regard to footpaths within the community, members were pleased to note that action had been taken by Highways to replace a number of styles with kissing gates. In particular, the new gates had made a big difference to the footpath from Pen Stryt to Llanychan and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Highways Section.

During a general discussion on highway matters, concerns were raised regarding the new roadside chevron signs erected at the bend near the Old Rectory, Llanbedr. Although not situated in Llangynhafal, the road is used daily by local residents and it was considered that the chevrons, in their present location, represented a danger to motorists. Should a motorist fail to negotiate the corner and crash into one of the signs, there was every possibility that the metal sign would crash through the car windscreen. It was agreed that the Council’s concerns be referred to Highways with a copy to Llanbedr CC.

**(c) Community Garden/Junior Play Area, Maes Hafal** – it was reported that members had met with Emily Reddy, Community Development Organiser, and local residents on 14th August to discuss the possibility of developing a garden/play area on open land at Maes Hafal, Gellifor. The land in question was owned by Denbighshire Housing and it was understood that there was every possibility that they would be willing to support a project of this nature. Emily Reddy agreed to consult further with the Housing Section and to make arrangements for draft plans to be prepared which, hopefully, would be ready for the next meeting.

**(d) Community Christmas Tree on Grassed Area Outside the School** – with regard to this project, it was reported that a “Placement on the Highway” application form had been obtained and that a fee of £50 was payable on submission of the form. It was agreed:- i. that the form be completed and returned to Denbighshire. ii. that payment of £50 be approved. iii. that further enquiries be made regarding fixing, lighting and risk assessment arrangements in respect of the tree. . **(e)** **Community Field for Sport and Other Activities** – Cllr Wyn Roberts gave an update on the feasibility study he was carrying out in respect of this project.

**(f) Dog Fouling** – it was reported that enquiries had been made regarding dog bag dispensers and it had been established that metal dispensers could be purchased for fixing on a post, wall or building at a cost of £79.00. It was agreed that, in the first instance, one dispenser plus bags be purchased to be located near the Chapel, Gellifor.

**(g)** **Brenig Wind Farm Development Fund** – it was reported that information had now been received from Cadwyn Clwyd regarding the agreed “Area of Benefit” in respect of this fund. The Area of Benefit had been divided into 2 sections with an inner circle/section, being the communities nearest to the Brennig, and an outer circle/section representing communities further away from the Brennig. Part of Llangynhafal was within the outer circle but it was understood that any projects submitted by these communities would need to provide some benefit to those communities in the inner circle.

Members were disappointed to learn that, in view of this provision, Llangynhafal was unlikely to benefit from the fund but in-order to obtain further clarification it was agreed that a representative from Cadwyn Clwyd be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council.

**(h) Grass Cutting at the approaches to Gellifor, Hendrerwydd, Llangynhafal and Llanychan** - it had been agreed at the last meeting to include this work as a budget item for next year with a view to employing a person/contractor to carry out grass cutting work. In relation to this project and in preparation for next year, it was agreed to obtain details of persons/contractors who would be prepared to provide a quotation for carrying out the work.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) **External Annual Audit Report 2018/2019** – Correspondence from BDO LLP, external auditors, regarding the Council’s Annual Return Document was submitted. It was noted that that the annual accounts had been approved by the auditors with no matters giving cause for concern.

**Resolved** – that the Annual Accounts for 2018/2019 be approved and accepted.

(b) **Budget Update 2019/2020** – details of expenditure to date were outlined and members noted that the current balance stood at £3502.62

6. **PLANNING MATTERS (a) Land at Plas Dolben, Llangynhafal** – Installation of underground electricity line. **Resolved** – that the Community Council has no adverse comments regarding the proposals.

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.**  (i) - 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. (ii) – **One Voice Wales Training Events** – Cllr Bryan Jones reported that he had attended 2 training events and would report on these at the next meeting. It was agreed that 2 invoices from One Voice Wales in the sum of £40 each in respect of the training sessions be approved for payment.

(b) **Community Funding Through Comic Relief** – information on Comic Relief’s Community Fund in Wales had been circulated with the Agenda. Members noted that the closing date for applications was 31st October 2019 and that further details were available from Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council.

(c) **National Development Framework for Wales** – copies of a draft consultation document had been circulated with the agenda. The document had been prepared by the Welsh Government’s Planning Directorate and sets out a 20 year land use framework for Wales. **Resolved** – that the correspondence be received and noted.

(d) **Joint Denbighshire CC/Community Council Meeting, 15th October**.-the Chair and Clerk agreed to attend this meeting.

8**. Defibrillator, Gellifor School** **Site** – it was reported that this defibrillator was nearing the end of its working life and would need replacing in the very near future. Cllr Tony Killow agreed to look into the purchase of a new defibrillator.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 30th October, 2019.