

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

**Present:** Cllr. John Almond (Chair), Cllrs Bob Barton, Allan Morgans, Michael Cordiner, Rob Jones, Ivy Watts, Isla Watts, Cllr Martyn Holland and the Clerk, Mrs. G Dillon. There were Members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Amanda Curtis, Cllr Jac Armstrong was not present.
- 2 **Meeting Open to the Public** – no items raised.
- 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** - Cllr Ivy Watts and Cllr Isla Watts declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 15 Bills being close relatives to the Payee.
- 5 **Llanferres Playing Field Association – update** – The Chairman introduced Dan Hurst, the Chairman of the Association. Mr. Hurst provided the Community Council with the option that they take back ownership and financially support the main items like, Inspections and the Insurance. A Committee would be formed to carry out all other fundraising activities and volunteer work parties throughout the year. A Management Group could be formed to liaise directly with the Community Council. There followed a short discussion as further information was needed with regard to the Charitable status. Cllr Barton proposed that an article be put in the News & Views and a letter to all households to advertise for new members to ensure the continuity of the Park. The Clerk will obtain information relating to the possibility of the Community Council adding the Park to their Insurance. *Agreed that the current LPFRA forward all their current insurance details and ROSPA details to the Clerk.*
- 6 **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – with one correction under Item 8 Setting the Precept Budget for 2019/20 – ‘The Maintenance funding has been increased for Maes Ysgawen and Maeshafn *should read ‘The Maintenance funding for Maes Ysgawen and Maeshafn has NOT increased.’* These were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
- 7 **Matters Arising** – 1) The Zig, Zag lines outside the school are now in situ. It is confirmed that they are only enforceable during school hours. The School Bus should not be parked on the lines.  
2) Confirmation has been received that the Commuted Sum will be discussed at the next Meeting to be held within the next few days. We now await confirmation of the outcome.  
3) Councillor Barton attended the ‘One Voice’ Training Course for Module 13. There was no charge as it was covered by another Community Council in this instance.
- 8 **County Councillor’s Report** – a copy of the following Report, was circulated prior to the Meeting and the points raised were read out by the Chairman.
  - a) Good news, the swimming pool at the Ruthin Leisure Centre/ School has now reopened after an extensive upgrade. Although some remedial work had to be carried out as some of the tiles were found to be very slippery.
  - b) Despite press and radio coverage we once again had traffic chaos at Loggerheads and Cadole with people breaking down fences, leaving large amounts of rubbish, parking in front of residents drives and parking illegally on the A494 Trunk Road.

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An Enforcement Officer did turn up on Saturday but when he called for police support no one was available. Due to the large numbers of people involved tickets were not issued. Councillor Holland visited the site on Saturday and found that the situation was the same on the Sunday.

Councillor Holland believes that we have missed a golden opportunity to enforce the 'no parking' on the A494 and to help local residents. Councillor Holland has asked for a meeting with the Head of Service, the enforcement team and the police this week before it snows again.

There were similar problems on the Forestry Road and around Moel Famau. To many people are visiting the area when it snows.

- c) Councillor Holland has reported blocked gullies on the Maeshafn road and the resulting surface water in that area. This is near the Gwernymynydd Junction of the A494.
- d) Councillor Holland has taken pictures and reported the latest accidents on the Aberduna Quarry bends and asked for safety barriers. There was more police tape there again yesterday!!
- e) Councillor Holland has reported the damage to the grass triangle in Maeshafn after a large vehicle has mounted the verge there.
- f) At a meeting with highways last week Councillor Holland reported the thirty feet of road that has not been repaired by the Youth Hostel in Maeshafn. Flintshire resurfaced their section of the road but left this small section in a very poor condition. The ownership must be in dispute but Councillor Holland was amazed that both councils did not speak to one another and arrange for the work to be completed while they had contractors and equipment on site!!
- g) The 0710 bus service from Mold to Ruthin has been terminated. No one was using the bus and it will save 6300 bus miles a year. The 0745 bus is still running.
- h) Have you joined the Ysgol Bro Famau 100 club? This is a way of supporting the school even if you do not have children at the school.
- i) Councillor Holland met with the leader of the council and the head of highways and his team to discuss the concerns about the state of roads in rural areas. Councillor Holland thanked those members who sent details of roads in their villages that need attention and these have been added to his list for highways.  
During the meeting, concerns were raised about gritting in our area and Councillor Holland took up an invitation to spend an evening out with a gritter lorry. It was educational and Councillor Holland now understands some of the issues DCC staff face when they are out and about. It also raised a number of other questions which have been submitted to the team.
- j) Councillor Holland opposed a suggestion to save £42k at a budget briefing by cutting yellow grit boxes and grit piles from rural areas. The suggestion by officers was withdrawn.
- k) Councillor Holland circulated the LDP walk in sessions for community Councillors which have now been held. The candidates sites will be circulated soon for public consultation and there are a number in the Llanferres area. These sites have been submitted by local land owners and will be considered as part of the next LDP process.
- l) A number of residents have raised concerns about the large earth works being undertaken near the Youth Hostel in Maeshafn and Councillor Holland has asked the counties planning team to investigate.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for circulating another comprehensive Report.

