

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 14th JUNE 2018

Present: Cllr. John Almond (Chair), Cllr's Bob Barton, Jac Armstrong, Rob Jones, Isla Watts, Amanda Curtis, Ivy Watts, Allan Morgans, and the Clerk, Mrs. G Dillon. There were Members of the public present and the County Councillor Martyn Holland.

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Michael Cordiner
- 2 **Election of Chairman** – Cllr Almond was elected unanimously and signed the Declaration of Office.
- 3 **Election of Vice-Chairman** – Cllr Michael Cordiner (in his absence but with his consent) was elected Vice-Chairman
- 4 **Meeting Open to the Public** – After every heavy downpour there is always debris left on the highway between the Nant and the river in Maeshafn.
- 5 **Declarations of Interest** – the Councillors were reminded that they should declare an interest at the commencement of the Meeting, or as soon as the councillor affected becomes aware that they have a personal or personal and prejudicial interest in today's business. Any member declaring an interest are required to state clearly what that interest is.
- 6 **Declarations of Interest** - none reported.
- 7 **Representatives on Other Committees** – the representatives were confirmed as:

NAME OF COMMITTEE/BODY	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE
‘One Voice Wales’	Gwyneth Dillon Cllr Bob Barton
School Governing Body	Cllr Ivy Watts
Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Rob Jones
Old People’s Welfare Committee	Cllr Rob Jones
Llanferres Playing Fields & Recreation Association	Cllr Isla Watts
Community Open Space Maeshafn Play Area Maes Ysgawen	Full Community Council
Clwyd Branch of Society of Local Council Clerks	Gwyneth A Dillon
Planning Sub-Committee	Any available Councillor Flexible
‘News & Views’ Reporter	Forwarded by the Clerk
County Councillor	Cllr Martyn Holland

- 8 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 10th May 2018** – these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 9 **Matters Arising** – Big Covert - with regard to the cutting of trees in Big Covert, this had been investigated and found to be a thinning process, which is permissible. The damage done in parts of Big Covert, those that are in an Area of Scientific Interest have been reported to Natural Resources Wales.
 - b) Traffic Control Outside School - ZigZag Lines on the road outside the school is being pursued.
 - c) Dog Poo Bins in Maeshafn/Tafarn-y-Gelyn – if the Community Council provide the Bins and place them on the Bin Collection route, then the County will empty them.

d) Cllr Barton – following the discussion at the May Meeting, Cllr Barton issued a personal statement with regard to his role within the Planning Process. He advised the Councillors to revisit their ‘How to be a Councillor’ Guide. Cllr Barton refuted what was minuted in Item 10 at the last meeting. The Community Council stands by its decision to authorise official site visits through the full Council.

- 10 County Councillors Report** - Cllr Holland offered the following Report prior to the Meeting. Cllr Holland requested the presence of a Planning Officer at one of the Community Council’s Meetings. This was not possible at this time, but they would email a copy of the current ‘Councillor’s Guide to Planning’ for information.

The new Defibrillator has been installed in Moel Fammau. Many thanks to the Clwydian Range Runners for their generous financial support.

With regard to the request to the Flintshire County Council to repair/resurface their section of the road from the Youth Hostel to the junction of the Eryrys/Mold Road. It is still not on their schedule for this year.

Cllr Holland had been asked by the Village Hall Committee to arrange a meeting with the Education Premises Team, in connection with the Hall Committee’s proposals to update the toilets and kitchen areas. Denbighshire have now confirmed that they will be responsible for the refurbishment of the toilets. The work will be carried out during the Summer holidays.

The Enforcement Team have now investigated the number of caravans and domestic items that have appeared in the fields next to the Ruthin junction of the B5430 and the A494. They have asked that they be removed.

At this time of Year parents will be asked to apply for school transport. This is especially important for pupils changing schools. Parents MUST complete their applications on time. Denbighshire Highways have started work on repairing/resurfacing the B5430 from Valley Lodge junction to Graianrhyd. The work will continue through June and will involve Traffic Lights and some road closures.

Cllr Holland advises residents in the Community to ‘beware’ of Cold Callers in the area. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive Report.

- 11 Reports from Other Meetings** – Cllr John Almond and Mrs. Almond attended the Royal Airforce Commemoration Day held in Ruthin and noted that there were some notable persons in attendance.

Cllr’s Morgans and Barton attended the recent Planning Compliance Workshop held in Ruthin on 24th May at 6pm – 8pm. Both agreed that it was a very informative day and that Enforcement in the AONB is very important.

- 12 Motion submitted by Cllr Barton** – Cllr Barton submitted a Motion to be discussed and sent to ‘One Voice Wales’ to call on the Welsh Government to amend Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. This was discussed but there was no ‘seconder’ and the Motion was dismissed. Cllr Barton was to raise it at his other Councils.

- 13 Maintenance in the Community** – a) Memorial Stone – the Plaque has fallen off the Memorial Stone and needs to be repaired. Cllr Barton is to make further enquiries with regard to additional support for this.

b) Cae Gwyn Steps - Cllr Almond has painted the steps to highlight them in the dark. The Clerk proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Council. Invoice presented for paint amounted to £15. *This was approved for payment.* A second coat of paint will be done in the near future.

Maeshafn - with regard to the funding set aside for payment of the legal expenses, Cllr Barton suggested that as Hansons were meeting the legal costs, then the money could be put towards the purchase of an Information Board at the entrance to the Playing Field. When the purchase is complete this will certainly be discussed.

Maes Ysgawen/Maeshafn Playing Field – the Green Flag inspection has now taken place and the outcome is awaited.

- 14 Planning Issues** - none received.

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15 Risk Assessments

Financial – No risks were raised.

Internal Auditor’s Report - the Report had been circulated and the alterations to the Final Accounting Statement had been made accordingly. The Community Council were happy with the outcome and the Statement was signed by the Chairman ready for the External Audit.

16 Training & Finance Issues - - the current Training Programme has been circulated. Training day for Clerks to be held on 12th July in Ruthin. Cllr Barton was requesting authorisation to attend the ‘One Voice Wales’ Conference to be held in September/October. Details were necessary in the first instance.

17 Bills	Clerk’s Salary (June) & PAYE	£220.33
	LawnOrder Maeshafn Green	£35.00
	Internal Auditor	£152.40
	Council Insurance – BHIB	£578.75
	Paint for Steps	£15.00
	Administration	£230.67

Application has been made for VAT Refund

18 Correspondence – items of correspondence were discussed as above. Also

- a) Copy of Denbighshire Housing Newsletter
- b) Letter of thanks to the Llanferres CC for the financial support for Churchyard maintenance.

19 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

- a) Footpath Sign past the Miners Inn needs maintenance.
- b) Power has now been installed in the Telephone Kiosk for the Defibrillator and light.
- c) A vehicle is again illegally parked on the pavement outside the Old School House in Llanferres causing pedestrians and wheelchairs/pushchairs into the road.
- d) A resident has requested permission to attend a Community Council Meeting with a view to discussing a proposal to land fill the Quarry in Maeshafn with inert materials.

A reminder that all Community Council Meetings are open to the public should they wish to attend.

20 Date of next Meeting: The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12th July 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.

Date Signed