

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING Held Thursday 9th MAY 2019

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

Apologies: Cllr Amanda Curtis

Election of Chairman – Cllr John Almond was proposed and seconded and took the Chair. Cllr Almond signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice-Chairman – Cllr Allan Morgans was proposed and seconded and took the Vice-Chairmanship. Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed at the next meeting.

Meeting Open to the Public – It was to be noted that the Holt Hostel has twelve outstanding Planning Applications and is currently under the Enforcement Officer. Cllr Holland noted that he had a copy of the Planning Officer's response and was aware of the retrospective planning items. Ongoing. Cllr Barton commented that one issue has been brought up was the fact that there are no planning rights in the open countryside. Cllr Barton wanted to make sure that this issue is taken up in depth should there be a future planning proposal.

Declarations of Interest – Cllr Allan Morgans declared an interest in the Planning Application 21/2019/0145. The Applicant is a close personal friend.

Appointment of Representatives on Other Committees - the following Councillors were appointed:

NAME OF COMMITTEE/BODY	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE	NAME OF NEW REPRESENTATIVE
'One Voice Wales'	Gwyneth Dillon Cllr Bob Barton	Gwyneth Dillon Cllr Bob Barton
Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Rob Jones	Cll Jac Armstrong
Old People's Welfare Committee	Cllr Rob Jones	Cllr Allan Morgans
Llanferres Playing Fields & Recreation Association	Cllr Isla Watts	Cllr Isla Watts
Community Open Space Maeshafn Play Area Maes Ysgawen	Full Community Council	Full Community Council
Clwyd Branch of Society of Local Council Clerks	Gwyneth A Dillon	Gwyneth A Dillon
Planning Sub-Committee	Full Community Council	Full Community Council
'News & Views' Reporter	Forwarded by the Clerk	Forwarded by the Clerk
County Councillor	Cllr Martyn Holland	Cllr Martyn Holland

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held 11th April 2019 - These were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

Take out the apologies for Cllr Holland, as he was present at the meeting.

Item 2 - Open to the Public – 'were considering converting the Hearse House (adjacent to the Church) into a public function room plus' **Change to** '*were considering converting the Hearse House (adjacent to the Church) into a public room plus*'

Item 9 - Reports from Other Meetings – 'There had been no response to date from the IPW with regard to Councillors Allowances ...' **Change to** '*There had been no response to date from the IPRW with regard to Councillors Payments ...*' 'Mold Town Council won five awards' **Change to** '*Mold Town Council won five 'runner up' awards*'.

Item 11 – Planning 21/2019/0301 – '(retrospective listed application) **Change to** '*retrospective application*).

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Matters Arising – Morris Homes have cut the grass to the entrance of Cae Derwen.

Financial support could be possible for the renovation of the Hearse House. Cllr Armstrong was following up the legislation and Cllr Barton was to check with 'One Voice Wales' (Welsh Officer Mel Ap Owain). Cllr Barton raised the question, if it would be possible for the Community Council to take it over? *Clarification would be required.*

The matter of the bin, which blew over with wind, was pursued. It was found to be each residents responsibility to make sure they are in a secure place and removed from the kerbside when empty. Cllr Barton reported that the question of the IPRW payments to each Councillor be made on a pro-rata basis was 'fair and equitable'. Each Council should adopt a Policy to pay the payments. *Cllr Barton will send in a Motion and Proposed Draft to the June Meeting.*

County Councillor Martyn Holland's Report – previously circulated.

a) Cllr Holland visited the Big Covert Wood recently with Cllr Morgans and a colleague from the Conservation Society. A number of plots were identified as having buildings/constructions on them and one which had not been cleared as previously agreed. All the sites will be reported to the DCC Planning Enforcement Team. What is worrying, is the number of fire pits at these sites.

b) Cllr Holland's meeting with Morris Homes has been postponed at the request of the Company. The Trunk Road Agency has now completed all the pavement improvements on the stretch of the A494 through Llanferres.

c) The tree has been removed from the school yard over the Easter holiday and a machine will now be used to remove the roots in the pipe at the rear of Cae Derwen and Tyn Llan. This should resolve the running water down Tyn Llan when it rains.

d) Cllr Holland attended a constructive meeting, involving the school, Education Authority and the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall Committee had raised concerns about the process for getting repairs completed in the Hall. The Governing Body raised concerns about the fact that all the repairs were coming out of the school budget. The Village Hall Committee will be looking for ways to keep the repairs to a minimum and the Education Authority will look at how major repairs are funded. The Education Authority had funded the new toilets and promised to look at the Village Hall roof and windows as part of their planned maintenance programme for 2020. (Any unseen emergency repairs elsewhere may put this back).