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- 9 Commenting on the Welsh Audit Report** – the Invoice for £381.00 A response had been received from the Audit Office in the form of an email as follows:

‘We are required to charge for the time taken to complete the audit. Each year we undertake different work and therefore the time taken will differ. In 2017/18 we have seen an increase in the time taken to undertake the work required and subsequently the review process has required more time. There was more documentation that took longer to review and complete the work required compared to the previous year.

In 2016/17 it took 1.1 hours to complete the work in comparison to 3.2 in 2017/18. The review process also took longer with 0.30 hours in 2016/17 and 1.2 in 2017/18.

The matter was discussed and it was *Resolved: to pay the Invoice of £381.00 in full.*

- 10 Reports from Other Meetings** – Cllr Barton and the Clerk attended the ‘**Wellbeing of Future Generations**’ – Workshop held by Denbighshire County Council in Bodelwyddan on 11<sup>th</sup> January. It was an excellent ‘networking’ event with presentations from Llysfaen Community Council and Llanfair Community Council on the Projects in their area for the good and betterment of their communities.  
Cllr Barton and the Clerk also attended the ‘One Voice Wales’ Area Meeting in Eirianfa Denbigh on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. The guest speaker was Judith Greenhalgh, the Chief Executive, who gave a presentation on the ‘**Challenges Facing Local Government in North Wales**’. It was an informative presentation but unfortunately the documentation circulated did not contain the relevant graphs and data due to an administrative error.
- 11 Maintenance in the Community** – the Millennium Fountain needs repair – not yet done. Tafarn-y-Gelyn Pond – now has a decent amount of water in it. It was confirmed that the lining of the pond is clay. The overflow of water from the road is filling it and the past problem of it drying up could have been caused by the very hot summer months experienced in 2018.
- 12 Planning Issues** - none received
- 13 Risk Assessments**  
Maes Ysgawen – none raised. Maintenance Schedule has been received costing approx. £930 - £1196.00 for the year.  
Maeshafn – awaiting update for the Playing Field. Once the correct documentation is received, Cllr Barton will submit the application for the ‘Green Flag’ Award. Maintenance Schedule has been received costing approx. £238.00 for the year. Also, Lawnorder will continue to maintain the Green in the centre of the village.  
Defibrillator in the Telephone Kiosk – power connection will be carried out by A. J. Electrical. Now awaiting the Invoice.  
Dog Poo Bin – the Clerk will order the bin.  
Llanferres Memorial – nothing to report.  
Financial – No risks were raised.
- 14 Training & Finance Issues**  
**Finance Issues** – none raised  
**Training Issues** – the new Training Schedule had been circulated from ‘One Voice Wales’.

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**15 Bills – Payment Schedule**

Clerk’s Salary (February 2019) & PAYE	£220.33
Welsh Audit Fee	£381.00
Cllr Almond – Printer Cartridge	£36.90
Welsh Water (Direct Debit)	£15.63
White Oak Property Services	£490.00

**Received**

Bank Interest	£0.95
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All payments approved by Community Council.

**16 Correspondence** – items of correspondence were discussed as above, plus a notification of the list of dates and venues for the ‘Drop In’ Sessions to look at the early stage production of the Local Development Plan for 2018-2033. Cllr Barton Attended and urged Councillors to look at the current early submissions and make their comments.

**17 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:** During the recent icy weather,  
i) Denbighshire Highways was to be commended for their prompt attention to gritting the roads that mattered to keep movement in the County to a maximum.  
ii) A resident had requested information about installation of Disabled Parking Bays near the Church and the Playing Field in Llanferres. *The Clerk will make enquiries.*

**18 Date of next Meeting:** The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7:30 pm in the **SCHOOL/ YSGOL BRO FAMAU \*** in Llanferres.

\*Please NOTE the change of venue for this Meeting.

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