

**CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting Held Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Present:** Cllr. David Jones (Chair), Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr John Almond, Cllr D Twomey, Cllr Martyn Holland, members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs Dillon.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Jac Armstrong, Cllr. Olive Parry and Cllr. Yvonne Foden-McCorry
2. **Declarations of Interest** - *Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.* None declared.
3. **Meeting Open to Public** – Mr Bob Barton requested that the item for Maeshafn Playing Area be brought forward for discussion. This was agreed and the Community Council could report no update on the legal situation at this time. All the paperwork had been submitted and we awaited a response.
4. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:
  - a) It was hoped that the re-surfacing of Tyn Llan would take place during February half-term. All residents will be asked to move their vehicles before the work begins.
  - b) The flooding on Forestry Road is currently under discussion. Highways had agreed that it should be re-surfaced in the New Year. The drainage problems in the vicinity are already under discussion.
  - c) Denbighshire has won an award for Best School Meals.
  - d) Budgetary issues are still ongoing. The County have currently saved £6.5 million but will be required to find another £2 million. A further saving of £3.5 million will be required next year. A case is to be made for European Funding.
  - e) Cllr Holland reported that he attended the Over 60's Luncheon in Llanferres and enjoyed the time spent there.
  - f) Cllr Holland supported Ysgol Bro Famau during their school visit to County Hall. The pupils met the Chairman of the County Council and were given some instruction as to how the County worked.
  - g) The car-parking/car maintenance issues have been reported in Cae Derwen. A response is awaited.
  - h) New changes to the LDP – shops and public houses will be able to be converted into affordable housing.
  - i) With regard to 'Big Covert' Woods, the County have now received the first planning application for a shed/log cabin. The Enforcement Officer has asked for all owners to consider planning. There is a need to protect all woodlands and forestry.
  - j) Cllr Holland, to understand further the work of the County Council, has been on visits with the Water Authority to visit private wells and bore holes etc. Also Health & Safety to visit farms in connection with animal welfare.
  - k) A report had been received with regard to fly tipping at the top of the hill into Maeshafn. This will be reported to the Environmental Agency for investigation.

Cllr Holland completed his report by wishing the Community Councillors a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his report.

**5. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**6. Matters Arising**

St. David's Award – the nomination for a Citizenship Award is ongoing.

- 7. Community Open Space** – the Wild Harvest Trees received for the field have now been heeled in for the winter.  
 Cllr's John Almond and David Jones met the contractor on site to discuss the number and size of the gates. Also discussed were the footpath construction and the clearing of the ditch. The limestone outcrop is to be assessed. The Clerk has now handed the key to the main gate in Rectory Lane to Cllr Jones. The fencing will be repaired and the gate re-set to provide better access. A bollard will prevent the gate into Cae Gwyn from opening into the road. All work will commence in the spring with the trimming of the trees on the far side of the field. The logs will be left for burning and brushwood left for insects. Any additional soil will be taken from the lower field and re-distributed. The Invoice from Cadwyn Clwyd has been received and will be addressed in Bills. A question had been raised with regard to Lottery funding for Kew Gardens to supply seeds for wild flower meadows. If this is possible, then we would need to apply. Information had also been received with regard to the 'Keep Wales Tidy' scheme. Vouchers may be available (maximum £300) for help to cover the costs of materials, tools and safety equipment, native plants and shrubs. *Apply*.  
 Other matters discussed were dog walking and the associated bins and signage.
- 8. Reports from Other Meetings Attended** – Cllr John Almond, Cllr David Jones and the Clerk, attended the Chairs and Clerks Special Evening held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The newly appointed Coroner for North Wales Mr John Gittins, spoke about his work and his base at County Hall Ruthin. Mr Gittins is able to hold inquests in the Council Chambers and this is an advantage. Mr Paul O'Grady spoke about budgetary issues, which included the current cuts approaching 7.5%, partly due to the overestimated population figures by the Welsh Government. The School and Fire Services budgets are to be ring-fenced. Mr Tom Booty, the Economic Development and Re-Generation Officer explained about the income, generated from the wind farms and how it helped the re-generation of the coastal areas. Mr Steve Parker for Highways & the Environment gave information on the savings made on environmental costs and the salt mountains for this current year. He noted the query from the Llanferres Councillors with regard to the parking at Loggerheads and that Denbighshire is responsible for the Traffic Wardens who police the area. It was remarked that the Wardens did not work on Bank Holidays! The IT Manager gave a talk on the paperless County and the restructuring of the Intranet. The new County Website is launched with better security. Mr David Davies talked about the Charter between Community and Town Councils and the Chief Executive completed the evening with information regarding the re-organisation and County amalgamation. A very informative evening.
- 9. Maintenance in the Community** – none raised
- 10. Risk Assessment** – the current list requires amendment. *\*Agenda Item next Meeting*
- 11. Landscape Project – Memorial Stone** – ongoing
- 12. Telephone Kiosk Tafarn-y-Gelyn** – The Community Council have received an Invoice for the sum of £300 for the glazing work. The Clerk was still awaiting a response from the Countryside Services with regard to the proposed information boards for the inside of the Kiosk. The hedge alongside the kiosk and behind the Notice Board has been trimmed.  
**Telephone Kiosk Maeshafn** - this kiosk also lends itself to interpretation boards. *Resolved: to ask the residents of the community for their thoughts and ideas through 'News & Views'. \*Agenda Item next Meeting*
- 13. Training and Finance – Community Open Space Project**  
**Finance** – budget must include signage boards and also all Lottery Logos must be displayed on all boards (Cllr Jones has the paperwork).  
 Maeshafn Play area – paperwork is still being processed but also need confirmation on how the current ring-fenced legal fees can be used.  
 The Motor Mower will have to have a maintenance check in the early spring. *Resolved: Clerk will contact I.T. Williams in Ruthin in New Year.*