e) The leaks reported in the new toilets have now been resolved.

f) Cllr Holland reported the blocked gullies on the Maeshafn Road once again. A large pool was forming after heavy rain and the wash from passing cars is affecting the road side banks.

g) Cllr Holland recently attended a presentation by GwE (The North Wales Education Monitoring Team) about the Welsh Governments proposed changes to education in Wales. Testing will be replaced by assessments but when Cllr Holland asked how these assessments will be undertaken and how the Counties Scrutiny Committees will monitor schools and children's progress, it appears that no guidelines have been given to date by Welsh Government!! One officer said that they will still have testing at sixteen but as it was pointed out this, will be far too late! Watch this space.

Cllr Barton recommended recourse to the School/Village Hall Lease. As far as was known, minor bills went through the school but major bills went through the County. The largest item of expenditure to the school was the electricity. The renewal date for the Lease was 2021.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

Reports From Other Meetings - It was reported that Cllrs' Barton, John Almond and Mr. David Jones met the Green Flag Representative on the site of Maes Ysgawen. Photographs were taken and we now await the result.

Big Covert Wood - Report from Cllr Morgans – Cllr Morgans met with Mr Adrian Walls and Ms Tania Evans (Footpaths Officers). A separate form would have to be completed for each path. Work has already started on the redraft. Two paths have been missed and information is being sought for the owners. All owners for all the paths need to be identified as a Notice would have to be served individually. Arrangements will be made to work alongside Denbighshire County Council in this regard.

Maintenance in the Community – the Millennium Fountain – repair is still outstanding. It was agreed to contact Mr Ian Logan in the first instance.

The gully in Tafarn-y-Gelyn is still not been cleaned. (Cllr Holland).

The residents of Glendale have complained about nettles growing under their fence from Maes Ysgawen. This should be resolved as the borders have all been trimmed.

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Planning Issues - 21/2019/0145 Location: Aberduna Farm

Proposal: Erection of 2 no. livestock buildings, access track and associated works.

Following a discussion the following response was agreed: *The Community Council had major concerns about the scale of the proposal. Is there a robust business case to support this application? The Community Council also wish to endorse and agree with the AONB representations.*

Risk Assessments

Maes Ysgawen – work is being carried out according to the maintenance plan.

Maeshafn – awaiting update for the Playing Field ownership.

LawnOrder the next maintenance application of the Green will be 19th June 2019.

Following the Play Inspection carried out of the Play Area, where it highlighted several low-risk problems, it is now confirmed that the Grant Application, to put in motion some of the issues raised, has been received (Copy to Cllr Morgans). Updated quotes for the work will be made and the work programme put into place. This will follow a site visit.

Dog Poo Bin – the Clerk has ordered the bin – no response to date.

Llanferres Memorial – nothing to report.

Financial Risks – No risks were raised.

Training & Finance Issues

Training Issues - Cllr Barton is attending a (free) 'Planning Our Places' Workshop to be held in Oriel House St Asaph on the 22nd May 2019.

Other Courses may be planned for Councillors in June.

Finance Issues: The Internal Audit has been called for 24 May 2019. The change in date is due to the European Elections taking place on 23rd May.

The Clerk had prepared all the Accounts which were brought for scrutiny. The Governance Statement was confirmed and the Accounting Statement was approved, certified by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The External Audit has been called for 1st July 2019

Bills – Payment Schedule

Clerk's Salary (May 2019) & PAYE	£236.28
Village Hall Annual Rental	£110.00
St Berres Church (Maintenance Grant)	£400.00
BHIB Insurance Renewal (1 st June)	£567.14
Bank Interest received	£0.95

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

Correspondence – items of correspondence were discussed as above, plus notification of the Llanferres Playing Field Association AGM. To be held in Village Hall on 15th May at 7.30pm.

Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:

a) Cllr Rob Jones has attended his last meeting with the Council, having now resigned as Cllr for Llanferres Community Council. He thanked the Councillors for over thirty-five years of support he had received over his time as Councillor. The Chairman replied on behalf of the Community Council in thanking Rob for his dedication and service to the community over this time. He will be greatly missed.

b) It was reported that there was possible drain collapse on the back road to Moel Famau as there had appeared a huge 'dip' in the road.

c) The Community Council were pleased to hear that Dr. Watts was making a slow recovery and had sent in a card to the Community Council.

Date of next Meeting: The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7:30 pm in the **Village Hall** in Llanferres.