

Llanpumsaint Community Council
Meeting Minutes: 06.01.2015
Memorial Hall 8.00 pm

Present: The Councillors ; Danny Davies, Dylan Jones, Wyn Thomas, Carolyn Smethurst, Mike Poston, Pamela Jones, Arwel Nicholas, County Councillor, Irfon Jones
Apologies: None

Agenda Item	Notes/Decisions	Actioned by
Minutes	Spelling of 'Peake' in English minutes incorrect, missing the last 'e'. Agreed as being correct, proposed by WT and seconded by AN	
Matters Arising	<p>WT, CS and IJ met with John McEvoy late November who agreed to conduct a feasibility study that would include moving the 30 mph zone beyond Gwarcwm. County Traffic Engineers to draw up a speed reduction plan, incorporating the road past the Playing Field. Mr Peake concerned about traffic coming down Graig Hill cutting the corner at the junction with the Dôl Llan road, perhaps placing a central bollard would improve safety.</p> <p>Discussion following the report: WT; reflecting upon John McEvoy's suggestions, talk is cheap; action is what is needed. CS; feasibility study to be completed imminently. Traffic Dept already received information as to where traffic monitors to be placed. Need a timetable of implementation. Mention was made of installing flashing light signs and that there was £60,000 to be spent over 3 years. J McEvoy stated that there was no need for repeater signs where there are street lights. What about asking the Police who have expertise in reducing speeding offences for assistance and ideas? MP; what about taking down the hedge alongside the playing field so as to improve visibility? Graig Hill; Steve Pilliner has promised to report on Transport Engineers conclusions about erecting barriers which would prevent vehicles skidding over the precipice. IJ has raised the idea of extending the 30 mph zone up to Graig Hill CS; new residents at Clifford House clear the rubbish tossed onto the verge of the Hill. It was suggested that taxi firms are responsible for the litter, by allowing their passengers to throw take away food containers out of the cars. Would a letter requesting that they keep a bin in the car be appropriate? CS suggested contacting 'Street Scene' first.</p>	

	<p>Translation: D Charles has decided to discontinue translation services due to MP's election as Councillor; it will be necessary to use translation equipment as translating in a quiet voice won't be appropriate any longer. Clerk has investigated availability of grants from One Voice Wales and Language Venture organisations but there are none. Contacted a company offering translation services; Trywydd, who quoted an affordable fee and were invited to translate in the January meeting. Trywydd's fees are: Instantaneous Translation: £35/hr Travelling: 0.50p/mile (from the office in Carmarthen) Box of earpieces (20) free of charge VAT not included.</p> <p>Discussion: Clerk stated that it hadn't been possible to get three quotations as there were no other translation services available. A quote was received from an independent translator; John Dixon, who would charge £130 +VAT/meeting because it would be necessary to hire the earpieces at a cost of £60. The Councillors agreed unanimously to offer the work to Trywydd, WT proposed and AN seconded.</p>	
Correspondence	<p>Western Power – the route for the cabling from the Wind Farm</p> <p>New National Transport Plan Update from Trawslinc Cymru</p> <p>Defibrillator – Clerk received information from companies offering to supply the equipment. CS knows of a community member who would undertake the project; Welsh Hearts would provide the equipment free of charge. With the Ambulance Service overstretched, installing a defibrillator would be a sound idea. AN; the suggestion has previously been made but no one would take the lead and initiate it PJ; until there were more supportive people, it would be impossible to develop the idea. WT; it would require a team of dedicated volunteers. ED; are there instances of other communities who have installed defibrillators; how did they establish the service? WT; the equipment has been installed at Carmarthen Park, paid for by the Quins Rugby Club.</p>	
Financial Matters	<p>Precept – necessary to set the sum for 2015. Following discussion and considering the funds available in the Bank it was decided to maintain the Precept at last year's sum of £22.00. AN proposed, seconded by PJ D Charles - £20.00. Proposed to pay CS, seconded DD. DD suggested sending a letter of thanks for her work over a number of years. CS will write a personal thanks. WT suggested presenting a small gift; Clerk to enquire of One Voice Wales about its legality. Hire of Hall - £50.00. Proposed WT seconded DJ Receipt for Memorial Plaque received from Osborne Davies</p>	

Planning	<p>Afallon – extension to dwelling. No objection</p> <p>Penrhiwfach – ménage. No objection. CS requested that permission be granted with the proviso that it was for own use only.</p> <p>Brynmeillion – demolition of old shed and construction of new. No objection</p> <p>CS announced that the LDP had been approved</p>	
AOB	<p>IJ – nothing</p> <p>DD – appalling state of Graig Hill. Water continuing crossing the road opposite Maenllwyd and causing great difficulty during frosty weather. Grit Boxes have been replenished.</p> <p>DJ – nothing</p> <p>WT – severe potholing of road at Bronwydd level crossing</p> <p>CS – volunteer litter pick taking place mid February, all welcome! Junction of Ffynnonhenri road littered with contents of ripped bin bags. AN mentioned dog fouling in same area. More signs needed to discourage fly tipping at Cwm Hagr. Requested that the Clerk contact Western Power and enquire about recent power outages. Richard Davies, employed by County Council to maintain Sewage Services, stated that the Pumping Station would be upgraded soon</p> <p>MP – the parapet of the main river bridge has crumbling masonry and is in need of repair. Rubbish in field near the bridge in need of removal. What about the ‘Nant yr Ynys’ sign at the entrance to the Estate?</p> <p>PJ – what about asking PCSO Martin Dickenson to attend the occasional Community Council meeting? ED suggested that individuals contact him directly according to need. Clerk to contact Police who has responsibility of monitoring traffic in the community.</p> <p>AN – Bronwydd/Gwili Railway level crossing in desperate need of repair. Drain outside Memorial Hall still causing problems and releases foul odours also. Clerk mentioned a meeting with Solicitors re. Jenny Eirian Fund and rewording Constitution. It would be necessary to contact original contributors and request permission before document could be changed. Clerk to continue with enquiries</p>	
Meeting ended	21.15	

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