

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

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

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Isla Watts, Cllr Allan Morgans, Cllr Martyn Holland
- 2 **Meeting Open to the Public** – With regard to the Remembrance Service on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs. Wendy Shillitoe will take the Service, Richard Hughes will lay the wreath and Cllr Almond will read the Epitaph.
- 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** - Cllr Barton declared an interest in Item 7 Future of the LPFRA, being a Committee Member and Trustee of the organisation.
- 5 **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018** – these were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record subject to the following amendments:  
Items raised by Cllr Bob Barton in respect of the LPFRA Constitution should be raised at their meetings as the Community Council only 'report back'.  
*Item 8 County Councillor's Report 5)*... spoken to PC Martin Jones who has confirmed that his team are also preparing to enforce the double yellow lines. Should read: '*spoken to PC Martin Jones who has confirmed that his team is also preparing to enforce the double yellow lines*'  
*Item 14 Training & Finance Issues* - Cllr Holland had already mentioned the commuted sum of money for Llanferres and it was agreed to accept the transfer of the sum, approximately £1,200. Should read: *Cllr Holland had already mentioned the commuted sum of money for Llanferres and it was agreed to accept the transfer of the sum, £1241.55.*
- 6 **Matters Arising** –
  - 1) The Green Flag Board (Award for Maes Ysgawen) has been fitted below the centre of the new Notice Board. (Invoice presented to Council). Cllr Barton has been given approval to proceed an application for the coming year.
  - 2) There are no Zig, Zag lines outside the school as yet. *To be pursued with Cllr Holland.*
  - 3) A further letter to the Community Council had been received from the Chairman Mr. Dan Hurst which was circulated to the Councillors. Due to the complex issues involved, the Community Council will await the outcome of the next Executive Meeting of the LPFRA. The outcome of this will then take the matter forward.
  - 4) The Clerk will request the release of the commuted sum to the Community Council. (Cllr Holland).
- 7 **County Councillor's Report** – a copy of the following Report, in Cllr Holland's absence, was circulated prior to the Meeting and the points raised were read out by the Chairman.
  - a) Chased the installation of Yellow Zig Zag lines outside the school in Llanferres and the county have now provided the location plans which have been passed on to the Head and the School Governors for their observations.
  - b) After the Aberduna Quarry session at the last Community Council meeting Cllr Holland set up an e-mail list for local residents who may be affected by any proposals for the quarry.
  - c) At a recent County Council meeting held to discuss affordable housing the county was asked to publicise the need for people to register their interest in affordable housing. If no one appears on the list, affordable housing such as those planned for the glebe field will never be built. *Cllr Barton offered to search out a previous Report he had on the matter.*

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d) Once again, Cllr Holland has asked the county to fill the pot holes in Rectory Lane. A number of residents have suggested that the road was adopted some years ago but sadly there is no evidence that this ever happened. Cllr Holland has asked residents to see if they have any correspondence on this issue from any of the previous authorities.

e) As you know the Welsh Government seems to have parked the issue of County Council reorganisation but it looks as if they are still considering changes to Community Councils and a further announcement is expected later in the month.

f) Cllr Holland recently attended two meetings hosted by Countryside Services to discuss the impact of the large number of visitors on our area, namely the Loggerheads Country Park and Moel Famau. John Almond attended at the second meeting as chair of our Community Council. DCC are keen to welcome visitors but we need to be aware of their impact on local residents, the local environment, local farmers and businesses. The county is also looking at ways to encourage these visitors to go a little further into Denbighshire to spread the impact and to help businesses throughout the area.

Did you know that Countryside Services remove over four tons of dog poo each year from Moel Famau and over eight tons from Loggerheads!! But these figures only include the dog poo deposited in the bins provided.

g) The County have put a camera down the manhole that feeds the Village Pond in Tafarn Y Gelyn and the pipe to the pond is clear. It is obvious from the pictures they have sent Cllr Holland, that there is very little water running through the drain and this may be due to the summer drought or a change in the water that feeds this particular drain. Needs further investigation.

h) Dog Poo bins - The county has confirmed that they are happy to empty this type of bin but there is a charge for this additional service which Town and Community Councils do pay. The County will get back to Cllr Holland with the costings, but it will depend on the number of collections. Two bins twice a month could be about £250 a year. Once a month would be less. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for circulating another comprehensive Report.

**8 Reports from Other Meetings** The Meeting, attended by the Chairman in Loggerheads was mainly about the tourist industry and its effect in the locality. Six tons of litter were collected and there is a need to rope off certain areas to conserve them. The Beech Trees are being culled because of disease. There are large queues for the toilets. Has Loggerheads park reached a saturation point? Plans are being made to urge tourists to spread out into the open countryside. Cllr Barton attended a 'Stay, Do and Eat' 'Myth Fest' AONB Meeting in Llanrhaeadr. The aim being to develop new initiatives within the AONB. The Dee Valley 'Good Grub Club' gave a presentation on the tourism aspects and the Officers involved should be commended for their work in this field.

Community Planning Workshop, held in Bodelwyddan was attended by Cllrs Almond and Morgan and the Clerk. Excellent presentations were given on the community plans drawn up by Llandrillo, Prestatyn and Llanfair DC showing the community involvement and activity, the majority being voluntary working.

**9 Maintenance in the Community** – a) Memorial Stone – has been restored for the time being and the Memorial Plaque is affixed to the Stone, but not bedded in.

b) Steps to Cae Gwyn – these had been re-painted in September. Grateful thanks to Cllr Almond for carrying out this work.

**10 Planning Issues** - none received to date.

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**11 Risk Assessments**

Maes Ysgawen – the quotation received regarding hard-standing for the public benches was accepted with the balance being met from the Community Council’s resources. The Green Flag - Board has been installed below the main Noticeboard into Maes Ysgawen to accommodate the Award.

Maeshafn – no further update.

Memorial – as before.

Financial – No risks were raised.

**12 Training & Finance Issues –**

**Finance Issues – Audit - Update** – the Audit Report has now been received for Year ending March 2018. This will be an Agenda Item at the next Meeting. Notice had been placed on the Noticeboards and website.

With regard to the Councillor Allowance proposals, each Councillor should make a personal response to the consultation by 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Training** – none raised.

<b>13 Bills</b>	Clerk’s Salary (November) & PAYE	£220.33
	Microsoft Word Subscription	£59.99
	N Headley (War Memorial Renovation)	£276.00
	Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreaths)	£50.00
	Homebase (Cllr Almond)	£7.40
	 <b><u>Received</u></b>	
	Bank Interest	£0.92

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

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

*i* Fencing has been erected at the school preventing ‘through access’ to pedestrians using the short cut to Rectory Lane and attendance in the Village Hall, unless the large access gates are open. *Resolved to make enquiries as to whether it is a public footpath.*

*ii* The Chairman read out a list of questions which had been submitted to Mr, Gill, regarding his proposals for Aberduna Quarry and his responses. The Chairman will also e-mail them to all Councillors.

**16 Date of next Meeting:** The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.

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