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The meeting of Llanwinio Community Council was held on Wednesday March the 6th 2024 at 8.00pm at Llanwinio Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Iori Saer (Chairman), Dorian Lewis, Sarah Pask, Christopher Smoothy, Huw James & Wyn Evans & Geraint Evans.

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Jean Lewis.

MINTES TAKEN BY THE CLERK: Liza Jones

2: MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd of January 2024 were read, agreed and recorded as a true account.

3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Huw James re item 10.

4: MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Christopher Smoothy had kept all updated on the installation of the new playground equipment at Blaenwaun Fields. Work had not been completed as yet due to the adverse weather.

The numerous potholes had been reported to the County Council.

Training courses had been circulated to the Councillors as agreed previously.

5: COMMUNITY SURVEY UPDATE:

The Clerk had obtained a copy of the community survey questionnaire that had been previously compiled. It was discussed how best to proceed with the distribution of the survey. Following a discussion it was agreed that a plan would be put into place to be approved in the next meeting.

6: DONATIONS:

Donation requests were discussed but due to the financial situation allowing for the payment of the new playground equipment, it was agreed not to approve any for the current financial year.

7: INTERNAL AUDITOR:

The role of the internal auditor was discussed and Rosemary Davies was approved for the next financial year.

8: ANNUAL DINNER:

Dates and locations were suggested and the clerk would check availability and update the Councillors accordingly.

9: BLAENLLAIN:

An email was received on the 4th of January and a letter hand delivered on the 7th of January, both from Ms Agoust, regarding the proposed Public Diversion order of the public footpath at Blaenllain were read. The clerk had sent a receipt for both correspondence. The County Council had issued a proposal on the 28th of January for the diversion. No objections were raised.

10: RENT:

Councillor Huw James left the meeting while this item was discussed.

Following a discussion it was agreed unanimously to keep the rent at £50 per acre. The land rented to Maengwyn hir would be increased to £35 and the land at Blaenllain remain at £10 per annum.

11: CORRESPONDENCE:

Items received have been discussed in points 6 & 9.

1 - Nomination requests for a Community Council Representative for the Governing Body of the Beca and Bro Brynach Schools federation had been received. Councillor Smoothy was nominated. The clerk would inform the federation.

2 – Rebecca Pugh had emailed with regards to the previously agreed request that the family of the late Robert Pugh be permitted to be installed at the park. The request was re-approved along with a donation of £100 towards the costs.

3 – Email from Simon Garrett regarding planning applications – discussed under item 15

4 - Richard Jackson of Maengwynhir had made enquiries into purchasing a piece of land. It was discussed and decided not to be possible.

12: RECEIPTS:

13: BILLS:

Welsh Water – Playig field water charges	£12.52
SSE Swalec – Electricity for Hall	£130.92
CCC – Replacement of Lanterns (paid over 7 years)	£333.60
Audit Wales – 2020/21 fees	£458.00
Liza Jones – Clerks wages Jan, Feb	£560.00

9: FINANCIAL REPORT:

Business Account	£35,312.35
Treasurers Account	£5,175.00
Total	£40,487.35

10: PLANNING:

PL/07159 – Telecommunications equipment and mast @ Land at Rotetrack Engineering, Gilfach, Cwmbach, SA34 0DN. No objections were raised.

PL/07196 – Proposed conversion of 2 storey barn into 2 bedroom dwelling @ Land at Fron Isaf, Cwmbach, SA34 0DR. No objections were raised.

PL/07330 and PL/07331 – Change of use chapel to residential accommodation @ Capel y Graig, Cwmbach, SA34 0DR. Following a discussion in conjunction with the email received from Simon Garrett, the Councillors re-confirmed their original objections due to sewerage, parking and privacy. The clerk would notify the Planning Department of these concerns.

11: A.O.B.

The Football club playing at Blaenwaun Playing fields had offered to supply & lay stones by the gateway into the fields as the entrance was very muddy. Thanks were conveyed to the club for these works.

The clerk would check if planning permission would be required to construct a carpark at the fields.

Concerns were raised regarding numerous potholes from Passby to Maengwyn hir and onwards to Pantyblaidd, also from the Chapel to Bumper Farm.

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held on Wednesday the 1st of May 2024 at 8:00pm at Llanwinio Community Hall.