Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 26.02.2020 (Subject to confirmation at the March, 2020 meeting).

**PRESENT** – Cllrs Paul Evans (Chair), Iona Pierce, Kevin Shenton, Wyn Roberts, Carys Jones, Huw Jones and Tony Killow together with the Clerk (John Roberts). **ALSO PRESENT** – Iola Quinn and Sandra Newell for item 4c

**1**. **APOLOGIES**– Cllr Bryan Jones and Heather Battisson Howard (item 4c)

**2.** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Wyn Roberts item 7, personal and prejudicial interest in respect of one of the sites being the owner of adjacent land and property. Cllr Tony Killow item 5a, personal interest being a volunteer with Denbigh First Responders.

**3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 29th Jan 2020 were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

**4. MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES** – **(a)** **Telephone Kiosk at Hendrerwydd – Conversion to Information and Defibrillator Centre** – confirmation had been received from Cadwyn Clwyd that an order had been placed with a contractor to carry out the refurbishment work at the kiosk. However, it was understood that the contractor had now withdrawn his services and a new contractor was being sought.

**(b)** **Highway Matters including Road Signs and Paths** – the Clerk stated that he had written to Highways regarding the need for additional drainage gullies below Plas yn Llan but, to date, a reply had not been received. Other problems included numerous pot holes following the recent storms particularly at Clyttir corner and Bryn Onnen, the need for resurfacing work at Hwylfa Fain, blocked culvert below Plas Dolben and overgrown gorse bushes on the mountain above Pentre Farm. These were all being looked into by Highways.

 **(c) Community Garden Project, Maes Hafal, Gellifor** – Apologies had been submitted by Heather Battisson Howard, Denbighshire Community Development Team. However, she had forwarded an update on progress so far. In particular it was noted that questionnaires had been distributed and, to date, about half had been returned all of which were generally in favour of the project. In addition she stated that she was meeting a contractor on site to have a look and finalise details and check out the location of drains. A further report would be submitted to the next meeting.

**(d) Grass Cutting –** the clerk reported that he had met with 2 contractors who had agreed to submit quotations for consideration at the next meeting.

**(e) Dog Fouling, Gellifor** – it was agreed that, at the next meeting, consideration be given to ordering more dispensers.

**(f)** **Fields in Trust, Protecting Community Spaces** – With regard to Gellifor School Field and the issue of protecting community spaces, it was reported that a reply had been received from Fields in Trust Cymru which stated that Welsh Government legislation places a duty on local authorities to provide sufficient play opportunities within each community. It was also noted from the correspondence that Denbighshire’s current LDP sought to provide a minimum of 2.4 hectors of recreation space per 1000 people.

It was agreed that this information be noted for possible future reference.

**5.** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(a) Requests for Financial Assistance 2019/2020** – consideration was given to various applications for financial assistance received by the Council during the above period.

Resolved – that a donation of £50 be awarded to each of the following organisations;- Denbigh First Responders, Royal Welsh Agricultural Show Clwyd 2020 Appeal, Bobath Cymru, St Kentigern, Wales Air Ambulance Charity.

**(b) Financial Management and Governance** – Correspondence from Wales Audit was submitted and it was noted that, from 2020/2021 onwards, the Wales Audit Office propose a new 3 year audit programme which would involve a detailed review of all transactions one year in every three, the other 2 years being as at present.

**(c) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, Annual Report 2020** – correspondence from the Chair of the above Panel had been circulated to members with the agenda. Details of allowances payable to elected members, including community councillors, were outlined and it was agreed that the correspondence and report be noted.

**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)** **Green Growth Funding Opportunities** – correspondence from Keep Wales Tidy regarding their Green Growth Funding Opportunity Scheme for Community Councils was submitted. Part of the Scheme involved the offer of starter packages to create, restore and enhance local places for nature that can be sustained in future years.

The Community Garden Project currently being developed at Maes Hafal appeared to meet the criteria for assistance and it was agreed to take up the offer of a free package by completing the application process via the Keep Wales Tidy website. **Resolved** – that the Clerk arrange accordingly.

**(c)** **Community Green Pledges** – Correspondence from Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board was submitted. The pledges aim to recognise positive contributions by awarding bronze, silver and gold awards for projects which have a positive impact on the environment. **Resolved** – that the correspondence be received and noted.

**(d) Denbighshire Housing, Tenants Award** – correspondence from Geoff Davies, Community Housing Officer was submitted. The Department were organising the second annual Tenants Awards evening and nominations were being invited for this year’s awards. **Resolved** – that the correspondence be noted for future reference.

