Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27th February 2017 at The Institute, Llanfair at 7pm

Present: Cllrs C Evans, G Jones (Chair), V Evans, C Stephens, K Roberts, M Hughes, V Faulkner, H Davies, L Evans, W Williams and Clerk.

1.Apologies – Cllrs A Watkin and G Peate

Before business began Chris Radford of MWT updated the members on progress of the Deri Woods project. He confirmed that the HLF grant application was progressing and invited ideas for uses of the pump house. Forth coming events included a bat and moth night in April and a dawn walk in May. Cllr G Jones confirmed that the top paths in the woods would be cleared in the next couple of weeks and thanked Chris for all his hard work.

2.Declarations of Interest.

Cllr M Hughes stated she would not participate in the discussion of or vote on P/2017/0200 Llys Awel or P/2017/0170 Pear Tree Llane

3.Minutes of meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2017.

Agreed and signed as correct

4.Matters arising.

Cllr V Evans asked if the Clerk had received any information on street cleaning from PCC. Clerk confirmed nothing had been received.

Clerk confirmed that the rubbish situation at the Football Club on Mountfield had improved. She also confirmed that a new contractor had been found to do painting and maintenance jobs as required.

Church Yard floodlight – Clerk confirmed that the light required replacing as it was beyond repair. All agreed it should be replaced**. Action** - Clerk to inform electrician that he should go ahead with replacement.

War Memorial – Clerk had received a quote for renovations. Cllr V Evans confirmed that another should be received within two weeks.

Erw Ddwr – Clerk had spoken with contractor about cut grass covering headstones. It was confirmed that any further grass clearance could be done but would incur an extra charge. All agreed it should be the responsibility of those tending graves.

Public Toilets – It was agreed that Clerk should contact electrician to repair door lock. **Action** – Clerk to do so. Water saving measure still needed implementing. **Action** – Clerk to follow up with plumber to check water saving measures.

Beer and Cider Festival – No further information or confirmation of dates had been received. **Action** – Clerk to contact CAMRA for an update.

Clerk informed the members that there would be a meeting with PCC to discuss the land at the Banwy Ind Est. It was agreed all those who had supported the Town Council should be asked to attend also. **Action** – Cllr G Jones to contact those involved.

20mph Speed limit on A458 outside the schools – Cllr V Evans confirmed that the posts for the signs were now up and this should come into force in the next two weeks.

Bins on Mountfield – Cllr C Evans had been monitoring the bins and confirmed that they were being emptied.

Town Awards – Clerk reported on the research she had carried out. It was agreed that this should go ahead. **Action** – Cllr C Stephens to draft the nomination info.

5.Finance.

Community balance - £40,652.17

The following payments were agreed:

101219 – DM Johnson – Toilet cleaning contract - £180.00

101220 – DM Johnson – Chapel of Rest outside cleaning - £6.00

101221 – MA Roberts – Repair and replacement of lights on Public Toilets - £100.00

101222 – One Voice Wales membership - £229.00

101223 – Clerk’s expenses (February) – £189.32

101224 – PCC Playground inspection fee - £72.00

101225 – Clerk’s extra hours (to 26th Feb 2017) - £164.73

101226 – DM Roberts – Hedge Brushing on Mountfield and Erw Ddwr - £90.00

DD - Opus Energy – Chapel of Rest Electricity – £18.49

Receipts:

Dwyriw – School crossing contribution - £200

Burials- £3,000

Chapel of Rest -£180.

6.Planning.

Councillors M Hughes and V Evans left the room during the discussion of and vote on all planning.

P/2017/0200 - Application to build 42 houses at Llys Awel, Llanfair Caereinion.

There was a majority vote not to support the application. **Action**- Clerk to give reasons for decision to PCC in writing (eg concerns over access, a lack of affordable housing and the number of existing unsold properties in the town)

VAR/2017/0006 - Application to remove Section 106 restriction at Bryn Celyn, Llanfair Caereinion

There was a unanimous vote not to support this application.

M/2003/0613 Additional information only on Morgan’s Yard – No comment made by members

P/2017/0170 - Application to build 5 houses on Pear Tree Lane, Llanfair Caereinion.

There was a unanimous decision not to support this application. **Action** – Clerk to put concerns in writing to PCC (eg. Water runoff, water pressure, access on lane and unsold properties in the town)

7.Premises.

Deri Woods and Goatfield – Cllr C Evans reported that area around the Gorsedd Stones required attention. **Action** – All agreed that the members should clean the area and reseed it when the weather improves.

Mountfield – Clerk had obtained another quote and reported that both quotes had stated the tree could be saved. Cllr L Evans proposed that for safety reasons it should be felled, Cllr M Hughes seconded and all agreed providing a replacement was planted. **Actions**– Clerk to obtain new quote for felling and go with cheapest. Clerk to check with PCC on TPO situation. Clerk to write to LUFC to congratulate them on their recent success.

Glanyrafon Play Area – Nothing to report

St Mary’s Church Yard – see previous

Erw Ddwr – Nothing to report

Chapel of Rest – Nothing to report

Public Toilets – see previous

8. Correspondence:

Clerk reported on Broadband Summit invite from AM. Cllrs K Roberts and G Jones would attend. **Action** – Clerk to accept invite.

Clerk reported that the recycling facility in Watergate St car park was to be removed by PCC. All agreed not to oppose its removal**. Action** – Clerk to inform PCC.

9.PCC Matters .

Cllr V Evans reported that the rise in Council Tax had been set at 3.9% by PCC. This did not include any increase in the precept or police element.

Cllr Evans reported that the full council of PCC had not had a chance to debate the changes to the LDP. There was concern about the Cabinet making all the decisions on this matter and a seminar was being held in April to receive updates from the Cabinet.

Following the last Town Council meeting Cllr Evans had met with PCC Highways Dept in Welshpool to discuss the list of work required in and around the town. To date nothing had been done. The Shire Manager was also asked to arrange an inspection of Neuadd Lane but no feedback had been forthcoming to date.

10.Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum.

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 28th March.

11.Road Safety – Nothing further to report

12. Other matters.

Clerk gave her apologies for the Leisure Centre committee meeting for 28th Feb but would be suggesting that the committee asked PCC to start talks.

Cllr G Jones thanked Cllr C Stephens and K Roberts for their invaluable help in bringing the website up to date.

Cllr G Jones reported on the recent success of Llanfair YFC**. Action** – Clerk to write to congratulate them.

13.Date of next meeting.

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