

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 12th JULY 2018

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

Apologies: Cllr's Jac Armstrong, Amanda Curtis and Cllr Martyn Holland

Before the Meeting commenced, the Chairman referred to an email that was sent to the Chairman from Cllr Barton, in which there was an allegation of bullying. Cllr Barton was asked if it was a formal complaint as it was not perceived, from the recipient of the correspondence concerned, as in any way bullying or harassment. There followed a discussion and the outcome is recorded as a 'robust debate' and not a formal complaint.

1 Meeting Open to the Public – the following items were raised:

- a) The picnic tables and chairs in Maes Ysgawen required cleaning.
- b) It appears that a number of 'No parking' signs have been erected along the hedgerow boundary of the Playing Field. These are not placed with permission.
- c) On the A494, opposite Tyn Llan Farm, the fence has been damaged.
- d) On a matter of clarity, the Denbighshire County Council are only going to refurbish the toilet area not the toilets and kitchen areas.
- e) A question was raised as to the difference between 'Personal and Personal & Prejudicial Interest'? Cllr Barton gave an example of a planning issue.

(As recorded in The Good Councillor's Guide' ' Personal Interest – financial or other interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct. Prejudicial Interests – a personal interest that is so significant, that a knowledgeable member of the public might consider that it prejudices your judgement on the matter to be discussed')

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 - Cllrs Ivy and Isla Watts declared an interest in Item 13. They both have a Personal and Prejudicial Interest due to the close family ties to the Maintenance issue.

5 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th June 2018 – these were accepted and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:
Representatives on Other Bodies – delete the last line '*County Councillor*'
Item 19 – Other Matters – a) Footpath past the Miner's Inn needs maintenance – *add* 'Footpath past the Miner's Inn, *Maeshafn*, needs maintenance'.

6 Matters Arising – Dog Poo Bins in Maeshafn – there is no update.
19(d) – With regard to the proposal to land fill the Quarry in Maeshafn with inert waste, the Chair sent an acknowledgement. It was agreed to invite the applicant to the October Meeting to discuss the plans. Cllr Barton will circulate the documentation, received from Planning Aid Wales to inform the Councillors prior to the Meeting, which will commence at the earlier time of 7.00pm.

7 County Councillor's Report – a copy of the following Report was circulated prior to the Meeting, in Cllr Holland's absence.

- 1) A complaint from a ward resident who uses the public transport from Mold to Eryrys that when the bus travels up from the A494 to Maeshafn it now moves into the centre of the road because of overhanging trees. The County has been asked to investigate and to approach land owners etc. to get these trimmed back.
- 2) In July work will start on up grading the Swimming Pool at Brynhyfryd School. This will involve new changing rooms and the pool hall and will be completed by the end of the year.

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This is great news for Ysgol Bro Famau who use the pool in the Spring Term for swimming lessons and for local residents who use the facility as part of the Leisure Complex.

3) If anyone in the Llanferres area is having problems with their EE mobile reception can they let Cllr Holland know please. 4G and 3G should be ok but EE have admitted that they are experiencing engineering problems in Eryrys and Llanarmon. The Counties Communications Officer has kindly taken this issue up on my behalf with EE.

4) Cllr Holland reported the gravel on the Llanferres Maeshafn road and asked if it can be swept again. Cllr Holland has also asked if we can look into the root cause and try and find a long-term solution.

5) Zig Zag no parking lines will be installed by the county outside the school gates.

6) After an approach at the recent Recreational Ground AGM, the County has been asked to repair a manhole cover by the village pond in Tafarn Y Gelyn. The cover has dropped at least two inches and the tarmac around the sides is breaking up.

The manhole covers an access to the stream that supplies water to the village pond which is drying up. Cllr Holland has also asked if the County can investigate to see if the relevant pipes are blocked because you can hear the stream running below and so it is not just a shortage of water.

7) As you will have read in the press DCC are considering changing the bin collections across the county. The suggested new collections will include replacing the blue bins with separate boxes for paper, tins, plastic and glass bottles and these will be collected weekly along with food waste, nappies and dog poo. There will be no change to green waste collections, but larger black bins will be collected once every four weeks.

8) The Welsh Government want DCC to change the way we collect waste and want us to increase our recycling to 80% compared to our current 64% which is still very good. They will cover the cost of the changes (estimated at Seven Million Pounds !!) but I along with other councillors have asked for the proposal to be called into Scrutiny so that we can look at all the figures.

Prior to China's decision to no longer take the Wests rubbish we were getting £25 a ton for recyclable waste now we are paying £25 a ton to get rid of it. Sadly, the figures going forward do not add up. Watch this space.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for circulating another comprehensive Report.

8 Reports from Other Meetings – Cllr Barton attended the 'One Voice Wales' Area Meeting held in Pentrefoelas on the 11th July 2018. Cllr Barton reported an excellent meeting during which cybercrime and the range of protection plans to safeguard data were explained. The Anti-virus software needed to be up to date on all computer systems. The advertisement for a new North Wales Development Officer has been launched. Additional funding for 'One Voice Wales' is a possibility. There was a national shortage of Clerks. Cllr Barton was re-elected as Vice-Chair and the NEC Representative. The 'One Voice Wales' AGM will be held in Builth Wells on the 29th September 2018. Cllr Barton had voiced his wish to attend.

9 Maintenance in the Community – a) Memorial Stone – the Plaque which has fallen off the Memorial Stone is to be put back temporarily.

10 Planning Issues - 21/2018/0550 Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension
Location: 12 Bryn Artro Avenue Tafarn-y-Gelyn Llanferres

The Community Council have received correspondence from neighbours situated on either side of this property. Following discussions. *Resolved: The Community Council do not object to the proposal in principle providing that the Planning Officer is satisfied that the plan meets the 45 degree rule*

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21/2018/0556 Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension to Summerhouse
Location: Silverwood House – Summer House Maeshafn
The Community Council have agreed, that subject to Lawful Use, they do not object to the proposal.

11 Risk Assessments

Maes Ysgawen – we have now achieved the Green Flag Award and the Award Ceremony will be held on 9th August 2018. An invitation will be extended to Mr. David Jones as he was instrumental in the creation of the Open Space. Attendees will also be Cllr Almond, Cllr Barton and the Clerk.

The Asset Risk Assessments are due to be carried out this Summer.

Maeshafn – the Solicitors have now confirmed that all the legal paperwork is now received.

12 Training & Finance Issues - Training day for Clerks to be held on 12th July in Ruthin. Also, a Training session will be held in Coedpoeth on 24th July 2018 – Module 16 - Use of IT, Website and Social Media - Clerk to attend.

Finance Issues – Capital Expenditure – spending the generous donation of £250 – ideas please.

Financial – No risks were raised

13 Bills Clerk’s Salary (July & August) & PAYE £440.66

Application made for VAT Refund – Credit £619.86

Bank Interest £0.33

14 Correspondence – items of correspondence were discussed as above. Also

a) Denbighshire Open Spaces Audit – conclusions – available on Denbighshire website under *Local Development Plan*

b) If the County Council had access to event equipment which would be hired out for use, is this something the Community would access?

c) Information on the proposed Agenda for the One Voice Wales Conference to be held in Bwlth Wells in September. Cllr Barton expressed a wish to attend and will seek match funding.

15 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

a) The footpaths through Big Covert need to be checked.

b) SLCC Conference scheduled to be held in Llandudno on 5th September – Clerk to attend.

16 Date of next Meeting: The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 13th September 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.

Date

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