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**Minutes of the Communities First
Felinfoel Partnership Meeting
Held on 20th February 2007 at Calsonic Kansei.**

Present

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| Islwyn Lewis (Chair) | Calsonic Kansei |
| John Evans (Vice-Chair) | Resident / FCEC |
| Cllr. Hugh Richards | Carmarthenshire County Council |
| Mandy Bowness | Felinfoel Family Centre |
| Marianne Thomas | Resident / FSCG |
| Elizabeth Caton | Resident / Ffrindiau Felinfoel |
| John Collard | Foothold |
| Rev. D. Payne | Felinfoel Church |
| Dylan Evans | Community Safety (M&WWF&R) |
| Lucy Bennett | Felinfoel Police |
| David Hurford | Radio BGM |
| Nicola Rowlands | Youth Worker |
| D. C. Richards | Resident |
| Mared Williams | Dewis (Welsh Translation) |

In Attendance

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| Phil Watts | Communities First Co-ordinator. |
| Joanne Williams | Communities First Development Worker |
| Antonia Delli-Bovi | Communities First Admin Worker |
| Ruth Davies | Communities First Admin Worker |
| Mike George | CCC |
| Kelly Jones | CCC |

1. Apologies

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| Ray Phillips | FSCG |
| Sam Fisher | Resident |
| Marusia Evans | Foothold |
| Anne Reynolds | Homewatch |
| Martin King | CCC |

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting dated 12th December, 2007.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate copy.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Snooker Table – Elizabeth Caton advised the group that Adulam were now able to accommodate the storage of the snooker table, after 1st March '08.

Action: Islwyn asked Joanne to make enquiries that the table is still available.

3.2 Silver Surfers – As Ray Phillips was on Holiday, he is to report back to the partnership at the next meeting in regards to the open day that is being planned by the Silver Surfers

3.3 Twinning – nothing further to report.

3.4 Community Safety – The questionnaire was completed on the 14th February '08. This will be looked at in the coming months. Also the setting up of a Residents group is to be investigated, and reported back to the Partnership on progress.

3.5 Hanging Baskets – Cllr High Richards informed the group that this was in hand for the coming year.

3.6 Felinfoel Christmas Tree – The Partnership were advised that part of the monies received for the Christmas tree for last year was received from Llanelli Rural Council. The partnership, were also informed that there would be no tree for 2008, It had been decided that the trees opposite Harry Watkins public house would be lit up in addition to the trees in Farmers Row.

Action: A letter of thanks is to be written by Communities First thanking all who supported last year's event.

Joanne confirmed that she had sent a letter saying thank you for the donation on behalf of Felinfoel Community Events Committee and the Communities First partnership.

4. Youth Workers Update

Nicola Rowlands of CCC Youth Service updated the group of the work they are currently involved in.

- Continuing to engage with young people in the area
- Danybanc and Llundain Fach youngsters were involved with the Splash programme run in conjunction with the Youth service at Morfa
- 2 Youths have been seconded onto the Youth Council

- A young Mum is to take exams soon after having help to secure crèche places for her children in order for her to continue studying.
- Continuing to have referrals from the Youth Offenders scheme.
- Developing good connections with the local youth.

Nicola expressed concern that funding for the posts is not to be extended. Cllr. Hugh Richards agreed that it would be a major loss to the community. WPC Lucy Bennett also expressed disappointment that they would no longer be a presence in the village and extended her thanks to the two Youth workers as she felt they had helped enormously with the police's role within the community.

Both Mike George and Phil Watts explained that they had been looking at this matter since October of last year and that it was due to Convergence not being up and running that these posts could not continue. They both emphasized that on behalf of the Partnership they had done all that they could to overcome the problem.

Nicola replied by thanking the group for their help in trying to secure funding.

5. Financial Update

Kelly Jones presented a financial report which was handed out to members present.

She explained that an additional column had been added to show the revised Budget figures. This was as a result of a need to advise WAG of any movement of monies by the March deadline.

She also reiterated that the 'under-spend' that was showing was due to the fact that re-grading of Staff at Felinfoel was not a legitimate bid, and that WAG had rejected it and not, as shown in the December minutes due to the Co-ordinators post being vacant.

