Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 30.10.2019 (Subject to confirmation at the November, 2019 meeting).

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Carys Jones, Kevin Shenton, Wyn Roberts, Bryan 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 25th September, 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** – it was reported that the inside layout had been agreed with Cadwyn Clwyd and that a completion date was now awaited.

**(b)** **Highway Matters including Road Signs and Paths** – further maintenance work had been carried out on roads in the area but Hwylfa Fain, together with the road past Llangynhafal Church and the road to Siglen Uchaf remained in poor condition. It was agreed to continue pressing Highways for drainage and resurfacing work to be carried out along these routes. Also, the lane past Pentre Farm, Llangynhafal leading to the mountain had become badly overgrown and in need of attention.

With regard to the new roadside chevron signs erected at the bend near the Old Rectory, Llanbedr, it was reported that the concerns raised by members at the last meeting had been referred to Highways for attention. In reply, Highway’s stated that they had reviewed the signs and it was considered that they had been erected in the best places possible given the limited room available. Also the signs had been designed to be “safe in a collision” limiting any possible danger to motorists. It was agreed that the comments be noted and kept on file.

**(c) Community Garden/Junior Play Area, Maes Hafal, Gellifor** – it was reported that correspondence had been received from the Community Development Section confirming that work on draft plans was on going and would be ready for the next meeting.

**(d) Community Christmas Tree on Grassed Area Outside the School** – it was reported that a “Placement on the Highway” application had been submitted but to date a reply had not been received. Enquiries had also been made regarding lighting arrangements and it was agreed to request that a representative from the Street Lighting Section meet on site with the Clerk to discuss options and cost of connecting to the street lighting system. . **(e)** **Community Field for Sport and Other Activities** – it was reported that feasibility work was on going.

**(f) Dog Fouling** – it was reported that a dog bag dispenser plus bags had been ordered but had not yet been delivered.

**(g)** **Brenig Wind Farm Development Fund** – in accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, it was reported that a letter had been sent to Cadwyn Clwyd inviting a representative to attend a future meeting of the Council to provide information on the operation of this new Funding Scheme. To date, a reply had not been received.

**(h) Grass Cutting at the approaches to Gellifor, Hendrerwydd, Llangynhafal and Llanychan** - it was reported that obtaining details of persons/contractors who would be prepared to provide a quotation for carrying out the above work was ongoing.

**(i) Training Events** – it was agreed that this item be left until the next meeting.

**(j) Joint Denbighshire/Community Council Meeting** – the Chair reported that he had attended a joint meeting on 15th October and gave a brief outline of the matters discussed. These included the new waste collection and recycling arrangements to be introduced next year, planning permission compliance, highway matters and County Council budget arrangements for next year.

**(k) New Defibrillator, Gellifor School Site** – in accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, Cllr Tony Killow reported that he had obtained 3 quotations in respect of a new replacement defibrillator at the above site. Following a full discussion it was agreed that the lowest quotation in the sum of £960.00 inc. VAT from Zoll Medical UK Ltd be accepted. In addition it was agreed that arrangements be made to purchase replacement doors for the cabinet.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) **Payment of Wales Audit Office Invoice. Resolved** – that an invoice from Wales Audit Office in the sum of £135.75 in respect of the audit of accounts 2018/2019 be approved for payment.

(b) **British Legion Donation** – it was agreed that a donation of £25 be made to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

6. **DENBIGHSHIRE CC, ONE VOICE WALES AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE** – Consideration was given to new correspondence 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) **Independent Remuneration Panel** – a copy of the draft annual report 2020 had been circulated with the agenda. For community councils the only change being proposed related to the payment of financial loss compensation for attending approved duties.

(c) **Understanding Welsh Places/Towns** – statistics prepared by the Institute of Welsh Affairs relating to over 300 places with a population of over 2000 had been circulated with the agenda and was available on line.

(d) **VE Day 75** – correspondence from SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity had been circulated with the agenda. The bank holiday weekend of 8th – 10th May 2020 will be an international celebration of peace marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. Planned activities including the ringing of church bells would be taking place and communities were being encouraged to arrange parties and other celebrations. **Resolved** – that the correspondence be noted and referred to the Community Centre Committee.

(e) **Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group Report** – the latestreport was receivedand noted.

(f) **Protecting Community Spaces** – correspondence from the Fields Trust Cymru had been circulated with the agenda. It was noted that Fields in Trust partners with landowners including County and Community councils to protect land through a deed of dedication, a binding legal commitment, which protects land including playing fields and parks in perpetuity for future generations to enjoy.

During an ensuing discussion reference was made to the fact that the only playing field for children within the community was the school field. This play area had been available and enjoyed by children for nearly 100 years and members felt strongly that it was important to ensure that that the field remained available as a play area for generations to come. It was agreed to contact Fields in Trust Cymru for further details on the possibility of protecting the recreational space provided by the school playing field.

(g) **Denbighshire/Flintshire Joint Archives Project** – it was reported that correspondence had been received regarding proposals to close the existing archives at Ruthin and Hawarden and build a new Archives next to the Theatre in Mold. This project was dependant on lottery funding and was currently at the consultation stage. It was agreed that the situation be noted.

(h) **Planning Compliance Charter** – a draft document prepared by Denbighshire’s Planning Department was received and noted.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 27th November, 2019.