

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the ANNUAL General Meeting Held Thursday 8th May 2014

Present: Cllr. David Jones (Chair), Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr John Almond, Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr D Twomey. Members of the public, Cllr Holland County Councillor and the Clerk, Mrs Dillon.

Apologies: Cllr. Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr Olive Parry and Cllr. Rob Jones

- 1. Election of Chairman** - Cllr David Jones was voted as Chairman unanimously.
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman** – Cllr John Almond was voted as Vice-Chairman unanimously.
- 3. Casual Vacancy** – The Chairman announced the Community Council's acceptance of Cllr Olive Parry's resignation from the Community Council through ill health. Cllr Parry was praised for her commitment of ten years as Community Councillor and her unstinting support and dedication through the years given in supporting her late husband Cllr John James through over fifty years of his personal office. Cllr Parry's input and historical knowledge will still be sought in the future. The Casual Vacancy will now be advertised as procedure dictates. *The Clerk will send a formal response to Cllr Parry.*

- 4. List of Other Committees:** the Community Council representation on other Committees was discussed and *resolved as follows:*

'One Voice Wales'	Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCory Gwyneth A Dillon Cllr Margaret Davies
School Governing Body	Cllr Margaret Davies
Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Rob Armstrong
Old People's Welfare Committee	Cllr Yvonne Foden McCory Cllr Margaret Davies
Aberduna Quarry Liaison Committee	Cllr John Almond Cllr Dave Twomey
Burley Hill Quarry Liaison Committee	(Co-opted) Tony King
Llanferres P F & Recreation Association	Cllr Rob Armstrong Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCory
Community Play Areas	Full Community Council
Society of Local Council Clerks	Gwyneth A Dillon
Transport Forum	Cllr Dave Twomey
Planning Sub-Committee	Cllr David Jones Cllr Jac Armstrong Cllr John Almond Cllr Rob Armstrong Cllr David Jones Cllr Dave Twomey
Moel Findeg Management Advisory Group	Cllr John Almond
'News & Views' Reporter	Cllr John Almond
County Councillor	Cllr Martyn Holland

- 5. Declarations of Interest** - *Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.* Cllr Margaret Davies declared an interest in the Planning Application for Bryn Ffynnon and duly signed the register.
- 6. Meeting Open to Public** – no matters were raised.
- 7. Community Website** – the web site linked through the News & Views now nears completion and will be launched as from June 2014 onwards. Photographs of some of the Community Councillors and the Clerk were taken before the meeting commenced.
- 8. County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:

- i) Concerns had been expressed with regard to shooting in 'Big Covert' Woods – Cllr Holland informed the Community Council that there was no law or by-law preventing shooting in woodland. No shooting was allowed across a roadway/footpath.
- ii) Countryside Services have purchased land in order to extend the car park at Loggerheads. At present there is no funding 'in the pot'. The plans require landscaping to safeguard neighbouring property and the car park will be accessed through the lane alongside, which will be widened and not through the parkland.
- iii) The County are planning to do more to promote tourism and business. A Newsletter will be published to advertise local events and businesses.
- iv) The cutting of the verges and roadside areas has now commenced with some wild flower areas being protected until later in the season.
- v) Broadband is to be rolled out over the County in the near future. It will start December 2014 but areas have not yet been confirmed. Questions will be asked regarding connection and costs.
- vi) There is a plan being considered to turn the office buildings at Aberduna Quarry into a Wild Life Centre. There are currently seven quarries in the area – none of which are working.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report. He proposed that Item 20 listed on the Agenda under Planning be brought forward due to the presence of members of the public who had expressed an interest. *This was agreed.*
Cllr Jac Armstrong left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

9. Planning Matters – before the following item was discussed Cllr Margaret Davies left the room.

- 21/2014/0427
- i) Installation of two biomass boilers to serve existing sawmill business and dwelling.
 - ii) Erection of dry wood storage building
- Location: Bryn Ffynnon Sawmills

Resolved: Due to the considerable amount of technical detail and the concerns expressed from neighbours with regard to emissions and the noise element, a more technical assessment would need to be carried out. It was proposed not to object to the siting of the plant, but to express serious concerns regarding the biomass and operational effectiveness of the boilers and to carry out a detailed assessment of the impact on the local environment on the operational use.

