

Minutes of the meeting of the Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council
5th March 2015 at 7pm

Present: Huw Jefferies, Peter Green, Tony Cooke, Jolyon Wickes, Mike Phillips and Cllr. John Powell.

Apologies: None received

Absent: Philip Knill and Derek Price

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed.

Highways and PCC matters

- Noted that another accident had occurred outside Tan-Y-Fron (50mph zone), possibly due to the low visibility on the turning, meeting discussed the possibility of seeking a speed reduction. Trunk road issues need to be directed to Edwina Hart.
- Grip re-surfacing work to the roundabout is now completed.
- TC meet with Welsh Government and PCC regarding proposed cycle-path. Site visit was carried out, WG rep. surprised at the lack of earthworks that would be required although concerned about possible “pinch points” near certain properties and the railway bridge in the village. PCC have been asked to draw plans. Plans to include auto counters to ascertain number of users. This will assist similar schemes elsewhere. Closing date for funding bid is imminent.
- Cllr. JP gave an update on council reforms. Full council meeting 06.03.15 council tax for 2015/16 to be signed off. School closures to be discussed with notifications happening in the Autumn. Council services split North, South and Mid now with less managers. Penybont depot will still be point of contact for grass cutting in village.

Village and Community Issues

- Email received by council member from local resident regarding lights being left on at Knills garage, resident requesting that lights are re-positioned. Meeting discussed and concluded that lights have only been on a couple of times and once over-night; therefore situation to be monitored. Resident also concerned over the volume of reversing sensors on vehicles. School have not raised this as a matter of concern.
- Penybont Station – Heart of Wales line will be celebrating 150 years (Oct.). August bank holiday weekend there will be special trains running.
- New timetable due to start with one more train running each way. Usage of the station has increased slightly over the last year.
- Noted that hedge cutting carried out from railway bridge to bus shelter on the A483 (Llandrindod Wells road) has left cuttings all over the path, road and bus pull in. If possible large cuttings to be tidied up this weekend.
- Noted that bins in some areas have not been emptied since the end of January; possibly due to the re-organisation of rounds. Cllr. JP to take up with refuse department.

Community Centre Update

- No community centre report due to absence of DP.

Financial Reports

- Cheques were written for £1000 – donation to community centre for 2014/15 financial year. £120 – clerk's wages. £65 Membership for the Society of Local Council Clerks.
- Following discussion around donations to the community centre; previous financial year records to be checked for dates of donations made. It was proposed that in future, payments should be linked to quarterly community centre reports, this was rejected as it is not always possible for reports to be presented. After further discussion it was agreed that donations would be made when precept payments are received by the council.

Correspondence

- Email received from Police Inspector for Radnorshire – Operation Village new initiative to raise awareness of policing in rural areas. On the 8th April between 10am – 12pm will see high profile police presence in the village, including roads policing officers on speed enforcement. Cllr. JP will be joining the Inspector on a village walkabout.
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Information regarding society. Clerk requested that she became a member. Meeting discussed and agreed. Proposed by JW and seconded by MP.
- HSBC letter rejecting change of correspondence address, second letter signed by appropriate signatories.
- Notification received that the Mid-Wales Joint Local Transport Plan on behalf of the local authorities of Ceredigion, Powys and Gwynedd has been submitted to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport – noted.
- Written statement by The Welsh Government – The cost of senior management in local government – noted.
- Wales in Bloom Launch Events 2015 – noted.
- Kidney Wales Foundation – noted.
- Membership of One Voice Wales 2015-16 – noted.

Planning Applications

- No Applications received.

Any other business

- Leases for play areas at Penybryn and Tan y Fron received and discussed at last meeting were signed by TC and MP. Copies to be sent to PCC.
- Noted difficulties experience by JW and MP with broadband speeds causing problems with work on website. It is expected that problems with broadband will improve when fibre optic cable work is finished.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm

Next meeting will be held on 2nd April 2015 at 7pm.