

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 10th MAY 2018

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

1 Apologies: Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr Rob Jones

The Chairman apologised for the administration error, as due to mitigating circumstances the Annual General Meeting had to be postponed until the Month of June.

2 Meeting Open to the Public – The Carnival Committee sent a letter of thanks for the Community Council support and Ms. Sheila Hawkes informed them that the Carnival was a huge success. The Gardening Club had a stall on the Carnival Field and had sold out in no time.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council thanked Ms. Hawkes for her unstinting work in resurrecting the Carnival.

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 12th April 2018 – these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6 Matters Arising – with regard to the erection of a fence panel in Cae Derwen, the Community Council has no objection and recommends that the current owner be contacted for permission.

7 County Councillors Report - Cllr Holland offered the following Report prior to the Meeting.

1) Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Carnival Committee on a fantastic event last Sunday. I know that Sheila and the committee had some sleepless nights over the arrangements, but it proved to be a great success and it once again brought the Community and all ages together.

2) I mentioned in my last report that there had been a number of break-ins in the area. I have recently heard that Cafi Florence and the Offices of Countryside Services had also been broken into and a small amount of cash stolen.

3) I am currently investigating reports that tree felling is taking place in the Big Covert. Depending on the volume of trees being felled a license from NRW may be required and I will be asking the relevant authorities to investigate.

4) It has been brought to my attention that when a property in Llanferres or Tafarn Y Gelyn is advertised via Right Move the nearest recommended school is either Gwernymynydd or Gwernaffield respectively. This will not help the sellers find buyers or the school if families do not move into this area because they feel that they will have to take their children into the next county for their education. I have been in touch with the local agents and contacted Right Move and asked them to correct their web site.

5) I have been asked by the school governors to press for Zig Zag yellow lines outside the school to alleviate the congestion by the school gates at certain times of the day.

6) I had a site meeting with officers from Highways and Housing to try and resolve who is responsible for the maintenance of the areas as you enter Cae Derwen. When the County adopted the road some five years ago it is not clear who had responsibility for the trees and grass cutting. A land registry search confirms that the builders still own two small parcels of land and the county will now approach them to prune the relevant trees etc.

7) In my last report I mentioned that local government re-organisation was back on the table. It will be interesting to see what will happen now after the first minister's announcement that he is stepping down. He was the main driving force behind these proposals and things may change after the election of a new leader and the inevitable cabinet reshuffle.

8) White lines will be placed at the Fairy Glen Junction and a 20ml hr restriction with zig-zag lines outside the School in Llanferres for safety.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive Report.

Date Signed

8 Reports from Other Meetings – Cllr Barton attended the ‘Independent Remuneration Panel’ Meeting held in Conwy Business Centre on 9th May. It was still unclear what Community and Town Councils had to do. On the 1st September, all payments made to Councillors should be published. Still not resolved as to whether they should be added to the Payroll or not. Cllr Barton wanted ‘One Voice Wales’ to put forward a Motion to ensure that the IRW puts through their Report in November and not in February, during which month would be after the Town & Community Councils had set their Precepts. *Unresolved.*

9 Maintenance in the Community – a) Maes Ysgawen – no update. b) There is a collapsed grid in Tafarn-y-Gelyn. (Cllr Holland to report to Highways)

Maeshafn - i) Cllr Morgans has now received three quotes for the maintenance of the gates to the Play area. *Agenda Item next Meeting**

- ii) The Flintshire directional route sign and the Give Way sign have been replaced.
- iii) Denbighshire have yet to confirm whether they will empty Dog Poo Bins.
- iv) Maintenance work has been carried out on the hedging around the Play area, Big Covert and down by the river, thanks to Rhun in Countryside Services.
- v) Still awaiting power for the Red Kiosk from Scottish Power.
- vi) Documentation for Land Transfer for Play Area is now ready for signatures (date to be arranged). Solicitors confirm that Hanson’s will cover all legal costs.

10 Planning Issues - it was agreed that no site visits should be made by individual Councillors unless sanctioned by the Community Council. This decision was questioned by Cllr Barton, who insisted that each Councillor is entitled to make a site visit if they wished. Cllr Barton will continue to make a visit if he wishes despite the Council’s decision. Cllr Morgans objected and wants all decisions to go through the Community Council. It was agreed to invite a Planning Officer from Denbighshire to attend a meeting to clarify our role and to confirm it in writing. *Clerk to initiate an invitation.*

Denbighshire will hold a Planning Training Workshop on the 24th May at 6pm – 8pm. The Agenda will cover ‘What are Planning Breaches’ and ‘Prioritising Complaints – degree of Harm’. *Cllrs Barton, Morgans and Almond wished to attend.*

11 Risk Assessments

Financial – the Final Finance Statement was circulated. No risks were raised. No other Risks were noted.

12 Training & Finance Issues - the current Training Programme has been circulated. With regard to Finance, the Governance Statement and submission figures for the Audit were also circulated. *Resolved: The Community Council accepted the Accounts which go to Internal Audit on the 24th May 2018 and were signed by the Chairman.*

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| 13 Bills | Clerk’s Salary (May) & PAYE | £220.33 |
| | Village Hall Rental | £110.00 |
| | Grant for Church Maintenance | £350.00 |
| | Council Insurance to be confirmed | |

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

- a) One Voice Wales – Guide to Services information
- b) Independent Review Panel – April Newsletter

15 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

- a) County Map is incorrect and needs amendment.
- b) Where is the Community Council’s copy of the Definitive Footpaths Map?
- c) Four Christmas Trees have been donated for planting, (currently in pots until correct time to plant)
- d) The Community Councillors are invited to attend the Royal Air Force Centenary Event on Monday 21st May at 10.00am County Hall Ruthin. *Clerk, Cllrs Almond, Morgans.*

16 Date of next Meeting: The Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 14th June 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.