Consultation to be carried out on the remuneration for Community Councillors and expenses allowances for day meetings outside the community.

No items were raised under Training at this time.

- 14. Precept Requirements** – Denbighshire County Council had sent in a request for the Precept requirements for the next financial year. In this connection the Clerk circulated a spreadsheet with the current financial situation and previous spending year totals. *\*Agenda Item next Meeting*
- 15. Community Website** – the Clerk has requested the funding from the County Council and this will be paid before the end of the current year. There followed a discussion on the statutory information to be displayed on the site, which also included a copy of the Audit Report. The Clerk was to attend the SLCC meeting, this included an agenda item for websites. *\*Agenda Item next meeting.*
- 16. Bills –**
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| HMRC (December)                                 | £29.20    |
| Clerk's Salary (Direct Debit)                   | £**       |
| Cadwyn Clwyd Invoice for initial works to field | £5,000.00 |
| Homefix Solutions                               | £300.00   |
| Green Thumb Green Maintenance for Maeshafn      | £49.00    |
- 17. Planning Matters**
- 21/2013/1388 Proposal: Details of Restoration Scheme submitted in accordance with condition number 34 of planning permission 21/1999/0783/PF  
 Location: Aberduna Quarry Maeshafn  
 Resolved: *to offer no comments or objections to the proposals*
- 21/2013/1363 Proposal: Erection of a rural enterprise dwelling and installation of a package treatment plant  
 Location: Land at Fron Hen Llanferres  
 Resolved: *to offer no comments or objections to the proposals*
- 18. Maeshafn Playing Field** – Denbighshire have offered a 'No Smoking' signage board for the play area (free of charge) following their policy of having a complete ban on smoking in any open space across the County. Also one requested for the Llanferres Open Space. An application was to be submitted in respect of a fencing project and new gate for the play area (Form from Cadwyn Clwyd).
- 19. Updating the Standing Orders** – 'One Voice Wales' has issued a copy of an electronic Standing Orders (circulated by the Clerk to all Councillors). There was now a requirement to go through the new model and compare with our current Standing Orders with a view to update as necessary. The sections will be broken down and discussed month on month with the formal changes made during the Annual Meeting in May 2014.
- 20. Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, the following were received
- Play Wales – copy of Winter Newsletter
  - Darren Miller – information regarding the proposal to reorganise the NHS Services and the plans to axe long-term intensive care services for small and sick babies at Gland Clwyd and Wrexham Maelor hospitals etc.

#### E-Mail Documentation

From 'One Voice Wales'

Information regarding Public Appointment Opportunities.

Information regarding Draft Local Housing Strategy – consultation

From Denbighshire County Council

Denbighshire Carol Service to be held in St. Asaph Cathedral on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

**21. Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:**

- i) There have been OWL warnings via the police Internet messaging , with regard to petrol siphoned out of vehicles. Residents are also urged to ensure that there is security on their domestic oil tanks.
- ii) The Community Council were alerted to the fact that the work on the planned play area in Moel Fammau Country Park has now started.
- iii) The 'For Sale' sign for a home situated in the Glebe has been placed on the main road.
- iv) An invitation has been issued to attend the Carol Service in St. Berres Church at 7pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- v) There was a suggestion that defibrillators are being offered to villages – further information is required.
- vi) The Clerk was asked to circulate copies of the recent SPG document.

**22. Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in Llanferres Village Hall.

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Chairman .....