

Cilymaenllwyd Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4th June 2024 at Caffi Beca at 7.30pm

Present: Russell Davies (Chair), Anthony Eynon (Vice-chair), Anthony Jenner, Dennis Jones, Julian Williams, Rebecca Jaimangal-Jones, Ffion John, Michael Fussell, Cllr Dorian Phillips, Janice Morgan (Clerk)

Also present for action 7: Jo Metcalfe and Brendon

1. **Apologies:** Tudur Lewis

Best wishes were conveyed to TL as he recovers from his treatment and everyone is looking forward to his return.

2. **Declarations of interest:**

- FfJ for Item 5 (request from Boncath Football Club for financial support)
- DJ and MF for Item 7 re PL/07739 planning application

3. **Minutes of the last meeting 26/3/2024:**

- Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 26th March 2024 were proposed by FfJ as being accurate and seconded by MF.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Action 1: JM to discuss best location for the noticeboard with the owner of Glandy Cross – JM has confirmed the location on Glandy Cross shop wall with the owner. The prices for a notice board vary between £250 - £350. JM will investigate further.

Action 2: AJ to ask Mike's Quad Bikes in Efailwen for advice – this was discussed at the subgroup meeting. The budget for the purchase of equipment is £1,116.20 inc VAT. It was suggested to buy a strimmer at Charlie's Carmarthen. AJ will inquire further with a company in Tremain.

Action 3: JM to ask Amy Goodwin, Ramblers re safety equipment for volunteers and the possibility of Ramblers doing a volunteer training session before starting the volunteering clearance work – this was discussed at the subgroup meeting; not ready for volunteers yet. Jason Lawday is walking the path where volunteers will be clearing this Friday to see where the path goes.

Action 4: JM to check insurance details re volunteers. If volunteers register with Ramblers, they would be covered under their insurance – this issue is being discussed at the subgroup meeting; awaiting to hear back from Ramblers Cymru.

Action 5: JM to ask Dr Stephen Griffiths if it would be possible to store the equipment in one of his outbuildings – Julian Sommers has said that he is happy to keep the equipment in his outbuildings.

Action 6: The community council to consider contributing to the maintenance of the roadway via accessing grant funding, to include making improvements to the Landsker Borderland Trail in this area – JM has looked in old records of the Community Council. The Community Council made a contribution towards the maintenance of the road past Llety and to Manorgwyn until 1986 where their responsibility was relinquished as the road was no longer used by the public and it was agreed to submit an 'Extinguishment Order'. Jason Lawday confirmed that the road has been registered under the County Council since the 1980s and that the County Council

is able to do some maintenance work on the road each year. He advised that the residents should contact the County Council directly. He also stated that it is the responsibility of the landowners to maintain the banks and the verges as they are private property.

The County Council is also responsible for the maintenance of the Landsker Trail. The drainage problem on the route has been reported and is on the work schedule with the County Council. It was therefore agreed that JM draft a letter to Dr Stephen Griffiths explaining the above and circulate to all for comments before sending.

Action: JM to draft a letter to Dr Stephen Griffiths explaining the situation and circulate to all for comments prior to sending

Action 7: JM to invite JMetcalfe to the next meeting – present at the meeting. Below is a summary of the discussion:

- JMetcalfe began by providing some background to Greener Growth which she founded 13 years ago. It is a community interest organisation, supporting communities to re-engage in the outdoors, focusing on providing opportunities for people to reconnect through various community projects and skills development.
- JMetcalfe lives in Hebron and is very concerned re the Garnwen application. It was felt that the application process needs to slow down in order to allow local residents to have time to access and understand all the reports and surveys being issued. Locals are not happy with the way information is being shared and is very often difficult to understand the terminology.
- Cllr DP stated that all the documents can be accessed on Carmarthenshire County Council's website, under Garnwen planning. The ecological reports and surveys have been submitted and will now be presented to a committee and will involve reconsultation.
- Cllr DP also stated that no decision has been made to date; are awaiting further surveys to be completed. Cllr DP advised for residents to view the website on a regular basis for updates.
- JMetcalfe is keen to get people together in order to provide them with the opportunity to engage in the process and to be heard.
- The Council suggested for the local residents to consider setting up an action group. Following further discussion the following actions were agreed upon:
- **Actions:**
 - **JMetcalfe to forward wording re setting up an action group to JM who will then forward to all those present at the Garnwen public meeting in March. Wording would be an invitation for attendees to get in touch with JMetcalfe if interested in being part of the action group. Contacting attendees this way would not breach GDPR legislation.**
 - **Cllr DP to keep all updated re Garnwen application process and key dates**

4. Footpaths Restoration Project Update

- JM provided the following update:
 - Claim 8 was submitted on 12/5/24, claiming £6K for the contractor's work on the new 4/17 footpath. The payment was received from the Grant dept within 10 days. Julie Sweet provides reports to accompany each claim on a monthly basis.
 - Claim 9 is due by 14/6/24. The contractor has submitted another invoice for £6K for more clearing work on footpath 4/17. The council agreed to pay it as soon as possible.
 - To date, £35,760 has been spent on the grant. Including the invoice for Claim 9, £41,760 will have been spent. The contractor's total is £56,246 which means there is £14,486 remaining to complete the work. The contractor has reached a difficult

section where the river needs to be crossed and is discussing with RD re best way forward.

