

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANSANTFFRAID AND DEYTHEUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LLANSANTFFRAID AND DEYTHEUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT MR J ASHTON – VICE CHAIR (JA), MRS B CROSS- CHAIR (BC), MR M BEBB (MB), MRS R DAVIES (RDA), MR R DAWON (RD), MR D EDWARDS (DME), MR R EVANS (RE), MR R JONES (RJ), MR G THOMAS (GT), MR D WILLIAMS (DW), MR E WILLIAMS (EW)

APOLOGIES NONE

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MRS L STANFORD-DAVIS (LSD)

1.	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGY</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by BC.</p> <p>Councillors were welcomed to the February meeting.</p>
2.	<p>AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the January meeting were adopted and agreed as a correct record - all in favour for them to be signed.</p>
3.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update on 1 Rose Cottage • Clerk to request PCSO to attend meeting • Drain by Godor – the drain is working but the surrounds are a Health and Safety issue. JA to take photos of the drain and surrounds and BC to deal with the matter. • Zebra Crossings – the crossing by Morrison’s Daily has been done and BC had been informed that the other crossings are scheduled to be done in the Spring. • 20mph speed – BC had received the results of a consultation regarding the 20mph speed limit in Llansantffraid. It is proposed that the speed limit on entry to the village from the Oswestry side to be 30mph until The Garth when it will be 20mph and on the Meifod road 30mph instead of 40mph and also a central reservation to be installed in the road. <p>The matter was discussed at length and a vote taken on the issue, the results being that the speed limit would be changed to 30mph on entry to the village and changed to 20mph at Y Garth and to leave the Meifod road speed limit as is.</p> <p>Clarification needed as to the position of the central reservation, therefore council unable to make a decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel Chapel – PCC are dealing with this matter. <p>Item 13 was discussed at this point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car park fence – Re was thanked for doing this. • Planters ongoing. • Information board ongoing • Online banking ongoing • New recreation field – RE had looked at the fencing and felt that there was a lot of work needed. It was felt that this should be done when the development of the field is decided. RE to fettle the boundaries. • Playground ongoing • Library – clerk gave a brief account of the library payments and after speaking to a councillor at Llanfyllin Town Council, she was to clarify how much the council should pay towards to the library. • Sink at the Public Conveniences ongoing • Payment for the Defib pads from Ashton’s is ongoing. • Allotment letters have been sent. Leak at the allotments to be investigated. • Neil Pigeon – no response regarding the recreation field. • Collfyn farm – RD to email pictures of the flood to the clerk. • Water hydrants – painting ongoing
13.	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</p> <p>GT gave his report at the beginning of the meeting as he apologised that he had to leave early.</p> <p>Council Tax is to rise by 8.6% which will be £200 increase on Band D properties. GT voted against this.</p> <p>The Council justified the increase.</p>

