

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Meeting Held Thursday 13th APRIL 2017

Present: Cllr. David Jones (Chair), Cllr John Almond, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr. Jac Armstrong, Cllr D Twomey, Cllr Martyn Holland County Councillor, uncontested elected Mr. Allan Morgans (who will serve as a Community Councillor) and the Clerk, Mrs. G Dillon. Members of the public were present.

1 Apologies: Cllr Adrian Walls was not present at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Allan Morgan to the team. It was requested that the Planning Item 21/2017/0045 be moved forward on the Agenda. This was agreed.

2 Meeting Open to Public – Mr. Astbury was present to draw the Community Council's attention to the fact that the drawings for the current planning application for Bryn Artro, appeared to be formed on top of the boundary line to the adjacent property. Mr. Astbury requested the Community Council not to support the application due to this.

Mr. N Headley raised concerns with regard to the public footpath from Rectory Lane through the Churchyard. It was hoped that no further damage would be caused in this area. The hedgerows required trimming but this was thought to be the responsibility of the Church Authority.

3 Declarations of Interest - None declared.

4 Planning Issues – Proposal No. 21/2017/0045 Erection of Replacement Dwelling
Location: 4 Bryn Artro Avenue Tafarn-y-Gelyn.

A discussion, following sight of the plans and drawings with regard to this application. The objection put forward was also taken into consideration.

Resolved: Construction should be more in keeping with the current housing adjacent. On the easterly boundary, the property should be set back in line with the adjacent properties.

Drawings submitted are not of sufficient clarity and detail to make an informed decision. The Community Council cannot support the application at present.

5 Minutes of the Meeting Held 9th March 2017 - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9th March 2017 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

6 Matters Arising -

a.) The Notice Board, removed from Loggerheads by Countryside Services has now been re-erected but is in a distressed state and needs some maintenance. (Cllr Almond offered to inspect it).

b.) The white paint for the edge of the steps on the footpath from Cae Gwyn is yet to be completed.

c.) A 'Tidy Up' of the Maes Ysgawen area is now confirmed for 22nd April from 10am until noon. The three-year old hedging could do with trimming. All volunteers are welcome!

7 County Councillor's Report – Cllr Holland before giving his report, thanked all the Community Councillors for their friendship and support whilst being a County Councillor and confirmed that he would be standing for re-election. Cllr Almond replied in thanking Cllr Holland for his commitment to his role and his attendance at the majority of our meetings. Cllr Holland then went on to confirmed that;

a) The mobile mast is situated on the junction of the Cadole to Maeshafn Road and this area is confirmed as being in Flintshire.

b) The Country Council, upon receiving the complaint that the street lighting in the area was too bright, has assessed the situation and is going to reduce them to 60% in the area (Rectory Lane, Cae Gwyn and Cae Derwen).

c) Cllr Holland has raised with the Country, the diversion problems caused following the fatal accident on the Loggerheads Road recently.

d) The speed of the traffic on this road has also been raised. The Welsh Government are looking at this issue.

Date Signed

- e) The stone plinth holding the village sign in Maeshafn is damaged.
- f) The mast erected opposite the Druids has been confirmed to be for light control in the area.
- g) The erection of sheds in Big Covert is now forbidden and most have been removed. For the buildings that are left, the Enforcement Team will take action.
- h) Cllr Holland had been asked for another Dog Fouling Bin to be placed on the Old Road in Tafarn-y-Gelyn. As there was already a bin near the Bus Stop it was felt that a sign should suffice.
- i) The Tourism sign (Flintshire) in Maeshafn has been broken and is lying at the bottom of the post. The Flintshire Authority will be alerted.
- j) The Recreation area 'Clean Up' was very successful last Saturday and a great many logs were created and moved. Many thanks to all who participated.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report and wished him all the best in the future.

- 8 Reports from Other Meetings** – The outcome of the nominations for re-election for the Community Council was very poor. Only five nominations were received and all candidates have been elected unopposed. It leaves four vacancies however and this will be addressed through co-option. If this is not successful, then an election will be called. Posters and notification notice will be put in News & Views as soon as possible.
- 9 Maintenance in the Community** – Maeshafn play area.
- 10 Red Telephone Kiosk/s** – A workshop was arranged to discuss the format of the Kiosks and their content. The outcome was circulated. We now await the next step.
- 11 Memorial Stone** – no update.
- 12 Risk Assessments** – As reported previously there are maintenance issues in the Maeshafn Play area following the Play Inspection Report. All of them were reported as low priority.
Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space – hedgerow trimming /coppicing will be carried out in the Autumn. A foot needs cutting and trimming off the bottom hedgerow.
- 13 Maeshafn Play Area** – Still awaiting the completion of the paperwork from Hanson's Solicitors. The Clerk has now found the copy of the License to use the land and install the play equipment. It also confirms that the Community Council are responsible for the boundary hedges and fences. *Resolved: to send a copy of the document to our solicitor.* The thorn hedge will need cutting and the barbed wire will have to be removed from the top of the fence. 'Celtic Stone' will be contacted to request that they estimate for the cost of repairing the stone boundary wall and the slate roof to the Mower Shed.
- 14 Training & Finance Issues** Training Issues – none at present.
Finance Issues – none except for current Bills
- 15 Bills**

AVOW/Clerk's Salary	£214.35
Townsend Supplies (bolts for Notice Board)	£24.00
- 16 Planning Matters.** As discussed previously.
- 17 Correspondence list** – items of correspondence were discussed as above. And also, included the following:
 - a) Electronic version of the 'One Voice Wales' Bulletin.
 - b) 'Innovative Practice' Awards will be postponed until the Larger Councils Conference to be held in July. *The Clerk had submitted the paperwork for consideration with regard to Maes Ysgawen.*
 - c) 'One Voice Wales' notified that Welsh Water were to hold a one day workshop in Cardiff at the Principality Stadium from 9.45 am to 16.15pm 2nd May, to discuss the plans towards 2050.
 - d) The Internal Audit has been called for 1st June and the External Audit for the 30th June 2017. The Clerk gave a brief overview of the work involved in the Audit process.

18 Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:

- a) A letter was handed to the Clerk with regard to the Church Maintenance grant. *Agenda item next Meeting.
- b) A Nomination for Volunteer of the Year Award was discussed. The Clerk now has the Form for completion.

As everyone's term of office has now drawn to an end, the Chairman expressed the Community Councillors thanks on the excellent support and work carried out by the Clerk. Cllr Jones would now attend one more meeting, following the Election date, to hand over his baton as Chair to the next Chairman of the newly formed Community Council. The Councillors present and the Clerk thanked Cllr David Jones for his excellent leadership, unfailing support, guidance and loyalty to the Community Council over the years and wished him and those Councillors who have also retired, good luck in all they do in the future.

19 Date of next Meeting: An Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th May 2017 at **7:30** pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman