

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 12th APRIL 2018

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

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr's John Almond, Jac Armstrong
The Community Councillors wished Cllr Almond a speedy recovery.
- 2 **Meeting Open to the Public** – there have been incidences of fly-tipping in the community, at Cadole where a number of slates/tiles were deposited at the edge of the highway and in the Churchyard (this has now been cleared). It was requested that the Community Council would support the placement of a wooden fence panel (alongside a resident's fence) to complete the overall look near the Turning Circle at Cae Derwen.
The Carnival Committee issued an apology for not obtaining permission to carry out a 'tidy-up' in Maes Ysgawen. Concerns were expressed that the rabbit guards had been removed from around the trees in the Park, they were discarded into the grassed areas, causing problems with the motor mower. No permission was given for their removal and they are to be put back around the trees to prevent the damage caused by rabbits. This is essential to safeguard the fruit trees which we were in danger of losing. Mr. Hugo Watts has kindly offered to provide additional guards to replace those that were damaged. The Community Council have given permission for a 'clean-up' of the dog fouling which is taking place in the Park. The fallen tree is to be cut up and plans made for a 'Bug Hotel' to be situated in that area.
Permission is being sought to place a temporary skip in the vicinity of the 'affordable housing' site near the Church. This needs to be pursued through the landowner.

Could the Community Council provide a hand gritter for the Village? Deferred until May.

**Agenda Item for May Meeting.*

- 3 **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.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest** - none reported.
- 5 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 8th March 2018** – these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:
Item 15a Planning Matters - '16 Bryn Artro should read 12 Bryn Artro'.
- 6 **Matters Arising** – a weight limit sign on both Tyn Llan and Cae Gwyn? Cllr Holland was happy to pursue this item – no update.
 - a) Cllr Barton asked that the matter of Planning on 21/2018/0166 12 Bryn Artro, be redefined due to '*raised concerns regarding the accuracy of the submitted plans. Officers have checked the plans against the Council's mapping system and consider the plans to be accurate. For the avoidance of doubt, measurements referred to in the report have been measured against the submitted plans and the Council's mapping system*'. Cllr Barton will clarify in an email to the Clerk. Cllr Barton was to attend the Planning Committee as an individual.
- 7 **County Councillors Report** - Cllr Holland offered the following Report prior to the Meeting.
 - 1) Local Government reorganisation is back on the table in Wales with the Welsh Government pressing to reduce the number of County Councils from the current twenty-two to ten. The local proposal is to once again merge Denbighshire with Conwy.
 - 2) I was very sorry to hear the sad news of Dolly Collins death. I had known Dolly for many years when in my miss spent youth I used to play pool on a Friday night in the Druids and Dolly kept us all in order. I know that her family and friends will miss her greatly.

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3) I have received a letter from the Minsters Office regarding my request to reduce the height of the hedge on the A494 by the Llanarmon Yn Ial turning. Sadly, the Trunk Roads Agency will not cut the hedge, but they will contact the landowner and ask him if he would consider cutting it himself!!

4) I have reported once again the pile of slates stacked on the road side by the Tafarn Y Gelyn turning and I have asked the Trunk Roads Agency to remove them.

5) I recently attended a meeting with Countryside Services and Gareth Jaggard who is a member of the local runners club. The club have agreed to donate £800 towards a new defibrillator which will be placed on the external wall of the public toilets at the Moel Famau car park. This is a very generous offer and it will be matched by Countryside services who will pay for the installation. I would like to thank Gareth and his committee on behalf of the community for their commitment to and support for our area.

6) There have been a number of thefts reported in the ward from vehicles and out buildings. A quad bike and sit on mower were recovered from a local field in Llanarmon after the thieves were possibly disturbed.

7) I spent two hours one Sunday afternoon with a community spirited gentleman from Mold named John Cranwell clearing the field in Cadole of rubbish after the winter sledging. We removed over twenty broken plastic sledges and a dozen sacks of various items discarded by people who had supposedly come to enjoy our beautiful countryside. We also picked up huge quantities of small fragments of broken ridged plastic which if ingested by farm animals could have killed them. The County did respond to our request to enforce the no parking in the Loggerheads area and on the Saturday prior to the last fall of snow, a team of council staff cleaned all the No Parking signs to ensure there could be no disputes over the parking restrictions.

8) I was invited to attend the March meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council meeting were, I was made very welcome and where I explained what had been agreed at our joint meeting and what DCC would now enforce.

9) The roads repair and resurfacing Programme has been in part agreed for this coming year. The good news is that the county will start a resurfacing Programme on the B5430 from Valley Lodge through to Graianrhyd in May and through June. Welsh Government has also now given Denbighshire a further 1.2 million pounds and this budget has yet to be allocated. I have put in a plea for Bryn Alyn and two other smaller roads in the ward.

10) New Dog Fouling signs are going up around the county and all dogs will be banned from public recreational areas. The fines for dog fouling will now be £100+.

11) After raising concerns about Pont Cyfnant Bridge I was invited to inspect it with the counties bridges officer. It appears that in the 1960s the underside of the bridges arch was sealed with cement. Sadly, this has retained the water and caused some considerable damage. Holes have been drilled in the cement to allow water to drain naturally and the bridge will be inspected again in June. If things have not improved the bridge will be added to the at risk register next year.

8 Reports from Other Meetings – Cllr Barton and the Clerk attended the ‘One Voice Wales’ Area Meeting held in Denbigh on 11th April. There was an excellent presentation on Rural Crime by the guest speaker PC Dave Allen from the North Wales Rural Crime Team with graphic examples of the damage inflicted by dogs worrying sheep. There followed an update on the Data Protection Regulations and the opportunity to download the Toolkit (only pages 12/13 appertain to Community Councils). Cllr Barton brought up the Draft Autism Bill and encouraged all Councils to respond. The next Meeting will be in Pentrefoelas on 11th July 2018. Thanks, were expressed to Luned Evans the Development Officer who was moving on.

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- 9 Maintenance in the Community – Maes Ysgawen update as discussed above.**
Maeshafn - i) Cllr Morgans has now received three quotes for the maintenance of the gates to the Play area.
 ii) The Flintshire directional sign is hanging off the post (Cllr Holland has reported it).
Resolved: The Community Council have authorized Cllr Morgan to remove it for safety reasons.
 iii) Denbighshire will not provide Dog-poo bins in Maeshafn. *Resolved:* Contact Denbighshire to ask if the Community Council provide them, would the County empty them? **Agenda Item*
 The Green Flag paperwork is on its way.
- 10 Red Telephone Kiosks** – The Red Kiosk is now operational. Someone has used the bicycle pump! There is some illumination in the Kiosk. Still awaiting full connection by Scottish Power.
- 11 Risk Assessments**
Financial – the Final Finance Statement was circulated. No risks were raised.
 No other Risks were noted.
- 12 Training & Finance Issues** - the current Training Programme has been circulated. With regard to Finance, the Community Council are happy to appoint JDH Business Services Ltd to carry out the Internal Audit. The date has been set for Thursday May 24th 2018 with completion by Thursday 31st May 2018.
- 13 Bills**
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| Clerk’s Salary (April) & PAYE | £220.33 |
| LawnOrder – Maeshafn Green Treatment | £35.00 |
| OVW/SLCC - Shared Conference | £90.00* |
- *Bursary applied for to offset cost (£37.50)
- 14 Correspondence** – items of correspondence were discussed as above. Also
- a) Thank You letter from the Carnival Committee and an Invitation to attend the Llanferres Carnival to be held on the 6th May 2018
 - b) Information regarding the importance of the External Audit.
 - c)
- 15 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:**
- a) *Camp Alyn has been demolished.*
 - b) *Cllr Barton will circulate the Autism Bill*
 - c) *The gorse on the Moel Famau Road is causing problems and requires cutting (Cllr Holland)*
 - d) *Agenda Item - for the Footpaths Officer’s visit*
- 16 Date of next Meeting:** A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th May 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.

Date

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