

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 16th December 2019

Present: Cllr. John Almond (Chair), Cllrs Bob Barton, Michael Cordiner, Amanda Curtis, Ivy Watts, Jac Armstrong present. Also, Cllr Martyn Holland and the Clerk Mrs Gwyneth Dillon. Members of the public were present, including those from the Woodland Owners Trust in Maeshafn

129 Apologies: Cllr's Allan Morgans, Isla Watts

Due to the large public presence, the Chair brought forward Item 7 Big Covert Wood.

130 Meeting Open to the Public – Dr. Kate Davies from the Woodland Owners Trust raised the issue of the matter of the November 'Minutes' as published on the Social Media site Facebook. The Chairman pointed out that the November Minutes had not, at that time been issued. The 'Minutes' referred to were 'unofficial' and purely notes taken from the Community Council Meeting and put on Social Media for the community's information. They were not necessarily, the views of the Community Council. Cllr Morgans did not respond to any comments raised at the last Meeting due to *subjudice*.

The Chairman went on to explain about a 'woodland road'. That was a turn of phrase, unfortunately used, following a complaint by a resident living on the fringes of the Wood, as vehicles were passing his/her property. Currently, although the Community Council is working with the Footpaths Officer and walking the Woods to map the Public Footpaths, tracks and Bridle Ways, this is still ongoing, and no formal Report has been published. Cllr Barton explained the background to the original application. Dr Davies agreed that the owners want the pathways walked and are happy to work with the community. The suggestion was made that perhaps the Owners Trust would be happy to write blogs and articles in the 'News & Views' to help a wider communication.

131 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.

132 Declarations of Interest – none declared.

133 Minutes of the Community Council Meeting Held 14th November 2019 - These were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record subject to the following amendments: *'Ms went on to clarify the plan to continue.'* Should read *'Ms Autissier went on to clarify the plan to continue.'* *'advertising in the News & Views to cover the printing expenses, which amount to £280 per year for six issues.'* Should read *'advertising in the News & Views to cover the printing expenses, which amount to £280'.*

134 Matters Arising – a) Purchase of a dog poo bin to be situated in Maeshafn is ongoing. Cllr Holland is to pursue the matter.
b) Cllr Barton attended a Broadband Workshop in Pwllglas on Friday 6th December and will circulate a Review of the information.
f) No repair has been carried out to date, on the raised grid in Tafarn-y-Gelyn. Cllr Cordiner has placed a bollard in place to warn motorists. Ongoing

135 Big Covert Wood – As reported in the Public Arena and subject to Part 11 of this Meeting.

Date Signed

136 County Councillor Martyn Holland's Report – previously circulated.

- 1) Cllr Holland has chased Morris Homes again and their Estate Manger has kindly agreed to send copy of his request (along with pictures) to prune the hedges and trees on their land in Cae Derwen to the Morris Homes finance department for the work to be signed off.
- 2) This year, Cllr Holland was able to attend the Llanferres Remembrance Memorial Service, which was very well supported.
- 3) There was recently a road accident on the A494 in Loggerheads. Cllr Holland was asked if he could arrange for some debris to be removed and this was done.
- 4) As already reported the section of road as you turn for Cae Derwen needs repairing. This will involve the road being resurfaced rather than just repairing potholes. Cllr Holland has asked for this to be included on the next major roads works schedule along with the small section of road outside the Youth Hostel in Maeshafn.
- 5) Cllr Holland asked the Trunk Roads Agency to consider highlighting the road as you turn off the A494 for Llanarmon Yn Ial. In the dark, it is difficult to see the road as you turn for Llanarmon and a white line on the left-hand side would help.
- 6) It is that time of year again, when we should all be acting as good neighbours. We just need to ensure that everyone is safe and sound during the winter months especially if they are elderly or live on their own. If you live on your own, it is also a good idea to leave an emergency contact number with a neighbour just in case and to let them know if you are going away over the Christmas Holidays.
- 7) Cllr Holland took this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year. It has been a great pleasure to work with you all this year for the good of the Community of Llanferres which includes Tafarn Y Gelyn, Loggerheads, Cadole and Maeshafn and it is hoped that we will be able to do the same in 2020.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

137 Reports From Other Meetings – none raised.

138 Community Councillor Vacancy – no interest reported. Continue with the advertisement.

139 Community Council Clerk – Vacancy – an Extraordinary Meeting was held on the 28th November to arrange the booking of the Hall/School, set the interview dates for the four applicants and arrange the Panel questions.

140 Setting The Precept – the Clerk had circulated the current Accounts for information. The full discussion on setting the Precept figure will be on the January Agenda.

141 Bills	One Voice Wales Training (Cllr Morgans)	£40.00
	Clerk's Salary AVOW & Payroll	£236.78
	Welsh Audit	£277.10
	News & Views Grant	£450.00
	Ysgol Bro Fammau (Swimming Transport)	£100.00

All payments approved by Community Council with Schedule of Payments signed by Chair.

142 Planning Issues – Application No. 21/2019/1032 Location: The Paddock Tafarn y Gelyn
Proposal: Erection of extension to existing domestic building & associated works.
Following a discussion, the Community Council raised no objection to this proposal, in principal, but would refer the Planning Authority to a previous proposal (No. 21/2015/0213). This current application should be subject to the conditions laid down in this original application.

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- 143 Correspondence** – items of correspondence were discussed as above and received as noted below:
- a) Request from Denbighshire CC for Precept requirements.
 - b) The Minister for Housing & Local Government introduced the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Bill to the National Assembly for Wales and issued a Written Statement to Assembly Members. (See Welsh Government website).
- 144 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:**
- a) The raised Grid in Tafarn y Gelyn has not yet been repaired and is in a dangerous state.
 - b) There is dropped gully outside the entrance to Bryn Bowlio which has collapsed.
 - c) There are dangerous potholes near the Youth Hostel in Maeshafn.
 - d) The hedgerow from Cadole to the ‘S’ Bends is badly in need of trimming.
- 128 Date of next Meeting:** The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 9th January 2020 at **7:30** pm in the Village Hall in Llanferres.

The Chairman wished everyone the compliments of the Season and the Community Council moved into Part 11.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It is recommended that, pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business because it is likely that there would be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Part 11 - will follow to discuss

- a) To discuss progress of local Woodland objectives

Following the content of the previous discussion this evening, the Community Council agreed that the Big Covert Woods needed management. They are very happy to work with the owners to ensure that the woodland is maintained, but that the Public Footpaths through the woods be accessible to all. Cllr Morgans was due to have a meeting with Denbighshire Council Officer Adam soon. A response was due following a Data request from Mr R Davies. The Clerk is assembling the relevant documentation, but does not have access to the Report being collated as reported in the Minutes of 14th March 2019 (Item 6)

Date Signed