

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 15th JUNE 2017

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

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Rob Jones, Cllr Martyn Holland
- 2 **Meeting Open to the Public** – It was suggested that in relation to the re-use of the Telephone Kiosks, the Community Council consider applying to the Sustainable Development Fund for a grant (Tony King). A complaint had been received with regard to the mature trees, which had been cut at the rear of the Playing /fields near Mayfield. The LPFRA lease the area from the Community Council but they had received no notification or request for permission for this.
- 3 **Declaration 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.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest** – none declared.
- 5 **Co-option Notice** – the Notice had been displayed until June 14th – no applications had been received. It was agreed to ask for a repeat inclusion into the News & Views.
- 6 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 11th May 2017** – these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:
Statement by Cllr Bob Barton read out by the Clerk at the May Meeting – Cllr Barton requested that this statement, in its entirety be included in the Minutes:

*Cllr Bob Barton wishes to advise everyone that he has a lifelong medical disability which was confirmed in November 2011 - **Asperger's Syndrome**.*

It is a form of autism on the more able end of the autistic spectrum.

*Symptoms include **not being aware** of facial expressions or body language, **not picking up** non-verbal signals from others around them and **the ability to talk the hind leg off a donkey** - those of you who know him will never have noticed the last one!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Some of the positive aspects of Asperger's Syndrome include a good memory for facts and single-mindedness.

He has a strong desire for order, routine and diligence. Bob have suffered a lifetime of intolerance - he clearly now sees this attitude as disability discrimination.

Bob had a provisional diagnosis in October 2004 - so it took the Welsh NHS 7 years for a consultant to make the clinical diagnosis.....

Item 4 – Election of Vice-Chairman ‘Cllr Michael Cordiner was nominated as Vice-Chairman and seconded by Cllr Rob Jones’ should read ‘Cllr Michael Cordiner was nominated as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Bob Barton and seconded by Cllr Rob Jones’.

Item 6 – Meeting opened to the public ‘Mrs. Sheila Hawkes requested’ should read ‘Ms. Sheila Hawkes requested’

- 7 **Matters Arising -**
 - a.) The broken tourist sign in Maeshafn has not been repaired. The Clerk has been handed a photograph a copy of which will be sent to Countryside Services for their attention.
 - b.) The white paint for the edge of the steps on the footpath from Cae Gwyn is yet to be completed.
 - c.) The Information sign (on the Triangle) in Maeshafn is at the bottom of the pole (alert Denbighshire Highways).
 - d.) Cllr Barton assumed the meeting place for the site visit at Maes Ysgawen would be the Village Hall entrance. All others who attended met at the entrance to Maes Ysgawen. He asked that in future the meeting place should be stipulated beforehand.

Date Signed

8 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Holland had sent apologies but had also attached a copy of his Report for the meeting;
Cllr Huw Evans has been appointed as Leader of Denbighshire County Council and a new cabinet with a number of new faces has been appointed. Members are now being appointed to the various committees and outside bodies such as the Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Panel.

All street lights in Llanferres deemed to be too bright, have now been dimmed

Cllr Holland has asked that the planning committee reject the original application at 4 Bryn Arthro Avenue and that they ask for the new property to be built at least three feet from the boundaries of the neighbouring properties on both sides. This will give access for emergency services and maintenance.

There is a new process for applying for social housing. Applicants will now call the new Sarth line 01824 712911 and an officer will complete an application form over the telephone with them.

Applicants will then be considered for both council and housing association properties via this one route. The process is still based on a points system.

9 Reports from Other Meetings – The ‘New Councillors Induction’ course was attended by Cllrs Michael Cordiner, Bob Barton and Ivy Watts and they reported a successful evening. Cllr Barton attended a meeting in Nannerch during which they discussed the re-use of redundant Telephone Boxes. This proved to be a good networking event with an exchange of information.

Minutes of the ‘One Voice Wales’ Area Meeting, held on the 5th April have been received. The next ‘One Voice Wales’ Area Meeting will be held in Llanrwst and Cllr Barton will attend and will raise the question of venues at the meeting.

10 Maintenance in the Community – Maeshafn play area – the hedgerow has been cut and all the reported barbed wire removed. The mower has been collected for maintenance and the cost is expected to be £213.92. On its return, training will be arranged for other named drivers. Nettles are to be sprayed – *Hugo will attend to this*. A gardener has made a site visit to quote for the damage done to the Green. The Bus Company have accepted responsibility and will process the claim for damages (£440.00)

The damage to the sign into the Village has been assessed for a repair (£300) together with the repairs to the Mower Shed roof (£450). Cllr Barton is undertaking a quest for a grant to meet the cost of the repair to the roof.

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).

11 Red Telephone Kiosk/s – taking the next step. Maeshafn Kiosk - The Clerk had received photographs from Mr. Tony King in respect of the Quarry and these had been forwarded to Cadwyn Leader. The Community Council discussed the issues further and were of the opinion that the Kiosk should:

Have a simple location map
Display the walking routes with mileage and time
A leaflet holder – (for the Pub Menu) etc
Emergency contact Numbers

Tafarn-y-Gelyn Kiosk – should display:

Display the walking routes with mileage and time (with information regarding the Information Centre at Loggerheads)
Information regarding the nearest Public Toilets (Moel Famau Car Park & Picnic Area)
Emergency contact Numbers

With both Kiosks, the Community Council wish to pursue the installation of a WiFi Hub and Solar Panels with a view to installing a Defibrillator.

Resolved the Clerk to relay this information to Cadwyn Leader.

12 **Memorial Stone** – no update.

13 **Risk Assessments** – As reported previously there are maintenance issues in the Maeshafn Play Area.

Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space – the site visit took place on Thursday 25th May. In the ‘wild’ area it was suggested that heathers be planted instead of wild flowers (ease of maintenance).

Chippings to be inserted around all the seating areas.

Discuss with the school the use of raised beds for the children.

Trees will need trimming during the Autumn months. Planting of native bluebells and daffodils.

Pools to be created to help prevent flooding with the planting of Marsh Marigolds.

Use of an open area for recreational purpose?

It was agreed that the Green Flag Award would be applied for possibly October 2017.

Maeshafn – Still awaiting the completion of the paperwork from Hanson’s Solicitors for the purchase of the Play area. In the interim, ‘Celtic Stone’ have been contacted and a quote has been received for the repair to the Village Sign. There was still the question of ownership. The cost of repairing the stone boundary wall is to be borne by Celtic Stone on behalf of the community. The cost of repairing the slate roof to the Mower Shed is estimated at £450.00.

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.

Dog Fouling – currently no detail.

14 **Training & Finance Issues** Training Issues – Code of Conduct Training for new Councillors dates were circulated. *Resolved* – *Cllr Michael Cordiner will attend 11th July 6pm in Ruthin Cllr Bob Barton on 11th July 2pm.*

Cllr Bob Barton also requested permission to attend the Joint Conference at Ewloe half the cost will be met by the Llandegla Community Council. *Agreed*

15 **Finance Issues** - The Clerk presented the Accounts to the Council and also a copy of the Internal Audit Report for discussion and resolution at the next meeting. *Resolved to accept the Accounts to submit to the External Auditor.* These were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

16 Bills	AVOW/Clerk’s Salary	£214.35
	Internal Auditor J D H Bus Services	£147.60
	Conference Fee for Clerk St. David’s Ewloe	£82.80
	‘One Voice Wales’ Cllr Training	£40.00

17 **Planning Matters** – none received. 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.*

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

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

The next Cluster Meeting will be held on 20th July 2017 in County Hall at 6pm.

20 **Date of next Meeting:** A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date Signed