Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2018 at The Public Institute, Llanfair at 7.00pm

Present – Cllrs V Evans, I Davies, K Roberts (Chair), G Peate, W Williams, U Griffiths, C Stephens,

R Astley, C Evans, H Davies and Clerk

Before business began Cllr K Roberts welcomed Mike Wynstanley and Dewi Morris of MWT and Rob Burton. Mike introduced himself and Dewi and spoke on securing further funding for Deri Woods once the HLF grant had finished. Dewi explained his role within the project and brought the members up to date on the current tree thinning situation as well as the progress on the pump house. Clerk re iterated the need for all decisions to come to the Town Council in the first instance before any action is taken. The Chair thanked all three for their time.

1.Apologies – Cllrs G Jones and V Faulkner

2.Declaration of Interest - None declared

3.Minutes of meeting held on 24th September 2018

The minutes were read and agreed by all and signed as correct by The Chair.

4.Matters arising

Footpath in Church Yard – Clerk confirmed that following a recent search by the Solicitor the footpath was owned by PCC who were therefore responsible for the surface.

War memorial – Clerk confirmed she had asked for a quote from Elliott Ryder to straighten the right hand pillar. The grant application was progressing.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up on quote for pillar straightening and to continue with grant application.

Chapel of Rest – Clerk updated the members on the issue of business rates. She had had written confirmation from PCC and the Valuation Office that the Town Council did not qualify for business rates reduction on any grounds

**Action**: The costs of running the Chapel of Rest would be considered in the Budget for 2019/20

A458 – Clerk confirmed she had made a request to GoSafe for interactive speed signs outside both schools.

**Action:** Clerk to monitor reponse

St Mary’s floodlights. Clerk had had confirmation that the timing issues had been resolved

Toilets – Clerk confirmed that the toilet lights were now working at the correct times.

Bus stop at Watergate St car park – Clerk confirmed that there was no funding available for a new one via PCC. The cost of a bus stop would be between 6K and 7K.

Digital Tax – Cllr C Stephens confirmed she had not yet spoken to G Morgan

**Action**: Cllr C Stephens to follow up

Fir tree near Church Wall – Clerk confirmed that this had not yet been done but had arranged for it to be felled asap.

**Action**: Clerk to contact contractor and arrange a definite date for the tree felling.

No dogs sign for Church Yard – Clerk confirmed this was on order.

**Action.** Clerk to put sign on Church Yard gate once it has arrived.

Proposed speed 40mph speed limit of A458 – Clerk confirmed she had written to Mr Bellingham with the points made by the Town Council.

5.Finance.

Community Balance - £50,783.83

Money Manager - £25,017.43

The following payments were agreed:

101381 –Clerk’s salary - £635.27

101382 – S D Johnson – toilet cleaning contract - £144.00

101383 – S D Johnson – Library cleaning – £36.00

101384 – J G Lloyd – grass cutting contract. July, August and September - £1,879.20

101385 – Hafren Dyfrdwy – water for toilets - £63.52 -

101386 – Mrs V Griffith – Clerk’s expenses - £214.13

101387 – R Isaac, Chapel of Rest weeding and Deri Woods strimming - £60.25

101388 – Mark Roberts – Electrician- repair of toilet solar cell - £73.00

DD – Water Plus – final payment - £91.71

DD – Opus Energy – Electric for Chapel of Rest and Toilets - £113.20

Receipts:

Burial fees - £500.00

Chapel of Rest - £120.00

It was resolved and agreed by all that £15,000 should be transferred from the current account to the money manager account for security reasons and the accruing of interest.

**Action**: Clerk to write letter to bank to this affect.

6.Planning.

18/0714/REM – Application to vary condition 2 of P/2017/0316 at Glaslyn, Llanfair

This application was supported.

18/0264/HH – Application to demolish conservatory and erect an extension at Ty Uchaf, Llanerfyl

This application was supported

**Action:** Clerk to inform PCC of these decisions.

7. Premises

Deri Woods and Goatfield – There had been no further contact with the contractor for the building work on the Pump House.

 **Action**: Cllr C Evans to contact the contractor.

St Mary’s Church Yard - Nothing further to report - see ‘Matters arising’.

Public toilets – Clerk reported that Mark Johnson, the cleaner for public toilets was retiring but his wife was willing to take over the contract. All agreed this would be an excellent solution.

Mountfield – Clerk update the members regarding the issue of litter. A roll of trade waste bin bags had been purchased from PCC. LUFC and LTC would use these bags for litter on Mountfield which would be collection each week by PCC. The cost of £104 for 25 bags was less expensive than a trade waste bin. So far this arrangement was working well.

