

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Meeting Held Thursday 10th April 2014

Present: Cllr. David Jones (Chair), Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr John Almond, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr. Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Members of the public, Cllr Holland County Councillor and the Clerk, Mrs Dillon.

Apologies: Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr D Twomey, Cllr Olive Parry,

1. **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.
3. **Meeting Open to Public** – It was brought to the Community Council’s attention
 - a) that there were no less than three planning applications in place for Big Covert Wood. All the applications were in a conservation area and it was noted by a resident that when the Forestry Commission maintained the area they had no need of buildings to store tools.
 - b) concerns were raised by owners of the neighbouring properties to Bryn Ffynnon, that the current planning application was linked to expansion of the business. One of the questions raised was how the wood products were going to be dried in the proposed dry wood store. The other question was with regard to the size of the expansion and whether restrictions were in place to contain this. The Chairman thanked the members of the public for the matters raised and assured them they would be dealt with within the current Agenda.
4. **Community Website** – Mr. Paul Gothorp was welcomed by the Chairman and gave an update on the web page. Just a few more details were needed to complete the page. There then followed a discussion with regard to the inclusion of the Councillors photographs, which was up to each individual to agree. Mr. Gothorp would take the photographs
5. **County Councillor’s Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:
 - i) The re-surfacing of Tyn Llan is now complete. A request will be made to residents to park in a reasonable manner to maintain access, especially to emergency vehicles.
 - ii) The pot hole in Rectory Lane has been filled. Cllr Holland confirmed that the County had put more money into the ‘pot’ to ensure potholes were filled in.
 - iii) It has been confirmed that crime figures are down overall.
 - iv) Cllr Holland reported that there were two retrospective planning applications for cabins in the Big Covert, which will go before a full planning meeting.

The Chairman then proposed that Item 17 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.

6. **Planning Matters** – before the following item was discussed Cllr Margaret Davies left the room. Cllr Rob Jones did not take part in any of the discussions or voting that followed.
21/2014/0360 Change of use of part of existing agricultural building and rear yard to sawmill business use and erection of a dry wood storage building.
Location: Bryn Ffynnon Sawmills

Resolved: Following a site visit to acquaint them with the location and after a full discussion, there was no objection to these proposals. It would be appreciated, however, if the County would take regard of any matters raised by local residents who expressed concerns at the meeting, in respect to any further expansion in the future.

21/2014/00302 Erection of detached single garage at side of dwelling
Location: Dane Dale Llanferres

Resolved: To offer no objection or comment to the proposals.

21/2014/0096 Retention of existing shed and erection of wood store (partly in retrospect)
Location: Clwyd Forest Big Covert Wood

Resolved: The Community Council strongly opposes this application due to the detracton it has from the essential nature of the woodland. The amount of work to be carried out does not warrant the erection of a shed or store.
Under the Planning Development Act Part 5 it may allow a forestry worker to live in a caravan if the property exceeded five acres for up to twenty-eight days. There were grave concerns with regard to the proliferation of such buildings if a precedent was set; it is within the AONB, such a structure would not be allowed in open country within green belt land. The area is also covered by a National Trust covenant. Have they been approached for their opinion?

21/2014/0368 Substitution of house type previously approved under 21/2007/0344 and erection of detached garage Location: Plot 1 Glebe Land Llanferres

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

7. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13th March 2014 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

8. Matters Arising

None raised.

9. Reports from Other Meetings Attended – Cllr Davies attended the AONB Meeting at which Denbighshire CAB attended and spoke about the organisations that they work with.

Cllr Davies reported that the ‘One Voice Wales’ Conwy & Denbighshire Branch would return to meeting in Pentrefoelas in the future as it was deemed central to all members to meet.

10. Maintenance in the Community – Amey, a Company working on behalf of Scottish Power were requesting permission to trim trees away from the power lines in Maeshafn. The Community Council raised no objection but asked that the contractor carried out the work in accordance with best arboreal practice and any ‘chippings’ be removed so as not to enrich the soil. This would benefit the wild flowers in the area as they required ‘poor soil’ to flourish.

11. Red Telephone Kiosks – Information Boards – no further update. The Kiosk had been in Tafarn-y-Gelyn will be included on the Insurance Schedule for the next renewal.

12. Risk Assessment – The Clerk requested that the Community Council consider putting in a concrete plinth beneath the Notice Board at Tafarn-y-Gelyn for safer access. *Resolved: the Community Council agreed that the Clerk should approach the landowner for permission.*

13. Landscape Project – Memorial Stone – a further name has been submitted to add to the list for Norman Hughes, born in Llanferres. The list is nearing its conclusion.

14. Field Adjacent to the School – The fruit trees have now arrived and include Bardsey Apple, Denbigh Plum, Golden Russett, Cox Cymraeg, Abergwyngregyr Damson, Penrhyn Castle Pear, Snowdon Queen Pear amongst others. Children from the school will help the volunteers with planting, on the Friday afternoon following this meeting. The main planting will be carried out by the volunteers on the Saturday morning. It was noted that an Interpretation Board will be created and Cadwyn Clwyd would be responsible for this.

15. Training and Finance – There will be a Planning Training Meeting on 23rd April and a ‘Ruthin Cluster’ Meeting on the 7th May (Agenda yet to be received).

16. Cold Calling in the Community – Further information is awaited.

17. Bills –	HMRC (March)	£32.20
	Clerk’s Salary (Direct Debit)	£**
	Membership SLCC	£101.00
	Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council	£15.00

- 18. Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, nothing further was received
- 19. Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:**
- i) Concerns were expressed about the ‘For Sale’ sign erected on the green near the Memorial Seat at the entrance to Cae Derwen.
 - ii) The Building Contractor (homes in Cae Derwen) had agreed to maintain the grass to the entrance to the estate and needed reminding that this has yet to be done.
 - iii) The road surface on the road from Tafarn–y-Gelyn to Cilcain is in a poor state of repair.
 - iv) A question was raised with regard to the wooden fence along the boundary of ‘Hill Side’ on the Ruthin Road. The County erected this fence when the new road was created.
 - v) The ‘Over 60’s’ Club had a speaker at their recent meeting who spoke about Swans. The talk and the pictorials were excellent.
 - vi) The lovely sculptures on Moel Famau were complimented.
- 20. Date of next Meeting:** Annual Meeting on Thursday 8th May 2014 in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman