Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2017 at The Institute, Llanfair at 7pm

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

1.Apologies – Cllrs L Evan, A Watkin and G Peate.

2.Declarations of Interest – None made

3.Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19th December 2016- Minutes agreed and signed as correct.

4.Matters arising not already on the agenda – No matters

5.Finance.

Community Balance – £40,532.43

The following payments were agreed:

101211 – J G Lloyd – Grass cutting Oct, Nov, Dec - £1,740.00

101212- M A Roberts – Removal and replacement of toilet door lock - £100.00

101213 – D M Johnson – Toilets cleaning contract - £144.00

101214 – Welsh Audit Office – Invoice for audit 2015/2016 – £231.00

101215 – R Isaac – Fencing at Chapel of Rest etc - £185.15

101216 – Clerk’s expenses (Jan) - £40.92

101217 – Clerk’s extra hours Nov and Dec - £193.38

101218 – Clerk’s extra hours Jan - £109.82

DD – Clerk’s salary - £477.50

DD – Chapel of Rest electric - £19.24

Income:

Precept – Third tranche - £10,362.00

Bowling Club rent - £10.00

Football Club rent - £60.00

6.Planning.

Clerk read out letter regarding proposed planning application on land adjacent to Llys Awel. This was for information only as no planning application had been received from PCC.

P/2017/1198 Erection of an agricultural building at Neuadd Llywd. This application was supported on the proviso that the road up to the property was improved. The members raised concerns over the condition of the road and that it would deteriorate with additional use if the current repairs were not carried out. Mud on the road was also safety concern for all users especially during winter months.

**Action** – Clerk to reply to PCC planning dept stating concerns. Copy to be sent to PCC Highways.

7.Premises.

Gareth thanked Cllr H Davies for all her work in tidying up the Cemetery. It was agreed that some form of litter collection and street cleaning would be included in the Town Plan currently under construction.

Deri Woods - Cllr V Faulkner gave an update of all the work by MWT in the Deri Woods. She confirmed that Chris Radford would be applying for more funding to develop the area including the Pump House. All agreed the HLF application should go ahead.

**Actions** – Clerk to contact contractors for cleaning paths of leaf matter. Clerk to find any information on the Pump House.

Mountfield – It was reported that the Carnival Committee wanted to move the white storage unit. It was agreed that it should remain until the storage issues had been decided via the Town Plan. A dumpy bag of rubbish remained at the football pitch and needed removing. The stile into the grazing field had not yet been replaced.

**Actions** – Clerk to write to Llanfair FC to request removal of rubbish and put the matter of the stile on the agenda for the next Trustees meeting.

Glanyrafon play area – Clerk reported that a painter would be required for the play area equipment.

**Actions** – Clerk to find painter for the above painting and BT phone box. Cllr W Williams to also make enquiries.

St Mary’s Church Yard – It was agreed that the grass cuttings should be removed each month when this contract was renewed**. Actions** – Clerk to contact G Lloyd to ask for removal of grass asap.

The flood light in the church yard required repair. **Actions** – Clerk to contact electrician to look at this.

Clerk reported that she had been in contact with a company regarding the war memorial and the sundial. **Actions** – Clerk to ask for quote for repairs.

Erw Ddwr – The issue of cut grass sticking to some headstones during cutting was raised. **Actions** – Clerk to talk with G Lloyd to find a solution.

Chapel of Rest – Clerk reported that the new railings to keep dogs out of this area had already been fitted.

Public Toilets – Cllr G Jones reported that all faulty lights had been replaced by the electrician. The cost of water was still a concern. **Actions** – Clerk to contact plumber to review any water saving measures.

8. Correspondence.

Clerk reported that a PCC was holding a liason meeting with all town and community councils. All those who wanted to attend should let her know asap. Clerk confirmed her attendance.

Cllr G Jones reported on the CAMRA beer and cider festival planned for the 1st and 2nd July 2017. It was agreed that this should be widely publicised for all local businesses to benefit.

**Actions** – Clerk to write to local businesses and groups to raise awareness and give them time to prepare for the event. Cllrs G Jones, K Robert and C Stephens to bring website up to date to include social media advertising.

Clerk reported that the PCC had still not decided on the fate of the land at Banwy Ind Est. **Actions** – Clerk would keep all informed of progress.

9.PCC Matters .

Cllr V Evans reported that the increase in Council Tax had not yet been finalised but would probably be in the region of 4.57%

Cllr Evans confirmed she would be presenting the Leisure Centre petition to the PCC Chairman on Thursday 26th Jan. A photo would also be taken to be forwarded to the County Times.

Cllr Evans had been in contact with PCC Welshpool depot manager regarding the poor state of the streets and pavements. He promised that the road sweeper would be sent to clean both. Cllr Evans also reported that a number of street lights had not been repaired in the town despite them already being LED.

The 30 mph flashing sign on the Cefn Coch road, promised by PCC two years ago, has still not been installed. Cllr Evans would be chasing up PCC to ensure this does go ahead.

It was agreed by all that pressure should be put on WAG via Assembly members, our MP and schools regarding the 20 mph speed limit on the A458 outside the schools; the installation of which was months behind schedule. **Actions** – Clerk to write to the above.

10.Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum.

Clerk had nothing to report for this

11.Road Safety – See above

12.Any other matter.

Cllr H Davies reported that the bins on Mountfield required emptying and moving to ensure PCC does this. **Actions** - Cllr C Evans to monitor the situation.

Cllr G Jones proposed an annual Town Award to recognise the efforts of those who give so much time and effort for the benefit of their community. All agreed this was an excellent idea. **Actions** – Clerk to research this and report back at next meeting.

13.Date of next meeting – Monday 27th February at 7.00pm.