**(e) Spring Clean Cymru** – it was reported that Keep Wales Tidy had written to confirm that this year’s spring clean of roads and parks project would take place between 20th March and 13th April 2020. Advice and resources were available to those communities wishing to take part and Cllr Iona Pierce agreed to look into this further with a view to the community coming together on 4th April.

**(f)** **Wales VE DAY 75 Celebrations 8/10th May 2020** – as part of the celebrations, Cllr Iona Pierce agreed to look into arranging a coffee morning at the community centre on Bank Holiday Friday, 8th May.

**(g) Charity Funds, Llangynhafal Welfare Trust** – It was reported that in 1970, a number of small charities in the Parish of Llangynhafal (one dating back to 1669) had been brought together by the Charity Commission to form the Llangynhafal Welfare Trust. The object of the Charity was to relieve either generally or individually persons resident in the Parish who were in condition of need.

In accordance with its constitution, the Charity is administered by Trustees, two of which are appointed by the Community Council. The Trustees have not met since 2001 and a review of the accounts held by CCLA highlighted that their records were out of date and therefore a new mandate was required.

It was now being requested that the Community Council appoint two Nominative Trustees who, following appointment, can sign a new mandate. Once completed, the mandate documents would need to be returned to CCLA.

**Resolved** – that Cllr Paul Evans and the Clerk, John Roberts be appointed by the Community Council as Nominative Trustees for the Llangynhafal Welfare Trust.

**7. DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2018/2033** – Reference was made to discussions held at the last meeting regarding consultation on the Candidate Sites within the proposed new LDP (copies previously circulated).

The Candidate Sites and Additional Candidate Sites had been submitted by landowners to Denbighshire for consideration and potentially be included as allocations in Denbighshire’s new LDP 2018/2033. It was noted that they were not planning applications.

The submitted sites for the community of Llangynhafal were as follows:-

 Llangynhafal – Land at Caerneddau for affordable housing. Llangynhafal – Roadside land at Wern Fawr for over 55’s Eco Rural. Gellifor – Land between Bryn Teg and Glasfryn (which is within existing LDP). Gellifor – Land between Y Berllan and Wern Cottage. Gellifor – Rhos Farm, Fields 1 and 2. Hendrerwydd – Hendrerwydd Farm (Buildings and land behind White Horse Inn). Hendrerwydd – Land adjacent to Buarth Mawr. Hendrerwydd – Land opposite the White Horse. Hendrerwydd – Land adjacent to Bryn Clwyd. Details and location plans were available at [www.denbighshire.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/LDP)

Members proceeded to consider the submitted sites and commented as follows:-

(a) General Overview – during recent months, when considering the long term needs of the community, the following matters had been highlighted by the Community Council as priority areas: - (i) the urgent need for affordable housing within the community. (ii) the desirability of an Open Space/Playing Field for the community within the general area of Gellifor/Hendrerwydd. This had been looked into many times over the years but the availability of land remained a problem.

(b) Llangynhafal, land at Caerneddau – the Community Council welcomes the inclusion of land within the community for affordable housing.

(c) Llangynhafal, roadside land at Wern Fawr for Over 55’s Eco Rural Hamlet – this is a very rural location within the AONB in respect of which careful consideration would need to be given to any form of new development.

(d) Gellifor, land between Bryn Teg and Glasfryn – the road at this location is narrow and in need of widening. Careful consideration needs to be given to access and visibility arrangements particularly as there is a junction close by.

(e) Gellifor, land between Y Berllan and Wern Cottage – this location would make an ideal open space for the community.

(f) Hendrerwydd, Hendrerwydd Farm buildings and land behind White Horse – it is considered that to develop this whole site would be unreasonable and out of proportion compared to the hamlets current size and layout.

(g) Hendrerwydd, land adjacent to Buarth Mawr – this is a large site for which access down a narrow track would be a problem. The site is not considered suitable for a large development.

(h) Hendrerwydd, land opposite White Horse Inn for residential and open space – as mentioned above the development of an open space/playing field area for the community would be welcomed and supported by the Community Council. It is felt that any residential development at this location would need to be on a small scale in keeping with current arrangements for Hendrerwydd.

(i) Hendrerwydd, land adjacent to Bryn Clwyd – it should be noted that a gas pipeline passes very close to this location.

It is noted that a number of sites have been submitted for Hendrerwydd and it is felt that these should be all be considered at the same time and not separately on a stand-alone basis.

Resolved – that the above comments be forwarded to the Planning Department.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **25th March, 2020.**