

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

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

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr D Twomey, Cllr. Jac Armstrong
- 2 **Meeting Open to Public** – Mr. Gareth Jaggard, LPFRA, was present and informed the Community Council that he was standing down as Secretary to the Association. It was suggested that the Park be handed back to the Community Council as the volunteer support was all but absent. A plan for the future including maintenance was required and discussions needed to take place as soon as possible. *Agenda Item**
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** - None declared. The Chairman, however, read out the content of the Declarations of Interest and this will be done at every Meeting in the future.
- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 10th November 2016** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13th October 2016 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- 5 **Matters Arising** -
 - a. The Notice Board which was removed from Loggerheads by Countryside Services is ongoing.
 - b) The Community Council's Christmas meal is confirmed for the 26th January 2017.
 - c) The request to trim the conifers in Cae Derwen is ongoing.
- 6 **County Councillor's Report** – Cllr Holland raised the following:
 - a) The Christmas lights were discussed for Maeshafn. Cllr Holland had contacted the County Council for their assistance and the Clerk had received a report on cost. It proved too costly to undertake at this time and a budget with further discussions as to a final plan will have to be held to prepare for 2017.
 - b) The hedgerow around the play area in Maeshafn needs trimming. This will be undertaken in the Spring.
 - c) The flooding at the bottom of Tyn Llan was found to have been caused by a blockage of leaves covering the grids. Once these were cleared the water was free flowing. The problem at the upper end of Tyn Llan is caused by a drainage blockage. The Denbighshire County Council are aware of the matter.
 - d) Following the remedial work carried out in Forestry Road there have been no further problems with flooding.
 - e) The new Loggerheads Car Park was nearing completion with the entrance being undergoing a re-design.
 - f) Cllr Holland informed the Community Council that due to numerous near accidents near Valley Lodge, the road will have new markings and signage.
 - g) The hedgerow in Rectory Lane has been cut instead of the verges. Cllr Holland had received a complaint and this will be followed up.
 - h) The painting of the edges of the footpath steps to Cae Gwyn is yet to be completed.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

- 7 **Reports from Other Meetings** - Cluster Meeting Held in Ruthin on 16th November 2016. This was attended by Cllrs David Jones and John Almond. It was hosted by the Vice-Chairman of the Country Council and the Chief Executive. The presentation by Gareth Evans, Elections Officer gave information on the procedures and the guidance for Councillors. The Candidate packs will be available between 16th March and the 4th April. If you wish to withdraw, it must be done by 4th April – before the Official List is printed.

Date:

Chairman

There followed 'Community Resilience - how prepared are you for disasters?' Information on how the Community Response Team is being drawn up.

Dr. Memhet the Chief Executive then reviewed the last five years. Now Denbighshire is in the top three County Councils in Wales since 2012. This was followed by a question and answer session.

David Davies – County Council Officer talked about the demise of the Clerks. How each Town and Community Council must have a plan in place should their Clerk be unable to continue for one reason or another. The situation regarding the Audit was addressed with discussions being carried out between the Welsh Audit Office, 'One Voice Wales' and the Society for Local Council Clerks. The Community Council are still awaiting the Invoice for the External Audit.

- 8 **Maintenance in the Community** – the Water Fountain to be repaired by Spring 2017. The slate roof in Maeshafn on the Tractor Store and Memorial Stone in Llanferres.
- 9 **Christmas Lights in Maeshafn** – in addition to the previous comments made during Cllr Holland's Report, the matter has been deferred until further discussions can take place.
**Agenda Item*
- 10 **Christmas Lights in Llanferres** – it has been suggested that the Community Council look at installing Christmas lights in Llanferres for 2017 on the large fir tree in the Churchyard. Permission would have to be sought from the Diocese. **Agenda Item*
- 11 **Red Telephone Kiosk/s** – we have received confirmation that the Grant would be approximately £500 with match funding.
- 12 **BT Telephone Kiosk in Tyn Llan** - The Community Council are in agreement that due to the siting so near a Trunk Road, it should be retained.
- 13 **Memorial Stone** – as under Maintenance in the Community.
- 14 **Risk Assessments** – none raised.
- 15 **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** - Dr. Watts has now forwarded a future Maintenance Plan, which the Community Council are happy with, together with the Invoice for £485.00. All agreed that the Maes looks excellent.
- 16 **Maeshafn Play Area** – A visit to the Solicitors was arranged and took place. The matter is still not completed as yet.
- 17 **Training & Finance Issues** Training Issues – none at present.
Finance Issues – a detailed Review of the current Accounts had been circulated together with a Bank Reconciliation Sheet (signed as a correct record). In order to prepare for the Precept requirements, the overall discussion was regarding the headings and costs. The initial discussions suggested that a precept of £10,160 would be required. Further discussions will be held before a formal decision is taken during the January Meeting.
- 18 **Bills**

AVOW/Clerk's Salary	£238.08
Dr. Hugo Watts	£285.00
- 19 **Planning Matters.**

21/2016/0833	Works to one Oak Tree (Tree Preservation Order 1989) 20 Cae Gwyn Llanferres	No objection
21/2016/1143	Change of use of land to form extension to existing caravan park to accommodate three static caravans including drainage and associated external works. Bryn Bowlio Caravan Park Llanferres	No objection, but would comment that the method of drainage is undefined.

Date Signed

20 Correspondence list – items of correspondence were discussed as above.

21 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

- a) The matter of the private car parked on the pavement outside School House was raised again. The matter will now be reported to the Community Police.

22 Date of next Meeting: A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12th January 2017 at **7:30** pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman