

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 11th JULY 2017

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

- 1 **Apologies:** Jac Armstrong
- 2 **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** – this was not carried out due to Mr. Jac Armstrong's absence.
- 3 **Meeting Open to the Public** – a member of the community Mrs Jaggard had won a defibrillator as a prize and wished to donate it to the Community. The Village Hall Committee had agreed to site it on the outside of the Village Hall and be responsible for the running costs. It was requested that the Community Council meet the cost of the cabinet to house the machine. The Community Heartbeat Trust, who are currently in touch with the Community Council regarding the Telephone Kiosks have sent information with regard to possible cabinets and their costs. This will be passed to Mrs Jaggard for compatibility reasons.
Two tree stumps have been fly-tipped near the roadside on the Pont y Maenwr road. Cllr Holland will arrange to have them removed as they are a hazard. Any information as to where they originated would be welcome.
The Welsh Government are carrying out a consultation on Public Footpaths, Cllr Martyn Holland will keep us informed.
The Carnival Committee held a meeting on the 2nd June to discuss the ongoing plans for the Carnival. The funds stand at £1300 at present but further fundraising is planned. Minutes of each Meeting will be published via a link through News & Views to keep everyone informed. A Carnival Queen will be sought and further information regarding Insurance is also being investigated. It was suggested by Cllr Barton that combined Insurance be sought to cover all groups in the Village. The next meeting will be held on 21st July 2017.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest** – the Councillors were reminded that they should declare an interest at the commencement of the Meeting should any item on the Agenda be prejudicial or if they should have a pecuniary interest.
- 5 **Declarations of Interest** - declared by Cllr Isla Watts and Cllr Ivy Watts with regard to Items 15) Maes Ysgawen and 18) Bills. Close relationship to the Contractor.
- 6 **Co-option Notice** – No applicants. It was agreed to ask for a repeat inclusion into the News & Views.
- 7 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 15th June 2017** – these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:
Item 7(c) Matters Arising The Information Sign (on Triangle) in Maeshafn is at the bottom of the pole (alert Denbighshire Highways). *Should read: The Information Sign (on Triangle) in Maeshafn is at the bottom of the pole (alert Flintshire Highways).*

Item 10 – Maintenance in the community - Cllr Morgans reported that he was organising a local volunteer committee to undertake the maintenance of the Play Area. In the interim, he personally will replace the links required in the swings and repair the entrance gate (mentioned in the Risk Assessment Report). *Should read: Cllr Morgans reported that he was organising a local volunteer committee to undertake investigations into the development of the Play Area. In the interim, he personally will replace the chains required on the swings and repair the entrance gate (mentioned in the Risk Assessment Report).*

Item 13 Risk Assessments – Maeshafn - Christmas Tree Lights – Christmas Tree Lights – The tree will be trimmed in time for Christmas. The old lights will be removed and the installation of the power will be undertaken by a qualified electrician. The cost of the new lights will be met through the Community Council from the remainder of the Logging Fund. The tree will then be added to the Council's Insurance.

Date Signed

Should read:

The tree will be trimmed in time for Christmas. The old lights will be removed and the present installation will be tested by a qualified electrician. The cost of the new lights will be met through the Community Council precept budget for 2017/2018. The tree will then be added to the Council's Insurance.

Item 17 Planning Matters - Cllr Barton made a proposal that every time the Community Council reject a Planning Application and it goes to full Planning that a representative from the Community Council should attend. *Motion not carried.* However, the Community Council did accept an amendment made by Cllr Allan Morgans that each application be considered on a case by case basis. *Agreed.* Cllr Barton announced his intention to attend the next Planning Meeting and speak on behalf of the Community Council if either the last planning Applications were on the Agenda for discussion. (Bryn Artro or Windyridge) *Agreed.*

Should read:

Cllr Barton made a proposal that every time the Community Council reject a Planning Application and it goes to full Planning that a representative from the Community Council should attend. Motion not carried. Cllr Allan Morgans proposed that if an application was rejected by the Community Council and was submitted to full Planning unamended, then a member of the Community Council should speak against the application. This motion was not carried. It was decided that each application be considered on a case by case basis, and a decision would be made as to whether to send a representative to the Planning Committee. Agreed.

