

Before the meeting commenced Reece Simmons from Broadway partners had requested a meeting with the Community Council to give a presentation regarding broadband in the Dyffryn Cennen area.

Reece gave a detailed power point presentation giving details regarding the voucher scheme, the number of applications required for a successful grant application. Residents in the Dyffryn Cennen area had today received a letter from Broadway giving details of the scheme, in order to proceed 30% of the properties in the area would need to support the scheme. It would take approximately 2 years to complete the scheme, if successful.

A group of residents are taking the scheme forward and Reece would also keep the Community Council informed with updates.

Councillor Pat Thomas thanked Reece for the presentation.

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Minutes of the meeting of Dyffryn Cennen Community Council held on Wednesday 13th April, 2022 at Tabernacl Ffestri, Ffairfach.

Present: Councillor Pat Thomas in the chair

Councillors: D. Beynon, D. Greenish, B. Davies, J. Jenkins. T. Amery, L. Griffiths, County Councillor E. Thomas

Apologies: Councillor D. Davies, L. Durgan, D. Saunders

3102 – MINUTES

Minutes were accepted as correct, on correction of minute 3101 – Councillor D. Beynon was responsible for the Raffle and not the School/Meithrin.

3103 – Public Question Time

No one present.

3104 – Issues for the attention of the PCSO

PCSO were now allowed to attend face to face meetings.

3105 – Issues for the attention of the County Councillor

A sign stating “Dead End” had now been placed at Tirygoitre

The Sweeper had not been in the Trap area.

Pot holes continued to be an issue.

The issue at the top of Heol Cennen had now been rectified

3106 – New issues for the County Councillor

There had been problems in the area regarding Refuse Collections.

3107 – Finance

Following cheques were presented and resolved to be paid:

Clerks Wages (replacement cheque for 001929)	£720.00 cheque no. 001931
Clerks Wages	£240.00 cheque no. 001932
Un Llais Cymru	£191.00 cheque no. 001933
Carmarthenshire C. Council (Lanterns to LED)	£ 437.86 cheque no. 001934
Zurick Parish Insurance	£ 348.11 cheque no. 001935
HMRC	£ 60.00 cheque no. 001936
Carmarthenshire C. Council footway charges	£1,621.49 cheque no. 001937

A precept payment of £6,666.66 had been received, the first quarter payment.

The Audit this year would be a basic audit. The auditor requested a copy of the minute in which the Clerks salary has been agreed. There also questions regarding unpresented cheques, we will await until the final notice is received. Preparation and certification of draft accounts by 31 August, 2022, further details will be sent regarding date of Notices.

A donations request had been received from Ammanford Lions.

A discussion followed regarding the “sweep” system that was in place regarding the Banking Accounts, and it was agreed to remove this system and due to the interest rates being low only one account would be required. If possible the Account Number that the precept is paid into by Carmarthenshire County Council could be kept. The Clerk to prepare a letter for the signatories to sign.

3108 – To consider matters relating to footpaths

Following the letter received from PRoW office regarding the prioritising of footpaths, it was discussed that the footpaths were being maintained.

3109 – To consider planning matters

Brecon Beacons – 22/20680/FUL – Tirylyan House – permission granted subject to the conditions mentioned in the final report.

3110 – Correspondence

- (a) Road Closure Ffairfach – C2138
- (b) Nature consultation
- (c) Manifesto for the future
- (d) Mosaic workshop
- (e) Carmarthenshire Area meeting
- (f) Refugee crisis
- (g) Thank you letter from Pat Llewelyn

3111 – Member’s Reports/Issues

Barbeque/Beacon at Trap – Friday 3rd June at 6.30 p.m. – This was discussed and the final decision regarding the Beacon was that Councillor P. Thomas would speak to Councillor D. Saunders. Councillor T. Amery was willing to take responsibility but the location was uncertain.

Party in the Park at Ffairfach, 5th June between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. – Councillor D. Beynon agreed to prepare the poster, all the details had been received and C.F.F.I. were prepared to organise an It’s a knockout and also that the hall could be used for making refreshments and use of the furniture.

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The defibrillator cabinet grant application of £100.00 had been successful, and it was agreed to order the cabinet at a total cost of £524.40. Pads would need to be ordered for the 3 defibrillators and also check the batteries for the defibrillators at Trap and Llandyfan.

A grant application had been completed for Rubber Matting for the Play Area, a meeting had been arranged for 14th April, 2022 but had been postponed until the 4th of May.

The Christmas Tree at Ffairfach and Trap were discussed, the Clerk had spoken to Salem Trees and they advised that trees were available but would take years to grow to the height we required. The possibility of artificial trees was discussed.

Nominations for Community Councillors – a misunderstanding had taken place regarding the two different areas under the jurisdiction of Dyffryn Cennen. It was discussed that Councillor T. Amery would be co-opted as a member after the 10th of May.

The next meeting would be held at the C.F.F.I. Hall Ffairfach, it would not be held on the 2nd Wednesday, the Clerk to advise everyone of the date.

Chairman _____

18th May, 2022