Phil Watts explained to the Partnership that this was not money that was to be sent back, but rather monies that had not been drawn down.

Because of the under-spend the following were shown:

1. £5000 transferred from Salaries to Premises to cover items bought for the potential new move to Bryngwyn.
2. £500 transferred from Training to Travel.
3. Training budget reduced due to significant free training being available.
4. Projects show an under-spend due the Felinfoel office being one person down.

6. Community Network - The guest speaker failed to attend

7. Sub Group Update and Discussion

No meeting was held this month.

8. Communities First Trust Fund Applications

Phil Watts explained to the members present that no longer were copies of the applications to be handed around to the Partnership, but that a list of applications would be given for information only.

Listed for this meeting were applications by the following:

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| Felinfoel Women's Institute | £146.29 |
| Radio BGM | £1373.89 |
| Felinfoel Senior Citizens Group | £1165.88 |
| New Llanelli South Road Racing Pigeon Club | £3600.00 |

The members were also informed that the Ffrindiau Felinfoel application from the previous meeting had been approved.

9. Felinfoel Update Report

Phil Watts gave the following update:

- A snapshot evaluation has been completed at the Felinfoel office. A huge amount of work has been done to date but there are gaps in the programme.
- Need to link in to Communities Next.
- Where there is commonality of interest, we need to work with groups under one heading.
- Service providers to be more involved in the Llundain Fach/Danybanc areas
- A presentation is to be given to the Rural Council on the work carried out by Communities First and the implications of Communities Next.
- He is keen to link in with Sporting groups in the areas
- To adopt a more business like approach and information made available to groups.
- Partnerships have no legislative powers for the CF Trust Fund applications. The only involvement they have if the application exceeds £5000. The Partnership is to be made aware of what has been applied for, but not able to pass comments on the application. The Applications are to go to the Co-ordinator for screening and he will report back if appropriate.

Joanne Williams gave a detailed handout to the group and gave brief descriptions on the items as follows:

- Door to Door survey carried out in the Danybanc / Llundain Fach area regarding Community Safety.
- Mill Wheel Project has commenced and is due for completion by Easter.
- Various training courses and workshops had been attended by the community and staff during January and February.
- Communities Chest Funding secured by the FSCG for equipment for the Walking Group.
- Pantomime held in the Felinfoel Community Centre organised by the Felinfoel Events Committee with Funding from Communities Trust Fund.
- Health Challenge week organized from the 4th to the 8th February with a variety of activities / workouts for residents to participate in during the week.
- Blue Light Disco held in conjunction with Felinfoel Neighbourhood Police Team, Felinfoel Youth Club and Communities First.
- A Litter Pick at Danybanc / Llundain Fach organised with Sustrans, Keep Wales Tidy and Communities First.
- Future Events include:
 - Community Project Event 10th March '08
 - FSCG 3rd Birthday celebrations 26th March '08
 - Holy Trinity Church 150 years celebration 18th May '08
 - Brewery Fayre 14th June '08
 - Felinfoel 'Multi-Cultural' Carnival 9th August '08
 - Felinfoel Christmas Festival 4th December '08

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Service Level Agreement - has been discussed updated and signed but the **Partnership Constitution** is still to be signed.

10.2 Monitoring & Evaluation - template to be implemented and information to be reported back to Partnership.

10.3 A 3-6-12 Month Plan has been set up and Phill Watts is to report on this.

10.4 Funding for 2008/09 has been approved for Felinfoel, and this will be reported back in the next meeting.

10.5 Communities Next - Sessions to be implemented for the Partnership on what Communities Next is all about. Phill Watts to make a presentation and hold workshops during the next meeting.

10.6 Blue Light Disco – WPC Lucy Bennett reported to the members to say that attendance was down from the last Disco held but had catered for 70 young people on the evening. £150 had been raised which would be put towards the Fund to give a total of £2000. This would now be used to hold other Blue Light Disco's in the future. She also thanked Carol Edwards for a donation of £279 towards setting up the evening, and thanked Elizabeth Caton, John Evans, Joanne Williams, Mal Heath, Nicola Rowlands and Jeff Jenkins for their help on the evening.

11. Date of Next Meeting :-

Wednesday 16th April, 2008.

Venue: Calsonic Kansei (Training Room)

Time: 5:00pm