

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Meeting Held Thursday 8th SEPTEMBER 2016

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

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr. Jac Armstrong.
- 2 **Meeting Open to Public** - a resident from Maeshafn attended the meeting to discuss the Christmas Tree situated on the green. The discussion, which followed, also included some representations sent to various Councillors and the Clerk. These were all raised following the article in the News & Views. *Resolution: to leave the tree as it is for the time being, but to pursue a new set of Christmas lights. The complaint that the Clerk's contact address is not listed in the News & Views will be addressed.*
Also discussed was the danger of children climbing on the roof of the Motor Mower Housing in the Playing Field. There were suggestions that a sign may be erected. (*Agenda Item 13 was brought forward*)
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** - None declared.
- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 14th July 2016** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 14th July 2016 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- 5 **Matters Arising** -
Denbighshire has now published the list of Town and Community Councils who have adopted the new Code of Conduct.
The Clerk had not yet written to the Village Hall Committee with regard to a small Notice Board. *Resolved: to write in time for their next meeting in October.*
Cllr Rob Armstrong confirmed the cost of renovating the Plaque on the Memorial Stone. The estimated cost of renovation and repainting will amount to £260.00.
The road signs for Cadole have been reinstated.
- 6 **County Councillor's Report** – Cllr Holland raised the following:
 - a) Cllr Holland informed the Community Council that the waste bin situated at the recreation area is now being emptied.
 - b) Following the upheaval of the public transport buses in the area, the bus routes have been put back on track. A huge thanks to the Transport Officer and his team for coping well with the emergency situation. Any complaints should be reported through Cllr Holland.
 - c) There is no update on the flooding on Forestry Road as yet.
 - d) The A494 was discussed and the Highways Department/Welsh Government are considering double white lines between the Clwyd Gate and the Llanarmon turning.
 - e) The Tyn Llan drainage problems are still to be resolved.
 - f) Identification will now need to be produced at all Denbighshire Recycling Centres.
 - g) In certain areas in the County, there are problems with travellers trespassing on Council property. Please be vigilant and report any incidences.
 - h) Maeshafn Triangle – the salt has been removed and the area re-seeded.
 - i) Dead badgers need to be reported to the County Council.
 - j) Broadband – Cllr Holland will send out an update shortly.
 - k) Cllr Holland was present at the start of the Classic Car Rally and also the Bike Rally.
 - l) A break-in was reported in the Llanarmon area, but the thieves were thwarted. Please be observant and ensure all outhouses and garages are locked and secure.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

- 7 **Reports from Other Meetings** - none reported.

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Chairman

- 8 **Maintenance in the Community** – it was reported that the water fountain requires a new cartridge. Resolved to set a budget for the work to be carried out - £150.00.
Also on the list is the slate roof in Maeshafn and the work to be done for the Memorial Stone.
- 9 **‘No Parking’ Sign Cae Derwen** – it is hoped that this may now be resolved with the sign actually being situated in the ‘service strip’. We are awaiting confirmation.
- 10 **Red Telephone Kiosk** – no update.
- 11 **Risk Assessments** – the Financial Risk Assessment was accepted and signed.
- 12 **Investment Strategy Policy Document** - The Investment Strategy Document was adopted and signed.
- 13 **Maeshafn – Update** – Item brought forward on the Agenda – (previously discussed)
- 14 **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – the maintenance plan for the past year was reviewed and also an update on the maintenance for Maeshafn Green. The Invoice will be submitted under Bills. The fruit on the trees is not yet completely ripe. These are for community use (but please do not take more than you need so everyone has an opportunity to have some).
- 15 **Training & Finance Issues** – The latest Training Schedule was circulated from ‘One Voice Wales’. The Clerk will be attending the Wales Conference for the Society of Local Council Clerks in Llandudno on the 14th September 2016.
External Audit Report – The Audited Accounts have not yet been returned as there have been a series of queries and evidence required over the summer recess.

The Payroll system is now being carried out by AVOW of Wrexham as from 1st September 2016. They will also pay the Clerk’s salary and HMRC with only one cheque to be issued from the Community Council as from October 2016.

16	Bills	HMRC (September)	£38.40
		Maes Ysgawen/Maeshafn Maintenance	£755.00
		Clerk’s Salary	£***
		Welsh Water (Fountain)	£14.39
		Society of Local Council Clerks	£82.80

- 17 **Planning Matters** – None to date.
- 18 **Correspondence list** – the following correspondence, together with items of correspondence discussed above was received:
Information from the North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. The Association has recently held a meeting with the Boundary Commission. It could be that during the next two years the review of Town & Community Councils in Wales will be completed. If the recommendations are accepted by the Welsh Assembly, it may mean that the number of Community Councils may be reduced in the 2020’s.
E-Mailed Documentation
a) Denbighshire County Council is making an Open Space Needs Assessment and Audit under TAN 16. They have also issued Supplementary Planning Guidance.
The Community Council supported the following:
Llanferres
Playing Fields & Recreation Area
Maes Ysgawen
School Play Are
Pot Hole Quarry
Pentre Cerrig (lane opposite Druids – green corridor)

Maeshafn

Play area (extend to Cadole Road)
Moel Findeg
The Heulog
Village Greens
Nature Reserve
Village Well on right towards Pant Du

Tafarn-y-Gelyn

Pond (in private ownership but leased to LPFRA)
Moel Famau Forest
The old A494 – green corridor

Loggerheads

Lane over bridge to Maeshafn
Loggerheads Country Park
Tyn-yr-Ynn Footpath

- b) Cllr Holland also supported the Highways Department's requests for any priorities for maintenance within the community.

19 Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:

- a) An observation has been made that a vehicle is constantly parking on the pavement outside Old School House.
- b) Cattle Grid on Moel Famau – the gate alongside is being blocked by a parked car.
- c) It was suggested that the Gardening Club could be approached with a view to the maintenance of the ground around the Memorial Stone.

20 Date of next Meeting: A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman