Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7pm at The Institute, Llanfair Caereinion

Present – Cllrs G Jones (Chair) H Davies, V Evans, L Evans, K Roberts, G Peate, C Evans, M Hughes, A Watkin (7.30) and Clerk

Before business began the Chair welcomed Mr Harry Jones who spoke on behalf of a number of residents regarding the felling of the oak tree on Mountfield. He asked for decision to fell the tree to be re considered and it was agreed to discuss the matter again under premises. The Chair thanked Mr Jones for his time.

1.Apologies – Cllrs C Stephens, V Faulkner and W Williams

2.Declarations of Interest – None made

3.Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27th March 2017.

Clerk confirmed that nothing more had been received regarding the CAMRA beer and wine festival.

Clerk confirmed that a business plan was required by PCC in regard to the CAT at Banwy Ind Est. Action – Clerk to ensure that it would be submitted by the required deadline.

Neuadd Lane – It was reported that some repairs had been carried out.

20mph speed limit on A458 – Cllr V Evans confirmed that she was still pressing WAG for this work to be completed.

Rhos Fawr - Cllr G Jones confirmed that the issue of visibility had been resolved.

4.Matters arising.

No further matters. Cllr L Evans proposed and Cllr V Evans seconded that the minutes should be signed. All agreed.

5.Finance.

Community Balance - £35,451.46

Clerk confirmed that this figure did not include the first trenche of the precept that was usually paid at the end of April.

The following payments we agreed-

101235 – Steve Roberts – path clearing in Deri Woods - £302.40

101236 – Gloversure - 2 year domain name - £24.00

101237 – Treewerx – dismantling of fallen oak tree in Deri Woods – £350.00

101238- Severn Trent Water – water bill for public toilets - £147.25

101239- Clerk’s expenses (April) - £66.96

101240 – DM Johnson – Toilet cleaning contract - £144.00

101241 – R Isaac – Chapel of Rest weeding and path cleaning Erw Ddwr - £146.00

SO – Clerk’s salary -£477.50

DD – Opus Energy – up to date bill following a meter reading - £241.72

It was agreed not to pay an invoice from PCC for school crossing patrol coat. Action - Clerk to investigated further.

Receipts –

Mountfield grazing - £100.00

It was agreed to minute the fact that the Town Council paid in excess of £4,000 per annum for the school crossing patrols. Clerk suggested that as the patrol was required on a trunk road the WAG should be approached to pay for this. Action – Clerk to contact WAG to ask for contribution to or payment of this necessary expense.

Clerk presented audit spread sheet to the members for the financial year 2016- 2017. The members agreed that the expenditure was in line with the budget. Cllr V Evans proposed the audit details were accepted and adopted by the members and Cllr M Hughes seconded this. All agreed. The Chair thanked the Clerk for all her hard work in preparing this information.

Clerk confirmed that Morgan’s Accountants of Welshpool had agreed in writing to act as auditor once again. Action – Clerk to arrange meeting with them to carry out internal audit before the next meeting on 15th May 2017.

Clerk advised that it was necessary for the Town Council to keep correct PAYE records. A quote had been received from another party but it was agreed that in the interests of continuity that Morgan’s should be approached to do this. Action – Clerk to obtain written quote from Morgan’s for PAYE to confirm verbal agreement.

6.Planning.

P/2017/0316 – Application for replacement dwelling at Glaslyn – application supported.

P/2017/0320 – Application for a dwelling on land east of Maes Hyfryd – application supported. (Cllrs V Evans and K Roberts declared an interest and left the room during discussion and vote)

P/2017/0370 – Application for 9 dwellings at Maes Glyn – application supported.

VAR/ 2017/0009 – Application to remove section 106 occupation restriction on 57 Parc yr Onnen - unanimous decision not to support

P/2017/0378 – Application for 5 dwelling at Brynteg, Castle Caereinion – no comment offered.

7.Premises.

Deri Woods and Goatfield – Clerk confirmed that the broken railings had been fixed. She had also been in contact with PCC regarding drainage issues but had not had a response. Clerk confirmed she had informed the contractor in writing that the felled oak should be left in situ. Action – Cllr G Jones to arrange for this timber to be removed for use by Town Council.