	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is recommended to close in July with 26 pupils, some of which will be coming to Ysgol y Santes Ffraid which is already oversubscribed. It is thought that some pupils will go over the border to Trefonen and will possibly not attend Ysgol Llanfyllin which will be work out about £160,000. The cost of transporting the pupils has not been done yet.</p> <p>PCC have received and extra 60 million pounds from the Welsh Government which will be spent on highways. GT mentioned that Safeguarding fencing had been erected at Bro Cynllaith – an Estyn Inspection recommendation – at a cost of £23000 for 2 years – it was felt that this was a waste.</p> <p>GT mentioned that closure of Leisure Centres in Powys – the consultation had been stopped at present but will be presented again in the Summer. Concerns were raised that the leisure centre at Llanfyllin was at risk.</p> <p>RD asked GT about the powerlines that are set to come to Llansantffraid. GT felt that the council needed a sub-committee to discuss the matter.</p> <p>GT said that there are two thirds of land owners that are not allowing the windfarm engineers on their land. Four of the said land owners are prepared to go to court over the matter. Montgomeryshire against Pylons will help the four landowners financially if necessary.</p> <p>GT concerned about the health of the people in Llansantffraid with pylons so close. A letter of concern to be sent to Green Gen.</p> <p>Member of the public spoke – LSD spoke about the pylons and felt that the pylons are to be erected in a flood plain and this hadn't been taken into consideration.</p> <p>It had been said that there is already an eyesore in the village so it was felt that the pylons wouldn't affect it. Llansantffraid will be the most affected by the turbines but there doesn't seem to be any compensation money for this.</p> <p>GT felt that Llansantffraid is the largest settlement and the population is doubled when the caravan parks are open but the caravan owners have not been consulted on the matter and it was felt that it is being done now which saves the caravan owners making their comments.</p> <p>The power lines will be underground through Meifod and GT felt that this could be an option.</p> <p>GT felt that the views of the people of Llansantffraid needed to be included in the response to Green Gen.</p> <p>GT left the meeting at 8.45pm.</p> <p>Member of the public left the meeting but before leaving she thanked the councillors for the work they do in the village.</p> <p>A meeting was arranged for Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm in the village hall. The meeting to be advertised in the village Facebook page and a leaflet drop. BC to make the leaflet and circulate to councillors for their approval. RJ said that he would ensure that the leaflets are copied.</p>
	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Application Reference: 25/0153/HH</p> <p>Grid Reference: E:321240 N: 322286</p> <p>Proposal: Construction of a detached double garage</p> <p>Site Address: The Haven, Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain, SY22 6TR</p> <p>No comments made – AIF to support the planning application.</p> <p>BC said that the Planning Consultations had not received any comments from the Council since last March. It was felt that there is something wrong with their system. BC to call them.</p>
5.	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village hall £60 Clerk to query as to why October had not been invoiced. Richard A Evans £662.40 – materials for car park fence Richard A Evans £450.00 – work on the car park fence Richard A Evans £216 – picnic bench <p>It was proposed and seconded that the above payments be made - AIF</p> <p>Payments since last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Gas £14.99 <p>Receipts since last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HMRC VTR £158.75 HMRC VTR £636.17 Headstone £50 <p>An invoice received from Hafren Dyfrdwy stating that the amount due was £291.74 – standing order for £30 a month is done. 88m³ of water had been used which was thought to be a lot. RE said that he would monitor the situation and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Clerk to ask B Roberts about the toilet rolls.</p>
6.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR</p> <p>AIF for J Huninik to be the Internal Auditor. Clerk to arrange the necessary paperwork with him.</p>
7.	<p>ADDITIONAL SIGNATORY ON ACCOUNT</p>

	Chair felt that there should be an additional signatory on the account. JA – Vice Chair – agreed to this.
8.	GREEN GEN This had been discussed under Item 13.
9.	VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN The Chair had circulated information regarding these signs to councillors. PCC to be involved in the decision of the signs – PCC did not like the “face” signs. Before the Council writes to PCC about the introduction of them GT to be consulted on the matter first.
10.	SHRUBS ON CAR PARK Evergreen shrubs to be purchased for the land at the car park – AIF for £100 to be spent.
11.	OVW AND PLANNING AID WALES MARCH 27TH 2025 Clerk had submitted the Chair and Vice-Chair’s names to attend the meeting.
12.	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES Nothing to report.
14.	STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS None
15.	POLICIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document Retention • Personal Data Management • Training Plan – The Defib training to be included • Complaints – change of name for the Chairman AIF to adopt the above policies.
16.	NEW RECREATION FIELD The tree planting will take place on Wednesday 12 th March 2025. Children will come to the site at 10.30am. JA reported on a conversation he had had with Chris from Caersws. The planning for the site at Caersws had been £10,000, £6000 had been spent preparing the ground and the MUGA cost in the region of £150,000. JA to have a meeting with Chris to discuss the development of the land. Community Council will be responsible for attaining the grants which can take up to 2 years.
17.	COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Ambulance – it was felt that this was a worthwhile cause and it was proposed and seconded that £200 be given – AIF. • Bowling Club – thank you letter for the installation of the CCTV camera.
18.	ADMINISTRATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Back-up – this is backed up on an external drive. Chair asked the clerk to ensure that her answer machine is on at all times. Costings for MEMSAFE to be requested – cemetery. Chair wanted the clerk to have the emails backed up.
19.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH The Chair had done some research on the Neighbourhood Watch and said that there was a group which covered Llanymynech, Arddleen, Llandrinio, Pant and Four Crosses – these are co-ordinated by B Foulkes. Chair to do some more enquiring as to how Llansantffraid could join the existing group.
20.	VE DAY 80TH - 8TH MAY The Village Hall committee are hoping to hold a street party on the 5 th May 2025 to commemorate VE day. It is hoped to use the road in front of the school and village hall. BC agreed to purchase the VE flag - £19.99 - and be reimbursed by the council – AIF.
21.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION This had been discussed in Item 13.
22.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS None
23.	NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 31ST MARCH 2025 at 7pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40PM