

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Community Centre, Llangennech at 7.30p.m., on Monday, 9th May, 2016.

PRESENT: Councillors: W G Hopkins (Chair)
I M Williams, P D Bevan, E D Hopkins,
M I Slader, C J Slader, G Thomas, T G Lewis
G R Jones, T G Lewis, G F Davies, C Lee

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Steve M Donoghue and Mrs Michelle Donoghue, Chair elect from Llanelli Rural Council and Councillor W Thomas and Mrs Marie Thomas, Mayor and Deputy Mayoress of Llanelli Town Council, fellow Councillors and guests to this evening's Annual Meeting of the Council.

2. **Review of the Year 2015/16**

i) It was an honour and privilege to be the Chair of the Council for 2015/16. Councillor W G Hopkins stated that it had been an enjoyable year and it was the second occasion that he had been Chair of the Council.

ii) Considerable expenditure was incurred on the Pavilion.

The Drains were renewed, the Roof replaced, improvements to the Ladies Toilet and Kitchen, renewal on windows with new security grills and a new Hot Water Boiler installed. The total cost of the work was £62,065 including VAT.

iii) The Council purchased a new tractor on a five year lease basis.

iv) A new 10 year licence was granted to the Cricket Club for use of the cricket field.

v) A lease extension was granted to the Bowls Club for the bowling green.

vi) Review of the boundary took place by the County Council with regard to the Bryn Uchaf Housing Site. Some 48 of the houses are currently within the Llanelli Rural Boundary and will be brought within the Llangennech Boundary in 2017 as a result of the review.

- vii) Discussion is ongoing with the County Council regarding transfer of responsibilities to the Community Council for maintaining four play areas. It is likely the cost of taking over all the play areas will be too prohibitive for the Community Council.
- viii) Discussion is currently taking place to develop the Community Council Website. The website will be bilingual and the Council Minutes and other matters will be accessible online.
- ix) The Chair wishes to thank the Centre Committee for its work during the year for organising events and shows and the Christmas Carnival.

Also he also wishes to extend his gratitude to Alun and Adelle for their work in looking after the Community Centre.

- x) Best wishes to Councillor T G Lewis for the forthcoming year.

3. **Installation of Councillor T G Lewis as Chair of the Council for 2016/17.**

In accordance with Minute No. 6 of the meeting held the 11th April 2016 it was proposed by Councillor G R Jones that Councillor T G Lewis be the Chair of the Council for 2016/17. The proposal was seconded by Councillor G F Davies.

Councillor G R Jones referred to Councillor T G Lewis many interests and experience. He has lived in the village all his life, served as a Councillor on the old Dyfed County Council and successor authority, Carmarthenshire County Council. This will be the fourth time that he has been Chair of Llangennech Community Council and has been Chair of Governors of the Infants School and Councillor Jones wished to thank Councillor Lewis for his help and advice when he first came to the village from Ebbw Vale.

Councillor G F Davies seconded the proposal and stated that Councillor Lewis was born and brought up in the village and educated at the local school and Llanelli Grammar School. He ended his working career at Glamorgan County Council. Councillor Lewis was a keen sportsman and played cricket and rugby for the village. He is currently a member of Llangennech and Bryn Bowls Club and was involved in raising funds for the building of the bowls pavilion.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor T G Lewis be the Chair of the Council for 2016/17 and he was presented with the Chair of Office by Councillor W G Hopkins.

Councillor T G Lewis thanked Councillors G R Jones and G F Davies and stated that it was an honour and privilege to be Chair for the fourth time since 1974. He first began his Councillor work as a Parish Councillor in 1967 and then has been a member of the Community Council since its inception in 1974.

Llangennech has changed considerably over the last 60 years. At one time there were 8 public houses and in 1952 a new school was built near Maesydderwen. The Infants School remained at the bottom of Maes Road until 1975. The Community Council has improved many aspects of village life with the building of the Community Centre and the Bryn Hall. The recreation ground has been improved considerably over the last 20 years or so.

Councillor Lewis wished to thank the support given to him by his wife and family. He will endeavour to carry out his duties and responsibilities in an open manner.

Councillor Lewis thanked the outgoing Chair, Councillor W G Hopkins for his work over the last year.

Councillors Lewis and his wife Margery recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

4. **Presentations**

Councillor T G Lewis presented a framed photograph to Councillor W G Hopkins and a bouquet of flowers to Councillor E D Hopkins.

Councillor W G Hopkins presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs M Lewis and Councillor E D Hopkins presented the partner medal to Mrs M Lewis.

5. **Installation of Councillor C J Slader as Vice Chair of the Council for 2016/17**

In accordance with Minute No. 7 of the meeting held on the 11th April 2016 it was proposed by Councillor I M Williams and seconded by Councillor C Lee that Councillor C J Slader be the Vice Chair of the Council for 2016/17.

It was so RESOLVED.

6. **Refreshments**

Councillor T G Lewis announced that the formal process for this evening had come to an end and that everyone was invited to partake of refreshments.