Cllr V Evans reported on an incident where a dog (not on a lead) had attacked another dog in the woods. It was agreed that all such incidents were police matters but that new signs should put up stating that dogs should be on leads. Action – Clerk to purchase signs and put notice on website to this effect.

Clerk reported that the bottom paths had not yet been cleared. Action – Clerk to contact Glyn Lloyd and Mr Griffiths to arrange dates for the work to be carried out.

It was agreed that members would meet at the Gorsedd Stones on Saturday 6th May at 10am to carry out tidy up and re seeding. A visit to Erw Ddwr would also be included to review any issues here. Action – Clerk to inform those not at meeting of this arrangement.

Clerk informed the members that the EOI for the Goat Field had been accepted and PCC were moving the CAT process forward.

St Mary’s Church Yard – Clerk gave an update on the yew trees. As the trees were in a conservation area she would contact PCC for information. Action – Clerk and Cllr C Evans to meet with contractor to discuss the work and get price once info from PCC was received. Clerk would speak with contractor about grass removal. Clerk confirmed that despite trying to contact contractor for War Memorial she had had no response and no quotation. It was agreed that Cllr A Watkin would submit a quote. Clerk confirmed that the floodlight was still not fixed. Action – Clerk to contact electrician again.

Public Toilets – It had been reported to Cllr V Evans that a resident had had difficulties with the automatic door locks. Action – Cllr V Evans to investigate further and Clerk to arrange for a sign to be placed inside the building with instructions on how to release the door.

Erw Ddwr – Cllr H Davies reported that the trees at the top of the cemetery required cutting and the rubbish area required emptying. It was agreed to visit Erw Ddwr on the morning of the 6th May.

Glanyrafon play area – Nothing to report

Chapel of Rest – Nothing to report

Mountfield- Cllr G Jones updated the members on the current situation with the storage container and recent Trustees Meeting. Following further discussions it was agreed that if the oak tree could be made safe then it could remain in situ. Action – Clerk, Cllrs C Evans and G Jones would meet with contractor. Cllr C Evans to take photos of tree from all angles and agree the exact work required before contractor begins the job.

8.Correspondence – Clerk informed the members of the recent changes to policing structure in Powys in a letter from Superintendent Jon Cummins. She also had details of PCC’s new primary school admission age. The Clerk also informed the members of new recycling services provided by Cae Post above and beyond those provided by PCC.

9.PCC Matters – Cllr V Evans reported that after 14 years the planning application for Morgan’s Yard had finally been given consent by PCC as all matters were now resolved. There are to be 20 properties including 6 affordable units. There will also be a contribution of £10,000 toward play facilities in the town from the developer.

Cllr Evans informed the members that there was now up to £5,000 available in grants for the War Memorial. 90% of the costs of all renovations could be covered by this with only a 10% contribution required from town and community councils.

Cllr Evans re iterated her concerns over dogs loose in Deri Woods and repeated her support for an area set aside for dogs. She too had spoken with Cllr Rosemarie Harris regarding the CAT at the Banwy Ind Est and that a business plan would now be needed from the Town Council. Cllr Evans reported that work on potholes on the area’s roads was taking place and that drain cleaning would also be carried out by PCC in the next two weeks. She re iterated her concern over the state of the Bitfil road due to heavy goods vehicles.

10. Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum – Clerk had nothing to report

11.Road Safety – No matter to report

12. Other matters- Cllr C Evans reported a faulty street light. Action- Clerk to contact PCC.

Cllr G Jones updated members on the Library situation which was business as usual.

Cllr V Evans reported that the Watergate St car park was in a dirty and poor state following the removal of the recycling bins. Action – Clerk to contact PCC to request a clean up – again.

Clerk updated members on the election and co option situation. The co option notice had been placed in the notice board and all those wishing to put their names forward should do so by 5pm on Monday 15th May. Cllr G Jones thanked all for their hard work and wished all those standing down well.

13.Date of next meeting – AGM Monday 15th May 2017 at 7pm followed by May meeting at 7.30pm.