

## CYNGOR CYMUNED HENLLANFALLTEG HENLLANFALLTEG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of meeting of the Community Council held on Thursday  
15 September 2016 in the Millennium Hall, Llanfallteg at 7pm

**Present: Councillors Clive Mortlock, Lyn Bright, Haydn Owen, John Mead, Steve Goymer, County Councillor Sue Allen and ten members of the public**

1. Apologies for absence - **BH**
2. Declarations of Interest – **Steve Goymer item 4, Haydn Owen items 7 & 9a**
3. To receive minutes for 8 August 2016 – **accepted and signed by Chair**
4. Plash Public Right of Way - b/f 8 August 16. (SG left the room)  
Meeting suspended 7.05pm for a discussion with the public and reconvened 7.30pm
  - **It was proposed to request that the Plash draw up a plan - c/f to next meeting**
  - **Funding is not available**
5. Correspondence received
  - a. CCC Carmarthenshire CIL Consultation – comments invited - ends Fri 4 Nov 16
    - **New building proposals - £60 per metre charge payable after planning has been granted**
    - **Charitable and self build homes are exempt depending on size.**
    - **Individual/collective letters requesting that the Levy stays in application area**
    - **Clerk/CM to action**
    - **Link emailed to all**
  - b. One Voice Wales Questionnaire - Planning Policy Wales – ends 30 Sept 16 noted – **Clerk to forward link**
  - c. Late entry – Boundary Commission for Wales (ends 5 Dec 16) – Review of parliamentary constituencies in Wales - **Link to site – [www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk](http://www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk)**
    - **The proposed constituency boundary changes mean Carmarthenshire is a single entity with one sitting MP.**
    - **Consultation reduces overall cost of government**
6. Planning
  - a. **W/34332** – Change of use of former school to residential at Former Henllan Amgoed CP School
    - **Consultation response - CC Sue Allen - letter dated 28/8/16 requesting committee meeting**
    - **Access appears to have already been constructed which HCC has objected to as vehicle access opens into the already highly dangerous crossroads at Henllan Amgoed**
    - **HCC suggested, that having viewed the site, there is more than sufficient vehicle access, turning space and parking area to the rear of the old school which can be accessed via the opening already made into the Henllan Amgoed to Rhyderwrach road**

- It would also appear that a section of the Chapel graveyard has been lost due to the access and concerns were expressed that graves may have been disturbed
- Whilst HCC would like to see the property returned to use, it objects to any vehicle ingress or egress onto the Henllan Amgoed Crossroads – Clerk to action

6b. CCC investigating possible unauthorised building works at Talfan Farm, Cwmfelin Boeth - Enforcement ref no. W/ENF/07803

**Noted – historic planning application in force – CCC Enforcement notice issued**

c. Dairy Complex at Henllan Farm – HCC Formal Complaint sent 18 Aug 16 – update

- It was noted that no reply (apart from read receipt) had been received from either CCC Head of Planning or Highways despite the 10 day response period having elapsed
- HCC to consider writing to the Ombudsman regarding the conduct of CCC Planning
- HCC to request the Welsh Government National Planning policy Wales call in the application to determine it
- Concern was also expressed to the well being of the adjacent residence
- SA/CM to action

## 7. Financial Matters

a. HCA – completed grant application form

- Received and acknowledged 8 September 16
- Grant of £2,000 approved subject to 3<sup>rd</sup> quotation being received by HCC – Action Clerk

b. External Audit – completed & certified – **Noted and approved –cheque signed in anticipation of forthcoming invoice**

c. Cheques – request for authorisation of payment and signatures –

- authorised and duly signed
- John Mead to become a cheque signatory – Clerk to action

i. External Auditor Grant Thornton - £186.75 + VAT (£37.40)

ii. Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £206.55

iii. Clive Mortlock - Postage repayment of £21.12 re: LED voucher distribution

iv. Jamie King Media Managed Website Hosting fee £55 – due 8 Oct 16

- HCC to request information, in writing, what the council are paying for and who contributes/pays to maintenance of website
- No replies where received from organisations sharing the website as to whether the National Library of Wales can archive the website – to be investigated by HCA trustee member c/f November meeting

v. HCA Hire of Millennium Hall side room - £8.50 – **cheque placed in HCA letter box in main hall**

