

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on 27th June 2016 at 7.30pm at The Public Institute, Llanfair

Present: Cllrs H Davies, L Evans, V Evans, C Evans, K Roberts, V Faulkner, G Jones (Chair) and V Griffith (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs G Peate, K Astley, M Hughes, C Stephens, A Watkin.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None declared

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 16th May 2016.

Cllr C Evans proposed these were signed as correct. Seconded by Cllr H Davies. All agreed and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising.

No further matters

At this point in the meeting the agenda items of the Watergate St car park and Llanfair Library were brought forward from Premises for discussion.

Watergate St Car Park – The Chair informed the Council and the members of the public who were attending the meeting of the latest offer from PCC. The latter were offering a three year lease to Llanfair Town Council at an annual rent of £2,600.00.

A petition of 400 signatures supporting continued free parking was handed in by residents.

Cllr V Evans pointed out that many residents used the car park and it was vital for local businesses that potential customers have free parking. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with PCC in the near future.

Cllr G Jones then presented the possibility of creating a car park on Mountfield for 80 plus vehicles that would be free. He had had a quote of around £38,000 much of which could be funded by grants. It was agreed this may be possible and should be looked into further except for Cllr V Evans who abstained.

The Chair assured all present that everything possible would be done to keep the existing free parking in the town.

Llanfair Library – All agreed that everything possible should be done to keep the Library open. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to PCC stating the Library is the most efficient in the county and it is unfair that it should be subject to the same stringent cuts as others. This should be before the consultation period ends on 3rd July. It was also agreed that a dialogue should be kept open with Kay Thomas of PCC and the portfolio holder and with Sioned Camlin, Librarian.

Cllr V Evans suggested that Montgomery Library should be looked at as a possible model.

Clerk to contact other groups for ideas and funding. Clerk to also write to neighbouring community councils via clerks in order to have feedback. Clerk raised the option of an increase in the precept

The Chair assured all those present that all would be done to save the Library.

5. Finance

Community balance – £35,572.63

The following payments were agreed.

101172 – R Isaac – Chapel of Rest gardening and strimming in Goat Field - £65.50

101173- PHS - £59.90

101174 – D M Johnson toilet cleaning - £216.00

101175 – Clerk's expenses - £52.61

101176 – OBM – Toilet maintenance – £235.70

101177 – Rhiwhiraeth community hall donation - £200.00

101178 – Llanfair Institute donation -£500.00

101179 – Llanfair Carnival donation - £250.00

101180- Llanfair Homely club donation - £100.00

Clerk's salary - £477.50

Opus energy – £16.37

Income:

PCC Toilet grant - £5,000.00

Headstone fee - £75.00

Clerk presented the quarterly spending review. No issues forth coming.

6.Planning

P/2016/ 0471 – Pant y Tanhouse – Change of use of land- Supported

P/2016/0548 – ATM at Bridge Garage, Llanfair (retrospective) – Supported

P/2016/0552 – Retention of three signs at Bridge Garage – Supported

P/2016/0021 – Variation of Section 106 No. 9 Parc yr Onnen – Not supported

Cllr V Evans abstained on all applications.

7. Premises

Deri Woods and Goatfield. Cllr V Faulkner reported on the latest from the MWT project. All agreed that there was a great deal being done to improve the area for community use. Cllr V Faulkner also informed the members that her son, James had volunteered to be the dog warden for the area. The Chair asked Cllr V Faulkner to pass on the thanks of the Council.

Cllr L Evans suggested a competition to design a log the Town Council could use for such projects.

St Mary's Churchyard. Clerk reported that the grass cuttings had been removed. Cllr G Jones to repair the spring on the gate.

Public Toilets. Clerk to make enquiries about lease from PCC. Clerk to find out about progress on the new door.

Mountfield. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Football club regarding the soil etc which needs removing. A deadline of 1st August would be required.

Erw Ddwr. It was reported that there had been problems with some of the graves but this was now being dealt with by the PCSO.

Clerk informed the members that W&HA would be visiting Erw Dwr on Friday 8th July to take photos with the Town Council for a press release.

Glanyrafon – It was agreed that a form would be devised by the clerk to record regular visual checks. Cllr H Davies has agreed to do this.

Chapel of Rest – The hedge requires cutting. R Isaac to be asked.

8.Correspondence

Access to the river at Pool Road – New Owners have been sent a copy of the letter establishing the Town Councils right of access to the river as the land has no title deed.

The Clerk and Chair reported that they had both responded to recent letters from residents regarding the car park and library.

Clerk informed members of Tir Gwynt meeting in Welshpool on the 6th July 2016.

9.PCC Matters

Cllr V Evans reported that the final decision on secondary education will be made by the cabinet of PCC. But there will be a full council meeting before this to discuss the recommendations.

Cllr Evans has reported the fly tipping at Watergate St Bring site on several occasions.

Cllr Evans confirmed that the footpath from Glanyrafon to the Railway and the footbridge over the Banwy are the responsibility of PCC as per the paperwork from 2007.

Grass cutting issues were now being resolved. B road verges have now been cut with minor roads to follow. The original contractor had pulled out at the last minute leaving work not carried out. Trunk roads and A roads were now being cut by PCC Highways dept.

10.Montgomery Local Forum.

Clerk reported that the next meeting was on Tuesday 19th July and she would be attending.

11.Road safety.

Clerk to write to W&WHA with regard to the parking in the junction at Parc yr Onnen/ Maes yr Onnen. Clerk to contact police about persistent dangerous parking near Minffordd.

Clerk to report missing bollard near fish and chip shop.

12.AOB.

It was noted that certain areas of the town were in a disgraceful state after the Carnival. Clerk to write to these offenders requesting more effort in keeping the town tidy.

The handrail on Parsons Bank is scheduled to be fitted shortly.

Clerk to report blocked culvert on Eithinog Lane to PCC.

Clerk to report the ongoing poor state of the Bring Site to PCC.

Clerk to contact Parc yr Onnen / Maes yr Onnen developers to cut the play area grass.

13. Date of next meeting>

Monday 25th July 2016 at 7.30pm in The Institute.