**Action**: Clerk and Cllr K Roberts to monitor situation on bin bags.

It was also agreed that a new container should be order for use by the football club as agreed in previous Trustees meeting. It was agreed that R Isaac should be asked to clear the site in preparation. It was pointed out that some of the hedge that required removal belonged to a neighbouring property.

**Action:** Cllr K Roberts to order container. Clerk to contact owner of neighbouring property to ask for permission to remove hedge. Once this was received Clerk to contact R Isaac to clear site.

The doors on the white container had still not been repaired.

**Action**: Cllr K Roberts to follow up.

Clerk confirmed that the registration of Mountfield with HMLR was progressing well.

Erw Ddwr – Cllr H Davies reported the return of moles but had already asked R Isaac to deal with them.

**Action**: H Davies to monitor and liaise with R Isaac.

Clerk had obtained designs for benches made from recycled plastic which would be required for anyone wishing to site a memorial bench on Town Council property. The design with a back and arms was selected. It was agreed that anyone wishing to site a bench must liaise with the Town Council as to its position.

Library – Clerk presented the most recent user figures for Library for discussion by the members as stated below.

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|  Issue statistics July -September: | 17/18 | 18/19 |
| (Number of loans) |   |   |
|   | 1615 | 1485 |

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| Visitor numbers July-September: | 17/18 | 18/19 |
|   |   |   |
|   | 748 | 710 |

Glan yr Afon - Cllr R Astley explained the situation regarding the replacement of casting on the swing.

**Action**: Cllr R Astley to order and fit new part from Wickstead.

Concern was raised about the condition of the PCC owned play area at Trem Banwy.

**Action**: Clerk to submit FOI for RoSPA reports on this for previous years and circulate to members.

Chapel of Rest – Cllr H Davies raised concerns over the condition of the fence to the adjoining property.

**Action:** Cllrs K Roberts and H Davies to monitor. Clerk to check who owns boundary with Solicitor when the latter deals with registration of Chapel of Rest.

Land at Banwy Ind Est – Clerk updated members on the situation. There will be a meeting with PCC and WLLR to finalise the CAT shortly.

No.1 Pool Road – Clerk explained the current situation and it was decided to apply for a creation order.

**Action:** Clerk to fill in application and liaise with PCC.

8. Correspondence

Letter from Cllr Myfanwy Alexander – Clerk read response from Myfanwy to her letter regarding Llanfair High School. It was agreed that more information was required.

**Action:** Clerk to write Chair of Governors to ask for more information and offer help.

Pre planning consultation for a poultry unit at Rhiwhiriaeth, Llanfair – It was decided to wait for the **full planning application from PCC before making any comment.**

**Action**: Clerk to write to agent with this response.

Pre planning consultation for Banwy Mill development – It was decided to wait for the full planning application from PCC before making any comment.

**Action**: Clerk to write to agent with this response.

9.PCC Matters.

Cllr G Jones was not in attendance but the following points were raised:

Cllr V Evans reported that the hedge near Hafan Deg remained uncut.

The street light not working, identified and reported after Town Walk was still not repaired.

**Action**: Clerk to contact Cllr G Jones regarding these matters.

10.Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum.

Cllr W Williams gave his report on the recent Forum meeting. Cllr V Evans thanked him for the information.

11.Road Safety. Nothing to report.

12.Any other business.

Finance sub committee – Clerk requested that a Finance committee was formed and would meet asap. The following Councillors were elected: G Jones, Ceri Stephens, Wyn Williams, and Ian Davies. Clerk would also be present.

GDPR – Clerk confirmed that this matter would stay on the agenda each month.

Town Plan sub committee – The following Councillors were elected: C Stephens, I Davies, Geraint Peate, U Griffiths, K Roberts and H Davies if required.

It was confirmed that the Standings Orders had been adopted and would be placed on website.

**Action**: Clerk to place on website.

Risk Assessments – Clerk emphasised the need for new risk assessments. PCC had been contacted and a meeting was being arranged to discuss the needs of the Town Councl.

**Action**: Clerk to confirm meeting with PCC and attend with Cllr K Roberts.

Clerk confirmed that Cllr Rob Astley had read and accepted his Code of Conduct.

Cllr G Peate reminded all about the Rembrance Day Service on Sunday 11th November at 10.45am in St Mary’s Church.

Potholes – It was reported that those on Eithinog Lane had still not been repaired.

**Action**: Clerk to contact County Councillor G Jones.

13.Date of next meeting:

Monday 26th November 2018.