

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 11th JANUARY 2018

Present: Cllr. John Almond (Chair), Cllr's Bob Barton, Ivy Watts, Allan Morgans, Ms Amanda Curtis, Jac Armstrong and the Clerk, Mrs. G Dillon. There were Members of the public present

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Rob Jones, Cllr Isla Watts. Cllr Michael Cordiner was not present.
- 2 **Meeting Open to the Public** – A resident informed the Community Council of the Archaeological Exhibition being held in the Countryside Services Offices in Loggerheads. On a weekend only between 11.00am and 3.00pm there will be exhibits and someone to answer questions.
- 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 declared.
- 5 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 14th December 2017** – these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters Arising** – the Waste Bins located near the Playing Field in Llanferres have now been emptied.
The salt bins in the area have been replenished, except for the one in Cae Derwen.
Cllr Barton asked that Item 20 (listed in the Minutes) be raised following the County Councillors Report – *agreed.*
- 7 **County Councillors Report** - Cllr Holland circulated a copy of his Report prior to the Meeting.
 - a) A call had been received from a resident in respect of a large truck parked on the slip road to the church and Cae Derwen. It has since been removed. It may well have been parked there due to bad weather, but being parked, in part on the pavement, it was causing an obstruction. If this happens again would Councillors report it to Cllr Holland please.
 - b) When the snow began to melt, there were again problems with water running down both sides of Tyn Llan. The Highways team have been out to clear and check the gullies. Denbighshire are aware that the real cause of the problems is the pipework underground being blocked by roots. Cllr Holland has asked once again for this to be resolved.
 - c) The Trunk Road Agency have cut back the hedges at the Llanarmon-yn-Ial Junction to improve visibility. As the hedges are on private land, they have only been cut back to the fence. Cllr Holland has gone back to the Welsh Government civil servant (they met last year), to ask if the landowners could be approached to reduce the height of the hedges significantly which would improve visibility enormously.
 - d) Cllr Holland has pursued both Denbighshire and Flintshire in regard to the 'Give Way' and 'Tourist Route' signs in Maeshafn. Both Councils have agreed to chase the replacement signs.
 - e) Despite best efforts, the Planning Committee has passed the revised plans for Bryn Artro Avenue. The key item was that the concerns were listened to and the revised plans did leave a gap between the eastern wall of the property and the neighbour's boundary.
 - f) After a heavy snow fall, once again vehicles were parked on the side of the road in Cadole and Loggerheads. Fences were broken to access the fields owned by Aberduna Farm. Cllr Holland has asked for a meeting with Countryside Service, Police, Highways, Trunk Agency and the new neighboring FCC County Councillor, together with the Chairmen of both Gwernymynydd and Llanferres Community Councils to try to resolve the issues.
 - g) A Well attended Broadband Public Meeting, was held in Llanarmon-yn-Ial. This was chaired by our AM Darren Millar. The BT contract has now come to an end, but it is unclear how many people will still not receive the nee service and what will be on offer on the next phase of the 'roll out'. Denbighshire are reviewing how they will support the communities effected and further updates will follow.
 - h) Cllr Holland attended a meeting recently, held in 10 Downing Street.

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Cllr Barton also reported on the Broadband Meeting held in Llanarmon and repeated his request to be made the Broadband Champion for the Community. This had previously been discussed at a past meeting and was again refused. It was *resolved to allow Cllr Holland to pursue this work.*

- 8 Reports from Other Meetings** – none received.
- 9 Project for Maeshafn** – deferred for a future Agenda. Also included were the two Motions submitted by Cllr Morgans.
- 10 Discussing Budget Requirements for Setting Precept** – The Councillors discussed the amended Budgetary requirements for the next Financial Year following the discussion at the December Meeting. The Clerk was awarded an increase roughly in line with inflation (3%). *It was agreed to an increase of £71.80 per annum.* The additional consideration was the new regulation with regard to the Councillor's Annual payment of £150 each per year for costs incurred during the year. It was proposed that the Community Council award a zero amount to each Councillor. This was put to a vote and every Councillor present, agreed except for one abstention. Also, where a specific role is undertaken, the additional payment of £500 each to a minimum of one and a maximum of five members. This item was not accepted. *Resolved: to inform Mr. Gary Williams the County Officer that this new regulation was not acceptable to the Community Councillors present and they were resolved not to claim an allowance.*

The Appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2018-19 is **£7.86 per Elector.**

There then followed a lengthy discussion on the amended Precept Report as each budgetary heading was agreed. **The Precept was set at £9150.00.**

- 11 Maintenance in the Community** – a) One of the paving slabs had slipped beneath the Tafarn-y-Gelyn Noticeboard, making access to the Noticeboard in safety. (Cllr Almond)
- 12 Red Telephone Kiosks** – the kiosk in Maeshafn is to have its backboard fitted. The school pupils in Ysgol Bro Famau have been creating designs for drawings to be included. The Defibrillator Cabinet is to be installed. We will await permission from CADW, as the Kiosk is a listed building, to replace the *Telephone Sign* with a *Defibrillator Sign*. Although the Invoice for the signs has been received (£72.00), authorisation cannot yet be made. The reconnection of the power supply is ongoing.
- 13 Memorial Stone** – now to be taken off the Agenda.
- 14 Risk Assessments**
 - Financial – the Interim Finance Statement for Year was circulated. No risk raised.
 - Mower Shed Roof – this has now been completed.
 - The Christmas Tree in Maeshafn is complete with lights and was illuminated over the Christmas Season. The Community Council received two votes of thanks for helping to achieve this.

- 15 Training & Finance Issues** - Cllr Allan Morgans and Cllr Amanda Curtis attended the Induction Training in Corwen on the 19th December 2017. They both agreed it was excellent. The new Training Schedule has been issued by 'One Voice Wales' and circulated.

16 Bills	Clerk's Salary (Jan) & PAYE	£214.35
	External Audit Invoice	£161.70
	Defibrillator Signs – to be authorised	£72.00

- 17 Planning Matters** – Cllr Barton informed the Community Council that Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance had been issued for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB. The Consultation Document has been released by Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham County Councils supported by the AONB Partnership.

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Consultation ends on 29th January 2018. Comments are being coordinated by Mr. Andrew Farrow of Flintshire (developmentplans@flintshire.gov.uk). Documents can be viewed at planningpolicy@denbighshire.gov.uk 01824 706916

- 18 Correspondence list** – items of correspondence were discussed as above. Also
- a) Notification regarding the Community Planning Information Portal going live online.
 - b) Invitation for the Community Council’s representative to attend the next ‘One Voice Wales’ Area Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th January at 7pm in Bro Aled Education Centre Llansannan.

19 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention: none raised

20 Date of next Meeting: A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8th February 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.

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