

An unexpected visit from Dorian Thomas and Aled Thomas. Aled Thomas has applied for permission to build on “Pennant Fields” but has been rejected by the Planning Department. Mr Thomas said that he is a farm’s son from Lampeter, with a degree in computer science, and has been working with Farming Connect giving computer training. Made redundant, working in the woods through the winter, and an agricultural contractor over the summer. Contracting was a family business, and Mr Thomas has been doing some work in this area and wishes to build a house on the Pennant land, to reduce his commute from Lampeter to the Rhygargaeau area. He has made an application under TAN 6 ‘Live, work, dwelling’. He asks for a letter of support to enhance his application. Wyn Thomas suggests that making a new application would be better than appealing, but the decision is to appeal against the objection.

Matters Arising

- Cost of lighting the community is: £2,178.43. Carmarthen County Council is part of a consortium that buys electricity and when a community such as Llanpumsaint buys electricity from the county, the cost includes the work of upkeep and maintenance; changing bulbs etc.
- While the cost of a unit of electricity appears big, must remember that for a business there is a higher scale of cost per unit.
- Noise of barking dogs from Uwchgwili is less. Comment made that a certain amount of animal noise must be tolerated, as Llanpumsaint is a rural community.
- Unannounced entrances created – in hand
- Highway work – to be done soon
- Public facilities – phonecall from Rhys Davies asking what the Council’s decision would be regarding whether the facilities would be kept open or closed. It was suggested that Llanpumsaint should inform the County that 90,000 visitors come to the village on pilgrimages to Skanda Vale. Fate of the toilets cannot be decided without much more research and discussion. County have given permission to the Hall to build the facilities, but have failed to keep to the promise that they will leave a key in the care of the committee.

Correspondence

Request for a contribution from Airambulance Wales – to be discussed again in September.

Planning

Llandre – retention of occupation of dwelling without complying with condition that person be solely employed in agriculture at Llandre granted

Financial Matters

- Cheque needed for the hall for £250 – towards the cost of hosting School celebration
- Llanpumsaint Council’s application for Praesept of £22.00 received.
- Clerc must draw a wage by the end of the month.

AOB

- Bont y Felin – still not mended
- Dogs at Penllain-ddu – nuisance barking continues
- Cars still speeding through the village – police have agreed to monitor
- Black Rock Investments – must keep in contact, or the money will cease

- Farm muck falling on the road near the Railway Bridge and Cooper's Hill
- Graig Hill – the side of the road is disintegrating on the lowest bend which forces drivers to keep to the middle of the road.