7d. Nat West current account balance as at 1 Sep 16 (precept paid in on 31 Aug 16. £1,833.33)  
**Noted**

- 7e. Budget to Expenditure review
- **Noted – expenditure on track**
  - **David King’s memorial donation was discussed – HCC to rescind payment for recycled plastic table, as suggested by HCA and purchase one themselves in order to re-claim VAT**
  - **John Mead will make a wooden bench with a carved inscription**
  - **HCA will receive their grant when HCC view/accepted the awaited third quotation and payment will be in three instalments for cash flow reasons**
8. Risk Assessment review – last reviewed 10 Sept 15 – Declaration of Interest Register is maintained and displayed on website
9. Section 106 Money
- a. Update on Turbine site visit
- **Estimated £8,000 of the Section 106 money remaining**
  - **Carmarthenshire Energy trust Salem turbine is already generating and earning with an instant payback of 5.6% (application by 30 Sep 2016)**
  - **It was confirmed that Seren Energy was no longer, in any way, connected with the Salem project**
  - **With the Awel project in the Swansea Valleys, payment will be delayed by 6 months, no instant payback and will be completed end October 2016**
  - **Agreed by unanimous vote to divide the money between the two projects to lessen risk factor**
  - **Heads of Agreement to be drawn up – HCC to form a committee**
  - **Approval to be sought from CCC Rachel Bowen as associated costs would count if going with both the projects**
  - **Due diligence for turbine investment included careful study of the prospectus and share offers, interviews with Directors of both turbine organisations, talk with WG officer regarding the Awel scheme, and site visit to see the construction progress at the Awel location. The Carmarthenshire Energy turbine at Salem is already constructed and generating It was not thought that professional accountancy advice would be constructively helpful as schemes income would be dependent on generation performance**
  - **Money invested is repayable after a 3-year lock-in, depending on cash-flow and generation performance**
  - **HCC to act as facilitator and make the Playing Field the shareholder**
  - **A council member to be on the Playing Field Committee**
  - **Draft letter and memorandum agreement to Playing Field - CM**
- b. Update on LED voucher distribution
- **LED voucher expired 31 August 16 and HCC must abide by LED agreement**
  - **Estimated total spend £9,690.84 – more work required to assess the precise situation**
  - **Lesson learnt – there is a huge communication problem between HCC and the Community. There is a need for an effective data-base**
  - **Chase up refund payment from LED Hut asap and c/f Nov meeting**

10. Traffic Calming Measures
  - a. **Calming works – pinch point/speed results**
    - **Speed tests were made in two places in the village by Plash Inn (average speed 22 miles ph) and by Swn-yr-Afon (average speed 30 miles ph). CCC has determined there is no speeding problem in the village and therefore the ‘pinch point’ is not a priority and will be put into the rolling programme. HCC to keep pursuing**
  - b. Missing Horse and Rider sign (the pole is bare) sited opposite ‘Cnocell Y Coed’ Llanfallteg West – CCC J McEvoy informed by email
    - **CCC J McEvoy responded - the matter will be rectified at earliest possibility**
11. County Councillor’s Report
  - **Dairy application – Sue Allen spoke at committee meeting – planning application was passed but not yet ratified**
  - **Sad report of an accidental death on the Whitland Railway line – a male aged 27**
12. Any matters for discussion
  - **Broken glass by recycling area caused by overflowing – Sue Allen to contact CCC**
  - **Resident complaint that voucher had been refused – voucher discontinued - expiry date was 31 August 16 and the matter is out of its hands**
  - **HCC will be refunded £50 for each voucher not cashed**
13. Date and time next meeting – **17 Nov 16 at 7pm**

**Meeting ended 9.45pm**