- Jason Lawday will be walking the paths on Friday to look at the path to Pantyrodyn.
- The project is going well and good progress is being made on the outcomes of the project relating to community engagement i.e. the community walks, the history group, two training events have been organised in July.
- The kiosk is being renovated by volunteers and AJ has done quite a bit of work on it, is putting primer on it and will be putting in new panels soon. When ready useful information and pamphlets will be displayed in the kiosk for locals and visitors.
- The subgroup's request for a bench as a resting place next to the kiosk was discussed. It was agreed to consider this request later in the year.
- Another request was discussed to ask the Calfaria Login chapel if they would be willing to change the wording on the car park sign; possibly removing the word 'private' as visitors park in field entrances because of the word private.

Action: RD to discuss wording of Calfaria car park sign with members further.

5. Correspondence

- Letter received from Boncath Football Club requesting financial support. It was agreed not to give a contribution as the club is outside the community.
- Letter received from Y Cardi Bach for financial support. It was agreed to give the same amount as in previous years, £250.
- E-mail received from Cronfa Codi Cerflun Twm Carnabwth asking for a donation for this year. It was agreed to wait to see how much grant would be obtained before giving more money this year.
- Information about One Voice Wales training was distributed to all. All to let JM know if they would like to register on any training session.

6. Finance Update and Sign Cheques

- Audit Wales has completed their audit of Cilymaenllwyd Community Council's accounts for 22/23. A notice has been placed on our website and on Glandy Cross and Ffynnonwen notice boards as requested, and the public can request to see them. Some recommendations have been made which will be addressed this year.
- JM provided an update of the current financial situation:
 - The 2024/25 financial year commenced at £2,710.51. The first instalment of this year's precept was received on 26/4/24 which was £2,833.34 and also £6K from the grant money, therefore, a total of £9,629.06 in the current account on 26/4/24. £6K was paid to the contractor on 8/5/24, leaving £3,626.06. On 17/5/24 payment received from the grant office, therefore, currently £9,626.06 in the current account.
- Signing cheques
 - Contractor's Claim 9 invoice £6,000
 - Jamie King for updating the website for the 3 months from 1 July to 1 October £150
 - Jamie King for website hosting and SSL certificate for the year 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025 £110
 - Invoice Rosemarie Davies, Internal Auditor £67.50
 - Caffi Beca for tonight's meeting £25
 - Payment of £250 to the Cardi Bach
 - Therefore, a total of £6,602.50 in payments, which will leave £3,023.56
- Remuneration for councillors:
Action: JM to email all to confirm whether they would like to receive payment or not

7. Planning

- One planning application – PL/07739 for 4 dwellings on land adjacent to Dolycoed, Efailwen, Clynderwen, SA66 7UY. No objection was expressed. The closing date for any comments is 13/06/2024.

8. County Councillor's Update

- Cllr DP provided an update as follows:
 - Garnwen ROMP review application (PL/07270): Cllr DP had been in contact with the Planning Officers following an e-mail from a resident expressing concern about speculation that the application for the quarry had been progressed without an EIA screening. They also requested further details re collation of ecology and archaeology information and if data was being collected from all the residents with private wells. A response was received from the Planning dept addressing to the issues raised and had been shared with the enquirer.
 - Pont Dolwilym has now been concreted
 - The condition of the roads remains poor in places e.g. from Efailwen square to the school, from Nebo down to Pantycaws and along Rhos
 - 'Japanese Knotweed' is encroaching the picnic site at Ynys Fach
 - All to send photos of any fly tipping to DP; this is still happening at Ynys Fach site

9. Health, Safety & Wellbeing

- Health and safety signs have been placed in the grant project area where the contractor is working.

10. Biodiversity

- RJJ has signed onto One Voice Wales Biodiversity training (Module 25, Part 1).
- Carmarthenshire County Council's Biodiversity Officers visited the project area last Wednesday and met JM and JSweet. Suggestions and advice were given re some aspects of biodiversity which will feed into the action plan.
- The biodiversity action plan has been updated to reflect the activity that has taken place in recent months.

11. AOB

- JM stated that many community councils have a grant application form which organisations/charities are asked to fill in if they want to apply for financial support. It was agreed that JM draft a grant form in the first place and circulate to all.
- **Action: JM to draft a grant form and circulate to all for comments**
- Logo for the community council: JM stated that the school has not responded re designing a logo. Would the council like to ask the person who designed the project logo? It was agreed to do so and offer a payment of £50 to the designer.
Action: JM to check if a contribution of £50 would be acceptable to the designer for designing a logo

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30th July 2024

The meeting came to a close by the Chair at 9.00pm

Signed

Chairperson: TR Davies Date: 2024/07/30