- 21/2014/0032 Erection of wood tool store and shelter for managing woodland (retrospective)
Location: Big Covert Woods

Resolved: To offer strong opposition to this application as local residents are continually expressing concerns regarding the proliferation of buildings in the forest. The Community Council will again refer to the detraction it has from the essential nature of the woodland.

- 21/2014/0424 Erection of single-storey pitched-roof extension to rear of dwelling
Location: Solinari Cadole

Resolved: The Community Council offers no comment or objection to the proposal

- 21/2014/00470 Replacement of timber fence on south east boundary with stone wall
Location: Tyn yr Ynn Farm Maeshafn

Resolved: The Community Council offers no objection or comment to these proposals.

10. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10th April 2014 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

Item 11. Red Telephone Kiosks 'The Kiosk had been in Tafarn-y-Gelyn will be included on the Insurance Schedule for the next renewal'. *Should read: 'The Kiosk in Tafarn-y-Gelyn is included in the Insurance Schedule for the next renewal'.*

- 11. Matters Arising**
The question raised with regard to the wooden fence along the boundary of 'Hill Side' on the Ruthin Road, no response has been received from the County to date.
- 12. Reports from Other Meetings Attended** – Cllr David Jones and Cllr John Almond attended Ruthin Cluster Meeting held in Ruthin on 7th May 2014. Discussion areas covered Devolved Services, Financial Inclusion, Website Development and the question of the use of Welsh language on the Community website. Tourism, Dog Control Orders with a consultation taking place with regard to areas of dog exclusion/dogs on leads. There will be six Enforcement Officers who will give a measured response, which will be 'reasonable and proportionate'. The BIG Plan Update with a new version due soon, finishing with Supplementary Planning Guidance and Development with Community Engagement. A very interesting session, packed with information and the County's need to make savings of £8.5 million in 2014 and a further £6 to 7 million for 2015. Demands for services were increasing, workplace pension costs are rising together with Housing Benefit.
- 13. Maintenance in the Community** – A plinth/flagged area will be created under the Notice Board at Tafarn-y-Gelyn, cost borne by the Community Council, by kind permission of the owner. *Clerk was given a budget figure (£100) and will now request quotes for the work.*
- 14. Red Telephone Kiosks – Information Boards** – no further update. The use of storing a De-Fibrillator was considered unsafe in the Tafarn-y-Gelyn environment.
- 15. Risk Assessment** – none raised
- 16. Landscape Project – Memorial Stone** – ongoing.
- 17. Field Adjacent to the School** – The volunteer planting day went according to plan with 45 hours match funding recorded. The fruit trees are already in blossom. The following questions were raised: a) Do we sow wild flower seeds? b) What style of seats should be provided and how many? c) Raised beds for cultivation – involve local school? Suggestions are requested for the next meeting together with consideration of the need for regular grass cutting. A letter of thanks will be sent to the 'News & Views' for all the help from the volunteer work force, for a very successful 'planting day'.
- 18. Training and Finance** – The Training Course (Module 15 – 'Information Management') scheduled for 15th May in Mold has been cancelled due to low numbers. (Cllr Davies was attending). A copy of the Accounts for Year Ending March 2014 had been circulated and were formally accepted by the Community Council. These will now be passed to the Internal Auditor Mr T Roberts for his attention.
- 19. Bills** –
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| HMRC (May) | £32.20 |
| Clerk's Salary (Direct Debit) | £** |
| Church Maintenance Grant | £350.00 |
| GreenThumb Maintenance | £49.00# |
| J T Williams Maintenance of Mower | £178.58 |
| 'News & Views' Grant | £450.00 |
- # Councillors are concerned about the high cost of maintenance and instructed the Clerk to contact GreenThumb with a view to a reduction.*
- 20. Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, nothing further was received
- 21. Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:**
None raised
- 22. Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting on Thursday 12th June 2014 in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman