

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

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

- 1 Apologies:** Cllr's Isla Watts, Ms Amanda Curtis, Jac Armstrong
- 2 Meeting Open to the Public** – a resident, present at the meeting, reported a large volume of water running off the Cilcain Road into Bryn Artro Avenue. It was agreed to write to the Denbighshire Highways Department and Natural Resources Wales to ask for a survey of the site to rectify/alleviate the matter. The maintenance already carried out on Cilcain Road was of benefit to the area.

It was reported again that the sign into Bryn Artro was misspelt and a request was made to have it changed from 'Atro' to 'Artro'.

It was requested that, although a Salt Box was provided adjacent to the School, no grit or gritter was available to clear Cae Gwyn in adverse weather. Could the Community Council provide a hand gritter for the Village? \**Agenda Item for April*

The Community was reminded that the Salt held within the Salt Bins MUST NOT be used for clearing private drives.

- 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 reported.

- 5 Minutes of the Meeting Held 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018** – these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:  
*Item 10 Green Flag Award* – delete 'adjourned until next meeting'  
*Item 11 Maintenance in Community – Maeshafn* – 'the outer wall will be repaired...' to read 'the outer wall section will be repaired...'  
*Item 16 Planning Matters* (Cllrs Baron, Almond and Morgans) should read '(Cllrs Barton, Almond and Morgans)'

- 6 Matters Arising** – a weight limit sign on both Tyn Llan and Cae Gwyn? Cllr Holland was happy to pursue this item – no update.
  - The telegraph poles on the A494, damaged in a car accident have now been repaired. However, the cabling, sitting on the top of the hedgerow has not been attended to.
  - The comments made from Colwyn Bay Town Council and Cllr John Almond of Llanferres Community Council with regard to the protection/preservation of trees are all very valid.
  - Two trees on the Heulog have now been cut and made safe.

- 7 County Councillors Report** - Cllr Holland offered the following Report prior to the Meeting.
  - 1) We are working with Countryside Services to see what grants/support they can help us with to repair the dry-stone wall around the play area in Maeshafn. One possibility is to approach Llysfasi Agricultural College to see if they could help us and use the project as a training exercise for their students. We should explore all avenues including such things as the AONB SDF grants.
  - 2) I have received some very positive feedback from residents on the Cilcain Road Tafarn Y Gelyn about the work undertaken to stop the pooling of water on this road. Some other residents have now contacted me about the entrances to their properties and I will see what can be done to help them.

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3) New Bus Time tables will be introduced on the 11th March and I am pleased to say that we have only lost one service on the Mold Ruthin route. The service that has been discontinued is the last bus from Ruthin to Mold which apparently is very rarely used.

There have been a small number of changes to bus departure times around the late mornings and the New Service provider is the MH bus company.

I will be dropping off copies of the new bus timetables in the village shops and pubs as soon as they have been printed and they are already available on the relevant websites.

4) Last month I arranged a meeting between village hall committee, the school head and county officers to look at the committee's proposals for up grading the facilities in the hall. It was a constructive meeting and although funding is tight the county will help the committee to find grants etc to help fund the planned alterations. During the meeting it came to light that the hall committee and the county are insuring the building. The good news is that the committee can cancel their policy because the county will continue to pick up this cost.

5) I have already circulated the details of the meeting held on the 16th February at Loggerheads where we discussed the problems residents are encountering in Loggerheads and Cadole when there is snow on the ground. I visited the area myself last weekend and experienced the abuse from members of the public when they are challenged about parking illegally.

With the chairman's permission I will give a full update at the meeting because I have further news that will improve the position in future.

6) During the Snow last weekend, the County did struggle to keep all our roads open. We did encounter extreme conditions where no sooner had the snow ploughs cleared the main roads the wind was already blowing more snow across the roads behind them.

Sadly, I did receive several calls from residents who could not get out of their lanes due to the snow drifting but if the road was unadopted or private the county was unable to help.

7) The village Recreational Ground Committee are holding their annual Casino Night this Saturday and there are still tickets available. It is a black-tie event and worthy of support.

8) The Highways Dept will be confirming the road works schedule for the coming financial year next week and I will report on how this will affect our community at our April meeting. Please do not expect great things because the budgets are very tight, and the recent bad weather has also had a major impact on our road surfaces. I can report that the Association of Welsh Government are meeting with the Welsh Government to ask for more money for our roads. Central Government have given Wales an additional 1.2 billion in this year's settlement but as you all know Denbighshire has still had its funding from the Welsh Government cut again this year by nearly five million pounds!!

9) The spectre of local government reorganisation has once again reared its head with announcements from the new Welsh local government minister and suggestions from another minister that local authorities should come together to produce joint LDPs.

The letter from the minister was typical of the Welsh Government with a veiled threat in the last paragraph that she expected this to happen. She has suggested that Conwy and Denbighshire produce a new joint LDP!!

10) Finally, it is that time of year when we should all be good neighbours and keep an eye on the more vulnerable members of our communities. Communities have come together to clear snow and getting in shopping for our older residents. Please also encourage everyone to keep their dogs on a lead when crossing farm land especially at this time of year when the lambing season is in full swing.

**8 Snow in the Community** – Following the extreme snowfall there was again chaos in Loggerheads in respect of indiscriminate car parking, vandalism and litter. A meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February between all the relevant parties, Countryside Services, Police, Denbighshire Highways to discuss the issues. The following steps were put forward:

- i) The PCSO's have no power to book cars for indiscriminate parking, but the Enforcement Team from Denbighshire County Council will. In extreme snowfall, the team will be directed to the area to ensure that this is carried out if necessary. The Community Councillors will not carry out any enforcement action.

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- ii) There was a need to put an article in the daily newspapers that the fields in Cadole and Loggerheads are private property and the destruction of the fences will not be tolerated.
- iii) Denbighshire County Council will ensure that Forestry Road is cleared and Countryside Services will ensure their car parks are clear. (These may be free in extreme conditions).

**9 Llanferres Carnival - Update** Mrs. Sheila Hawkes gave a report on the current position of the Carnival arrangements. Essential attractions have been booked. There are others on the wish list but are dependent on funding. The approach to local businesses for support has been pleasing with many promises made. Funding stands in the region of £3000.00, half of which is reserved for final invoices and provisions. The King/Queen nominations should all be in by Friday 9th March. A registration site will be set up to give an idea of how many youngsters will be present and all parents etc. will be encouraged to register the number and ages of children attending. The Committee are now awaiting the response from the Community Council with regard to their agreement to support the Carnival. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hawkes for her concise report and the letter from Mr. Headly. There followed a discussion with the Councillors, as the Community Council had also received a copy of the Agreement between the Skye Marquee Company and the Carnival Committee for the hire of the Marquee. It was proposed and seconded that the Community Council meet the total cost of the Marquee. *Resolved: The Community Council will meet the total cost of the hire charge providing the Invoice is made out to the Community Council of Llanferres. Cost £627.50 plus VAT.*

**10 Reports from Other Meetings** – Cllr’s Barton, Almond and Morgans attended the recent (free) Planning Workshop held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, in Ruthin Castle. Agreement was that it was not a very productive meeting. A question was raised whether or not Denbighshire was going to arrange any training courses on other subjects in the future? Cllr Holland agreed to enquire.

Green Flag Award (Cllr Barton) – Photographs had been received but more may be required otherwise Cllr Barton had prepared all the relevant documentation for submission. The Play area in Maeshafn is also being considered.

**11 Maintenance in the Community – Maes Ysgawen** – ‘Green Flag’ submission sent. Maeshafn – The Play Inspection Report had been received in which minor and low risks had been noted. The main risk was to the entrance gate which requires maintenance. Cllr Morgans is asking for quotes for the work. The Community Council have received a communication from our Solicitors with regard to the Transfer. The Quarry Solicitors have asked that we execute the Transfer. Unfortunately, it is noted that the execution clause is incorrect and will have to be amended. They had also asked that we execute the Section 39 Agreement. It was understood that this did not concern the Community Council, therefore clarification is required. As the Community Council have now undergone a change in the Officers, new signatures are required on the documentation. This will also need amendment.

**12 Red Telephone Kiosks** – the kiosk in Maeshafn is now complete. The Defibrillator is soon to be installed, together with the new signs. The reconnection of the power supply is ongoing with Sottish Power at present.

**13 Risk Assessments**

Financial – the Bank Reconciliation Finance Statement was circulated. No risk raised.

**14 Training & Finance Issues** - none raised.

<b>15 Bills</b>	Clerk’s Salary (March) & PAYE	£214.35
	Society of Council Clerks (Membership)	£72.00
	Play Inspection Report	£78.00
	Skye Marquee Hire (Carnival)	£753.00 (inc VAT)

**15a Planning Matters** – 1 Application received outside the Agenda. 21/2018/0166 16 Bryn Arthro. Discussions to be held through Planning Committee for ratification in April Meeting\*

**16 Correspondence list** – items of correspondence were discussed as above. Also

- a) Engagement Event Invitation through One Voice Wales.
- b) Independent Remuneration Panel – invitation to attend a discussion regarding the current framework. Llandudno 9<sup>th</sup> May Conwy Business Centre 10.30 – 12.30 (Clerk)
- c) From the SLCC a copy of the Data Protection ‘Toolkit’. Community Council must register by May 2018.
- d) Letter from a local owner from Big Covert regarding trespass and mountain bike riding.  
*Response: Letter r(email) to be sent in reply this matter is a civil matter and as such you should take legal advice. Also notify the Denbighshire County Council Footpaths Officer for further advice.*

**17 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:** none raised.

**18 Date of next Meeting:** A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.

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