

**Minutes of Abernant Community Council**  
**Talog Village Hall, Thursday evening, 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2024**

**Present:** Mr Ian Williams, Mr Chris Bish, Mr Rhun Llwyd, Mr Robin Williams, Mrs Gay Morgan, Cllr Jean Lewis, Mr Eirian Howells

**1. Chairman's Remarks:** The chairman welcome all to the meeting

**2. Apologies for absence:** All present

The meeting commenced with Mr Aled Nicholas - Digital Connectivity Officer for Carmarthenshire County Council in attendance to give us an update on the progress of fibre broadband.

There is a project entitled Gigabit Project that will support the delivery of Rural Fibre in November 2024. 50k properties will benefit within South Wales and England. It is very much hoped that Abernant Community Council area will benefit, but nothing is promised.

Reference was made to the Fibre connection at Abernant School. This currently comes under the umbrella of the Public Sector Broadband Aggregation (PSBA). This fibre connection can be utilised, but at a cost. They would need to build the access network. They will request for some costings bearing in mind that funding is not available at the present.

The Swansea City Deal scheme aims to identify properties that are eligible. This scheme will come to an end in 2026.

Another option would be to opt for the Shared Rural Network delivered through CCC.

There is an access broadband Cymru grant available for 4G routers, 5G satellite technology and Starlink for £250 but a monthly cost of £75.

Mr Nicholas will keep us informed of the development with Gigabit in November.

**3. Confirm the minutes of the July meeting:**

Proposed: Mr Rhun Llwyd

Seconded: Mrs Gay Morgan

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

(a) No update in relation to replacing missing signs – WM to liaise with Cllr Jean Lewis

(b) Katrina Gabillia unable to be present to accept the gift. Clerk to arrange another time to present the gift

(c) Defibrillator – IW informed members that the defibrillator pads scheme has ended. The community council will need to pay for replacement pads. The access code (c) for defibrillators will remain the same for the time being.

**Abernant School**

There were no updates on the development of a play area/village green at the closed Abernant School.

**5. Post of Clerk**

Clerk continues to advertise for a new clerk. Merthyr Community Council have successfully taken on a new clerk via Carmarthenshire County Council. Clerk to make enquiries.

**6. Items of correspondence**

All items received by the clerk were discussed at the meeting.

**7. Website**

Clerk to request for photographs from Colin who manages the community facebook

Clerk to forward the link to community council members.

## **8. To be discussed**

- (a) Concerns were raised in relation to the road closure at Talog bridge for work to be undertaken on the riverbank. Councillor IW emailed Joshua Phillips at Carmarthenshire County Council stating the alternative bus route does not cover the villages of Talog and Penybont. Members felt that there ought to be a mini bus picking residents from Talog and Penybont.  
Councillor Jean Lewis to contact Carmarthenshire County Council  
Some events in the village had to be postponed because of the road closure.

## **Any other matters**

No other matters were discussed

## **9. Payments**

Clerk's Salary – R.W. Maskell £83.37

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I Williams (Defib Pads) - £216.00

HMRC Paye - £20.80

Clerk's Travelling – R.W. Maskell £51.10

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, Talog Hall at 7.30pm