

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Meeting Held Thursday 8th DECEMBER 2016

Present: Cllr. David Jones (Chair), Cllr John Almond, Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr Adrian Walls, Cllr Martyn Holland County Councillor and the Clerk, Mrs. Dillon. Members of the public were present.

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr D Twomey, Cllr. Jac Armstrong
- 2 **Meeting Open to Public** – Mr. Gareth Jaggard, LPFRA, was present and informed the Community Council that he was standing down as Secretary to the Association. It was suggested that the Park be handed back to the Community Council as the volunteer support was all but absent. A plan for the future including maintenance was required and discussions needed to take place as soon as possible. *Agenda Item**
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** - None declared. The Chairman, however, read out the content of the Declarations of Interest and this will be done at every Meeting in the future.
- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 10th November 2016** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10th November 2016 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- 5 **Matters Arising** -
 - a. The Notice Board that was removed from Loggerheads, due to safety issues, by Countryside Services – still ongoing.
 - b) The Poppy Wreaths have now been delivered and arrangements will be finalized for the Memorial Service.
 - c) The Community Council's Christmas meal has been arranged for the 26th January 2017.
- 6 **County Councillor's Report** – Cllr Holland raised the following:
 - a) Cllr Holland informed the Community Council that Broadband (Fibre Optic) will be accessible to the majority of homes in Tafarn-y-Gelyn.
 - b) A further road closure has been arranged for BT and for the completion of the Forestry Road drainage maintenance for 14th November 2017.
 - c) Cllr Holland is looking into the trimming of the conifers on Cae Derwen.
 - d) The Ruthin Rotary Club have circulated the list of visits by 'Father Christmas' in the locality.
 - e) The Community Council confirmed that the 'Special Events' Insurance should cover the Llanferres Carnival when all the details are known.
 - f) Cllr Holland confirmed that the Country Council Refuse Department will empty the 'Green Bin' and the 'Black Bin' situated in the Park area.
 - g) Ysgol Bro Famau are undergoing Budgetary issues at present.
 - h) A production of 'Shirley Valentine' is taking place in Llanarmon on Friday 6th January 2017.
 - i) Investigations are currently taking place as there are Broadband and mobile phone system issues in the area.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

- 7 **Reports from Other Meetings** - the Clerk reported on the following: 'One Voice Wales', at the National Conference held in Builth Wales want to bring in the 'Rule of Compency'. They will be encouraging community participation in the forthcoming Community and Town Council Elections, due to take place in May 2017.

The Audit Office is currently working with 'One Voice Wales' to ensure consistency across Wales before issuing the Invoices for the External Audits.

'SLCC Conference Llandudno held on 14th September 2016. The Clerk will provide a written precis for next meeting.

Date:

Chairman

- 8 **Maintenance in the Community** – the Water Fountain will be repaired by Spring 2017. Also on the list is the slate roof in Maeshafn and Memorial Stone.
- 9 **Red Telephone Kiosk** – the Clerk met a Cadwyn Clwyd Officer in Maeshafn on a site visit and the paperwork is due to be sent for completion. The Cadwyn Clwyd Officer was also going to visit Tafarn-y-Gelyn Kiosk.
- 10 **BT Telephone Kiosk in Tyn Llan** – no comments had been received for the consultation being carried out by BT for the removal of the Telephone Kiosk at the bottom of Tyn Llan. The Community Council's argument is that due to the siting, so near a Trunk Road, it should be retained.
- 11 **Memorial Stone** - The work has been done to the Memorial Stone (cleaned by hand). Some further maintenance will be necessary. The Remembrance Service will take place at the Church, led by Mr John Foxley, at 10.15 am on 13th November ending at the Memorial Stone at 11:00am. The wreath will be laid by Mrs. Ann Woodward and the Kohima Epitaph read by Councillor Rob Armstrong.
The Clerk will place the Remembrance Cross in Maeshafn on behalf of the Community Council.
- 12 **Risk Assessments** – none raised.
- 13 **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** The fruit has now been harvested from the trees.
Resolved: to ask Dr. Watts if any changes are needed to the current maintenance regime.
- 14 **Maeshafn Play Area** – the issues of Transfer of Ownership are coming to an end and a visit to the Solicitors is to be arranged.
- 15 **Training & Finance Issues** Training Issues – none at present.
Finance Issues – a detailed Review of the current Accounts had been circulated together with a Bank Reconciliation Sheet. No questions were raised, but the title of one of the columns will be changed from 'Administration' to 'General'. A request was made to break down the expenditure into separate headings, in order to prepare for the Precept requirements.

16 Bills	AVOW/Clerk's Salary	£200.38
	'Administration costs	£235.66
	'News & Views'	£450.00*

**consideration will be given to increasing this under the Precept requirements for next year to £500.00*

17 **Planning Matters.**

	<i>None Received to Date</i>		
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- 18 **Correspondence list** – the following correspondence, together with items of correspondence discussed above was received:
- a) Information from Flintshire County Council regarding the Local Development Plan – Strategic Options – Growth and Spacial Options. Documents for consultation available on www.flintshire.gov.uk/ldp
 - b) External Audit – IBDO are unable to issues the Invoice for Audit due to liaison work with the Welsh Audit Office and the other audit supplier to ensure the same approach to billing throughout Wales.
 - c) The Pension Regulator – the next staging date is 1st February 2017

E-Mailed Documentation

- i) Information regarding Defibrillators
- ii) Consultation re: Policing in North Wales with a series of Public Meetings to have your say. Glyndwr University 14th November 2016 at 6.30pm.

Date Signed

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

- a) Can consideration be given for Christmas lights in Llanferres. *Agenda Item
- b) The hedgerow is to be cut in Maeshafn around the play area.
- c) A fund raising Bingo evening is to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday evening 12th November at 7.00pm.
- d) An amount of £380 was raised at the recent Charity Christmas Fair.
- e) An evening of entertainment will be held in the Village Hall on November 25th when the Cilcain Choir will entertain.

20 Date of next Meeting: A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8th December 2016 at **7:30** pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

The Clerk and any members of the public present, left the Meeting as the Meeting was moved to **Part 11**

Agenda - Review of the Clerk`s salary.

Before determining the salary Councillors wished to record their appreciation of the high standard of service which Mrs Dillon has always given to the council.

While the salary is not determined by reference to any specific point on a national scale the recommendations made jointly by NALC and SLCC(May 2016) formed part of the discussion.

Councillors agreed to:-

1)The present salary being increased by 2% which should be backdated to April 2016 and payable in December 2016

and

2) an increase of 2% to be paid from 1st April 2017.

This information is to be conveyed to AVOW Wrexham who carry out the Payroll Service for the Community Council.

Date:

Chairman