

**CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 10th SEPTEMBER 2015**

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Jac Armstrong. Cllr Adrian Walls was not present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr's Rob Armstrong, Rob Jones and David Twomey with regard to the Village Hall rental and the Parochial Church Council. All Councillors signed the Declaration of Interest Book.
3. **Meeting Open to the Public** – No items raised.
4. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:
  - a) Cllr Holland, several Councillors and the Clerk had received telephone calls with regard to the empty farm buildings at Colomendy. No response has yet been received from the Liverpool City Council with regard to the discussions for a need to find a suitable use for the building following it being brought back to a maintained state.
  - b) Concerns were still being expressed about the litter and graffiti at the Pothole Cliffs. The community volunteers have again removed and cleared the rubbish from the site which is still being monitored by the police. It is hoped that the parties will now cease now the summer holidays are drawing to a close.
  - c) A litterbin, to be placed near the entrance to Maes Ysgawen, has not yet been delivered and this is being pursued.
  - d) Resurfacing work is being undertaken on the Penywaen Road following the necessary drainage maintenance work. The approximate cost of this is £65,000.
  - e) Rectory Lane – Cllr Holland was pursuing the pothole issue and has been informed by County Highways that this is not an adopted road. If this is proven, then the residents may have to pay to maintain the road prior to the adoption procedure, if this option is pursued.
  - f) The 'Tour of Britain' passed through Llanferres Community with plenty of support on the roadside.
  - g) Children have been seen on the roof of the school. As this is a dangerous pastime, the police should be notified immediately by dialling 999.
  - h) Cllr Holland confirmed that he has attended the recent fundraiser for the Village, the Llandegla and Llanferres Summer Shows, together with the Classic Car Race.The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report and also for making the presentations at the Llanferres Show.
5. **Mins of Meeting Held 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising**
  1. The replacement slates have not yet been measured on the Garden Store in Maeshafn
  2. The information regarding the small projects for grant applications has not been pursued.
  3. An application has been made by the Llanferres Playing Fields and Recreation Association for grant funding to supply hedgehog habitats. *This has been supported by the Community Council through a letter.*
7. **Code of Conduct** - The information regarding the Code of Conduct has been circulated. Thanks were extended to Cllr Jac armstrong for making additional copies for each Councillor. The subject will be an *Agenda* item for October if any Councillor wishes to raise an issue for discussion.
8. **Access to Information** – the information sent to the Community Council explained what we must do as from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015. Each Community and Town Council must have a web-site (this does not necessarily have to be their own but can be accessed via link from another Community web-site) and amongst a list of items, must publish members interests. (Section 55-58) and also their political affiliation, when standing for election. The information given was

not very clear and clarification is being sought. *Agenda Item for October.* The use of the Welsh Language within the Community Council and its documentation is another point for discussion.

9. **Reports from Other Meetings:** - The Annual General Meeting for 'One Voice Wales' Conwy & Denbighshire, was held in Pentrefoelas on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and was attended by Cllr Margaret Davies and the Clerk, Mrs Gwyneth Dillon. The current Committee members were re-elected for another term of office. One of the main items raised was the poor responses to the Training Courses, resulting in many of them being cancelled.

10. **List of Motions being put forward at the 'One Voice Wales' AGM**

A comprehensive list of nine Motions submitted by the following Community & Town Councils were discussed and voted upon:

Community/Town Council	Proposal	Supported/Not Supported
Cwmbran Community Council	One Voice Wales expresses its concern to the Welsh Government over the current uncertainty surrounding the future of Community & Town Councils, emphasising the need for a strong tier of local government, where no community is left behind and asks the Welsh Government to clarify urgently the role Community & Town Councils will be expected to play in any future reform of the local Government sector and how they will be properly funded.	Supported
Gorseinon Town Council	One Voice Wales recognises the considerable responsibility and roles of carers in the community and believes that Governments should reinforce this need by abolishing the practice of ceasing to pay carer's allowance on retirement thus ensuring that poverty in old age is avoided	Supported
Llanelli Town Council	As proposed in the 'Reforming Local Government, Power to Local People' White Paper, that more responsibility be transferred to Community & Town Councils 'in order to make savings', One Voice Wales calls upon the Welsh Government to look at ways of formally re-directing funds from the Unitary Authorities' block grant to the Community & Town Councils that are taking responsibilities for these public services, this re-directed funding to be commensurate with the assets/services transferred. This would reflect the responsibility for the transferred assets and avoid double rating for services that the Unitary Authorities have abdicated responsibility for.	Supported
Saltney Town Council	One Voice Wales is concerned about the increased incidents of flooding and urges the Minister for Natural Resources to ensure the regular dredging of rivers through the operational management of Natural Resources Wales.	Supported
Penarth Town Council/Barry Town Council	One Voice Wales calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that Community & Town Councils are fully engaged in the proposal that the principal councils be responsible for reorganising the Community & Town Council sector given that: a) Community & Town Councils are local authorities in their own right with elected members and tax raising powers and therefore should not be treated in the same manner as voluntary single interest groups (community bodies) when it comes to the suggestion that there will be local management boards. b) A reduction in the number of principal councils would require greater integration of all tiers of local government.	Supported
Saltney Town Council	Rural bus services play a vital social, economic and environmental role for the well-being of communities across Wales. One Voice Wales calls upon funding authorities to cease the practice of reducing their overall spending by cutting or removing the subsidies for rural bus services, which leaves many parts of Wales with little or no bus services	Supported
Trawsfynydd Community Council	One Voice Wales has consistently felt that the main North-South road artery needs to be improved and urges greater co-ordination with regard to the consistency of lighting provision and speed limits along the route	Clarity needed

Tredegar Town Council	One Voice Wales calls on the Government and relevant funding bodies to allow Community & Town Councils to benefit from grants and funding available to other non-profit making organisations	Clarity needed
One Voice Wales/Un Llais Cymru	Membership fees are uplifted by up to 3% for the financial year 2016-2017	Not supported

11. **Maintenance in the Community** – The Millenium Fountain has been repaired.
12. **Red Telephone Kiosk** – The Clerk has been chasing a convenient date to discuss the projects in detail. *Resolved: to contact Countryside Services again.*
13. **Risk Assessments** – none raised.
14. **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – the information board is now in place. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Tim Healy for very generously providing the lecturn stand. A brief spraying was carried out on the pathways to control some of the weeds/grass. The hedgerow will need to be trimmed and the woodland thinned out. *Resolved: to ask Dr. Hugo Watts for a schedule for the coming season.*
15. **Training & Finance Issues** – none raised
16. **Bills -**
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| HMRC (September)                 | £38.40  |
| Clerk's Salary (Direct Debit)    | £***    |
| Welsh Water                      | £21.32  |
| Village Hall Rental              | £40.00  |
| Grant for Churchyard Maintenance | £350.00 |
17. **Planning Issues:** 21/2015/0768 Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to front of dwelling and workshop & garage to side of dwelling.  
Location: Cae Cymro Gwernymynydd *Resolved: The Community Council offer no objection or comment to the proposals.*
18. **Maeshafn Play Area** – still pursuing an update.
19. **Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, no other correspondence was received:  
Letter of thanks for the financial support from News & Views  
E-Mail documentation – a) As discussed previously
20. **Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:**
- Eight to nine syringes have been found in the Moel Famau Car Park. The incident will be reported to the police..
  - Mr David Hughes has very kindly trimmed the hedgerow alongside the Maeshafn Play Area. *Resolved: to send a letter of thanks.*
21. **Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

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Chairman .....