

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019

**Present:** Cllr. John Almond (Chair), Cllrs Bob Barton, Allan Morgans, Michael Cordiner, Ivy Watts, Jac Armstrong, Isla Watts present. Also, Cllr Martyn Holland and the Clerk Mrs Gwyneth Dillon.

**56 Apologies:** Cllr Amanda Curtis

**57 Meeting Open to the Public** – It was brought to the Council’s notice that a tree requires felling in the Churchyard. This tree does not have a Preservation Order and it is on Church Authority land. The Community Council were happy to support this, should felling be necessary.

**58 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.

**59 Declarations of Interest** – Cllrs Isla and Ivy Watts declared an interest in Item 17 – Invoice to be paid to White Oak Property Services as close family members. Cllr Bob Barton declared an interest in Item 11 as he was a Councillor in three other Communities.

**60 Minutes of the Community Council Meeting Held 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019** - These were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

**61 Matters Arising** – Information regarding the ‘Centenary Crosville Bus Route Celebration’ was circulated by Cllr Barton.  
Holt Hostel Planning Application – Cllr Barton informed the Community Council that the County Planning had refused the Listed Building Application. Cllr Barton had circulated a further response to all Councillors, to be included in the Community Council’s further response to the Planning Application. The response, in part, was *agreed* by the Community Council and the Clerk was instructed to send it on.

**62 County Councillor Martyn Holland’s Report** – previously circulated.

1) Cllr Holland had received several complaints about one or two dog owners who do not clean up after their pets. It appears that the offenders are using the steps from Cae Gwyn to the A494 and the pavements alongside the A494.

The County have been asked to put up a number of Dog Fouling penalty warning notices in that area.

2) There have been several complaints about people parking on both sides of Tyn Llan and causing an obstruction. Once again can we ask residents to use their drives if they have one and to ensure that large vehicles can get through Tyn Llan in the event of an emergency and to enable deliveries.

Please note in the event of a fire at the school or another residence in that area Fire Engines may have to force vehicles out of the way if they are obstructing the highway.

Please park carefully.

3) Cllr Holland has asked the county to investigate the gully through which the stream passes from the recreational ground into Tyn Llan. Reports had been received, that it is a very small-bore pipe, and this was blocked during recent rainstorms.

4) The public consultation on the next LDP candidate sites has begun and everyone has until the end of August to submit any observations. The process is explained via the County Councils Website under the planning section and the form for feedback is also available on the that site.

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5) Cllr Holland is meeting with the Counties Planning Enforcement Officer this afternoon to discuss a few planning issues across the ward and those discussions will include our concerns about the activity or the lack of activity in the Big Covert.

6) Cllr Holland had left a further message via e-mail and telephone for Chris Prime, the estate manager for Morris Homes re the land and trees in Maes Derwen. It is hoped that, by this evening, Cllr Holland may have a further up-date!!

7) Cllr Holland had received a request for an additional sign to guide sat nav users to Moel Famau. It appears that sat nav users are heading in the wrong direction and Cllr Holland will be visiting the area tomorrow to see what else can be done.

8) Cllr Holland would like to congratulate and thank Gareth Jaggerd and Dan Hurst for organising the very successful fell race last night the proceeds of which are going towards maintaining the recreation ground. One hundred and thirteen runners took part and Gareth and Dan were ably assisted by a number of local residents who acted as race marshals and by collecting and inputting the race data. Approximately £400 was raised and a very enjoyable evening was had by all those involved.

Cllr Holland would also like to put on record, his thanks to both Gareth and Dan for their commitment to the recreational ground over the years and their service to the community. It is much appreciated by all concerned.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

**63 Reports From Other Meetings** – Cllr Morgans reported on his participation in the Training Course he attended – Chaining skills.

Cllr Barton attended the 'Planning Aid Wales' workshop on the 11<sup>th</sup> June in Llanrwst and reported an informative session. It clarified the '*Place Plan*' concept and Cllr Barton requested that it be an *Agenda Item for September\**. Cllr Barton would give more detailed information at that meeting and be able to circulate a full conference report, to be published shortly.

Cllr Barton also attended a 'One Voice Wales' and gave a resume of the content, which included an item on Rural Crime.

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

**65 Big Covert Wood** – Cllr Morgans reported that all the relevant documentation was nearly complete. The Land Registry had been contacted with regard to thirty-five location plans. There was an amount of £24.00 per title. Cllr Holland had had two meetings with the County. One was with concerned to the footpaths. Mr Adrian Walls, County Footpaths Officer would forward a copy. There was a scheduled visit to the rejected sites with Enforcement Notices being issued to new owners. Any wood-felling in the AONB should follow an arranged plan of work. One owner had contacted Cllr Morgans and the Clerk, confirming that he had a Felling licence and to complain about the harassment he was having from persons walking the woods.

**66 Review of the County Electoral Arrangements** – a copy of the Final Recommendations had been received. The Electoral Commission recommends combining the Communities of Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd, Llanferres and Llangynhafal to form an electoral ward of 1,871 electors (projected figure 1,969. This area would be known as 'Moel Famau'. The Community Council of Llanferres will raise their opposition to the proposals, repeating their objections submitted in their letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. They would wish their status to remain the same, sharing the electoral ward with Llanarmon and Llandegla. *We await a response.*

**67 Maintenance in the Community** – the Millennium Fountain – repair is still outstanding. The Clerk will contact Mr Healy, a member of the Community to see if he can help.

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**68 Clerk's Vacancy** – This was discussed, and various Job Descriptions and advertisement format were put forward. Cllr Barton believed a new job evaluation should be carried out to update the position and offered to pull together an advertisement for discussion. The Chair was also going to circulate an advertisement for discussion before including it in the News & Views and the website.

**69 Risk Assessments**

Maes Ysgawen – White Oak Properties will continue to maintain the site. Notification had been received that Maes Ysgawen had achieved the Green Flag Award, the ceremony for presentation will take place in Wrexham on Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. The Clerk, Mrs Dillon will attend on the Council's behalf. Cllr Barton will also be there.

Maeshafn – awaiting official paperwork for the Playing Field ownership. Cllr Allan Morgans has been accepting the quotations for the work to be carried out on the Playing Field. To date the new gates and fencing on west side have now been installed. Invoice for cost £2145.72. The picnic tables and benches will be delivered over the August holiday.

*Resolved: delegated powers have been given to the Chair, Cllr Almond, Cllr Morgans and the Clerk to issue the relevant cheque on delivery. This will enable the completion of the Grant Form to be completed in order to meet the Grant (Commutated Sum) obligations.*

The Quarry Authority, through our Solicitors, has refunded the cost of the searches, to the amount of £134.00. The North Wales Wild Life Trust have also contacted the solicitors with regard to the 'L' shaped section of land above the play area, which is also under the Community Council ownership. *The Clerk will request a copy of the Land Registry detail.* White Oak Properties have been requested to lay the concrete plinths in situ ready for the furniture. Cllr Barton requested permission to submit a Green Flag application for the Playing Field.

*Resolved – it was considered premature and the Community Council preferred to wait until the work was complete before doing so.*

Dog Poo Bin – the Clerk has ordered the bin – the Clerk will chase.

Llanferres Playing Field – the additional premium has now been paid in order that the Playing Field be protected by the Community Council Insurance. This did not include the Tafarn-y-Gelyn Pond, which is not under the ownership of the Community Council. Cllr Barton raised the issue of a possible conflict with the Lease held by the Llanferres Playing Field Association and will pursue the detail on behalf of the Community Council.

Llanferres Memorial – nothing to report.

Financial Risks – No risks were raised.

**70 Planning Issues - 21/2019/0145 Location: Aberduna Farm (Amended)**

Proposal: Erection of two no. agricultural livestock buildings, access track and associated works  
*Resolved the Community Council support the comments made by the AONB and Natural Resources Wales.*

**71. Training & Finance Issues**

**Training Issues** – None raised.

**Finance Issues** - Awaiting the outcome of the External Audit. The Notice of Electors Rights will be displayed shortly both on the website and the Notice Boards.

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**72 Bills – Payment Schedule**

Clerk’s Salary (July & August 2019) & PAYE	£242.53 & £236.78
LawnOrder (Application for June)	£35.00
White Oak Properties)	£710.00
BHIB additional Insurance premium	£20.38
Gwilym Lloyd Fencing	£2145.72
Meifod Products (Authorised)	£670.00
Cllr John Almond (Free Resource)	£40.00
Bank Interest received	£0.95

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

**73 Correspondence** – items of correspondence were discussed as above and notification of the LDP Revisions from Flintshire County Council which can be found on:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Planing/Preferred-Strategy-Consultation/LDPDeliveryAgreement-MainDoc-May2019.pdf>

From Denbighshire County Council – information of the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – circulated

Information regarding the Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2018-2033 – Draft Preferred Strategy Consultation – circulated.

**74 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:**

- a) The pond area in Tafarn-y-Gelyn is being grazed by sheep.
- b) Traffic is mistakenly going up the Old Bridal Way in Tafarn-y-Gelyn in search of Moel Fammau. *\*Agenda Item September*
- c) Speeding is still a problem in the community. (Speed Camera?) *\*Agenda Item September*
- d) The Maeshafn Picnic was to be held shortly and the Wild Life Trust were happy to accommodate the Picnic on their land.
- e) It was thought that some issues would be raised regarding the planning application for Tan y Graig. (None have been raised to date).

**75 Date of next Meeting:** The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at **7:30** pm in the **Village Hall** in Llanferres. There is no **scheduled meeting in August.**

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