8 Matters Arising -

- a) The Footpath sign in Maeshafn has also been reported by Cllr Holland.
- b) Ongoing query regarding painting the steps and maintaining the pathway from Cae Gwyn to the A494.
- c) Cllr Barton did not attend the Planning Meeting for Bryn Artro application.

9 County Councillor's Report – Cllr Holland reported that

- the Bryn Artro application was too big for the plot and that he intended to speak at the Planning Committee meeting.
- The Welsh Government have instructed that the highway outside Valley Lodge will have a 'Stop' sign instead of a Give Way sign, for safety purposes.
- Further warnings are to be issued by Police and Countryside Services regarding keeping dogs on leads especially in the Moel Fammau area.
- The hedgerows around the Pump Station will be trimmed by Welsh Water. Two trees have also been cut down.
- The volume of visitors to Moel Fammau appears to be increasing. Signs relating to what is happening in the area would be informative and helpful.
- Councillors were warned with regard to email scams and that they need to remain vigilant.
- Corporate priorities – the Brown Signs costings are prohibitive for some small business.
- All street lights have been rectified and light output reduced in Cae Gwyn
- A Meeting is to be held to discuss the issue of parking on the grass verges in Moel Fammau
- It is reported that there are more complaints regarding building extensions, creating new access into fields and the siting of caravans without the relevant permissions.
- Cllr Holland announced his intention of going back into Big Covert to check on any additional buildings which may have been erected. Any building would require Planning consent if sited within the AONB.

10 Reports from Other Meetings – Cllr Almond, Cllr Cordiner and the Clerk attended the Code of Conduct Training in Ruthin on the 11th July.

Cllr Barton attended the 'One Voice Wales' Area Meeting held on the 5th July in Eirianfa Denbigh, with a presentation on 'Living Healthily'. Cllr Barton was elected Vice-Chairman of the Area Committee.

Cllr Barton then attended the 'Larger Councils' Meeting. Cllr Barton recommended reading the Innovative Report on the 'One Voice Wales' website.

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11 Maintenance in the Community – Maesafn Play Area– the nettles have been sprayed.
Maeshafn Green – work on repairing the Green will start on the 17th July with follow-up visits for monitoring.
Notice Board at Loggerheads – damage will be inspected by Cllr John Almond
Notice Board at Pant Du – damage will be inspected by Cllr Bob Barton

12 Website Information - Community Council Website Inspection carried out by Denbighshire County Council reported 'good' but can be improved.

13 Red Telephone Kiosk/s – Maeshafn Kiosk – A draft information sheet had been received but the following needed to be amended:

- a) Any reference to Quarrymen and Quarries *should read* Miners and Mines.
 - b) Information regarding the Youth Hostel should be included
 - c) Information with regard to Aberduna Quarry
- Request that Sarah (Cadwyn Leader) attends the September Meeting if possible.

Tafarn-y-Gelyn Kiosk – ongoing

14 Memorial Stone – Cllr Almond had tidied up the area. The Clerk was requested to order the wreaths ready for November.

15 Risk Assessments – Maeshafn Play Area - A Committee will be formed and convened to assess the play area. The Solicitors will be asked to pursue the Transfer of Title.

Christmas Tree Lights – The tree will be trimmed in time for Christmas. New lights will be purchased and installed by a qualified electrician. The tree will then be added to the Council's Insurance.

16 Training & Finance Issues - none raised

17 Finance Issues – none raised

18 Bills	AVOW/Clerk's Salary	£214.35
	Admin Expenses	£92.95
	Maintenance Play Area/Maes Ysgawen	£515.00
	J T Williams Mower Service Charge	£213.92
	Village Hall Rental (Annual)	£110.00

19 Planning Matters – 21/2017/0427 Location: 6 Rectory Lane Llanferres
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of dormer windows to front and rear
Resolved: the Community Council offered no objections to the proposals but that the proposals should comply with the Supplementary Planning Guidance(Residential) 6.4.1, 6.5.4(Fig 10), 6.7

20 Correspondence list – items of correspondence were discussed as above. There were no additional items.

21 Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:
None raised

22 Date of next Meeting: A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 14th September 2017 at **7:30** pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date Signed