

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 11th OCTOBER 2018

Present: Cllr. John Almond (Chair), Cllr's Bob Barton, Cllr Michael Cordiner, Rob Jones, Isla Watts, Ivy Watts, Allan Morgans, Amanda Curtis, Cllr Martyn Holland and the Clerk, Mrs. G Dillon. There were Members of the public present, including Mr. Paul Gill, owner of Aberduna Quarry.

1 Apologies: Cllr's Jac Armstrong

- 2 Proposal for Future Use of Aberduna Quarry** – The Chairman began by thanking all those present in the public gallery and reading out the set procedure for this item. Cllr Almond then went on to introduce Mr. Gill. Mr. Gill gave a brief presentation on the current situation at Aberduna and informed the meeting that the restoration work was still being carried out following the Quarry closure in 2012. A photograph was shown of the current Quarry basin and a projected vision of the basin following the proposed infill work. This gave a futuristic view of a green space, accessible to all. The Chairman reinforced the point that this was not a formal application, neither was it a public meeting. Mr. Gill then answered questions from the floor.
- a) Additional restoration work would consist of infill using inert waste. Inert waste which comprised residual waste from roadworks and demolished buildings etc. But this waste would not completely fill the basin as it was essential to show the rock strata.
 - b) Its long-term future use would be as a green space hopefully, managed by the Wild Life Trust, who are currently on site and for whom the buildings would be in use as their North East Wales Headquarters.
 - c) There would be no crushing taking place on site, access would be from the Mold to Ruthin Road. One Operator would be responsible for the deliveries, operating between Monday to Friday.
 - d) It looked an ambitious project – what was the projected time scale? Between 15 – 20 years.
 - e) There were strong objections from the floor and also received via the Community Council website, with regard to the number of vehicles, daily, visiting the site. This was estimated at between 20 – 50 lorries per day. It was felt that this was the biggest bone of contention, as having been free of heavy traffic for some years, the health and safety aspects of returning to this was felt to be untenable.
 - f) It was felt that for a development of this size, the owner would have to show a public need.
 - g) Other in-depth questions were raised, and the session was ended.

It was felt, from the public point of view, that other options could be explored before a formal planning proposal should be submitted.

Cllr Holland finished the discussion noting the comments raised and the concerns expressed and mentioning the history of the seven quarries that are within Denbighshire, most now closed. Gwernymynydd Quarry(Flintshire) is currently an infill quarry, but as it is early in its process, the effect on the community is not yet clear.

The Chairman thanked the public for their forbearance and Mr. Gill for bringing his proposal for consultation and discussion and to a degree, a measurement of public opinion.

3 Meeting Open to the Public – as noted previously, and the following items were raised:

- a) Mr. Dan Hurst spoke in relation to the LPFRA and had sent a letter which had been circulated to the Councillors. The Community Council had requested a list of the management issues to discuss how they can help to take the matter forward. The Chairman Mr. Hurst proposed that the Charity be dissolved, and the monies donated, with the Playing Field being returned to the Community Council. It was *resolved* that the LPFRA would hold an Open Meeting, to which Cllrs could attend. Proposals/options could be discussed, and the Executive Management Meeting would follow to formulate a proposal that the Community Council could then take forward. Cllr Barton outlined his opinion. Both Mr. Hurst and the Treasurer than left the meeting.

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- 4 **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.
- 5 **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Barton declared an interest in Item 7 Future of the LPFRA, being a Committee Member and Trustee of the organisation. Cllrs Isla and Ivy Watts in Item 14a, Maes Ysgawen Quotation for Work, being a close relation to the Contractor.
- 6 **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13th September 2018** – these were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
- 7 **Matters Arising** –
 - 1) The Green Flag (Award for Maes Ysgawen) will be fitted to the centre of the new Notice Board.
 - 2) There are no Zig, Zag lines outside the school as yet.
 - 3) The letter to the Community Council received from the Chairman Mr. Dan Hurst was circulated to the Councillors. The content highlighted the fact that members of the Executive Committee do not attend the Meetings. Therefore, the situation was untenable. The Chairman wished to stand down and suggested that the LPFRA relinquish its charitable status and its financial deposits and return the field to the Community Council.
Due to the complex matter of carrying this out, the Community Council agreed to send representatives of the Council and the Clerk to attend a Special Meeting of the LPFRA, prior to its next Executive Meeting. The outcome of this will then take the matter forward, as it was inconceivable that the Playing Field should be closed due to lack of support.
- 8 **County Councillor's Report** – a copy of the following Report was circulated prior to the Meeting:
 - 1) Cllr Holland had already reported that there is a commuted sum of £1241.55 for the Community of Llanferres which must be claimed before 14/12/18.
 - 2) The Boundary Commission have produced a further draft report on their proposals for new county council ward boundaries in Denbighshire. It is regrettable to say, that they have not accepted the three community councils' proposals and gone back to their original suggestion that Llanferres moves into the Llanbedr ward. A further consultation is now taking place with submissions to be in by 13th December 2018. *Resolved to repeat the Community Council's previous comments.*
 - 3) Cllr Holland has asked for the trees and bushes around the bus stop in Tafarn Y Gelyn to be pruned back to improve visibility. This will be completed by the end of October.
 - 4) As previously reported, Flintshire have completed the resurfacing of the road from the Youth Hostel to the Eryrys road junction in Maeshafn. They have done an excellent job but there seems to be a dispute about who is responsible for the road directly outside the Youth Hostel which has been left in a poor state. Cllr Holland has asked DCC to investigate.
 - 5) Cllr Holland has e-mailed the Highways team, to remind them of their agreement to enforce the no parking in Cadole/Loggerheads throughout the year, but especially when it snows. Cllr Holland has also spoken to PC Martin Jones who has confirmed that his team are also preparing to enforce the double yellow lines.
 - 6) DCC have confirmed that the Llanferres/Maeshafn road will be swept by a road sweeper vehicle before the end of October.

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7) The police have confirmed that they have a team managed by a Superintendent from Mold looking into the recent spate of burglaries in the area. Extra police patrols have been arranged especially at night.

8) DCC has held a COBRA meeting to review their part in the Horseshoe Pass fires this summer. At a recent full council meeting Cllr Holland challenged the Fire Service to confirm that they were undertaking a review in relation to their part in the incident and also asked if they would be happy to join in a review with all parties concerned ASAP. They confirmed that they would be happy to participate.

9) DCC have stated that they are not responsible for the trees at the Maeshafn junction with the A494 in Gwernymynydd. Cllr Holland has asked if they have passed it on to Flintshire? The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for circulating another comprehensive Report.

9 Model Standing Orders – The new Standing Orders were adopted by a majority vote. Cllr Barton abstained.

10 Reports from Other Meetings – ‘One Voice Wales’ Conwy & Denbighshire Area Meeting was attended by the Clerk Gwyneth Dillon and Cllr Bob Barton. The new Area Wales Development Officer, Mel ab Owain was introduced to the meeting and given a warm welcome. The Agenda was an informative one and included a discussion on the confusion between the Boundary Commission and the Remuneration Panel outcomes. It was confirmed that the £150 for each Councillor was now mandatory and each Councillor must inform the Clerk in writing if they do not wish to accept the payment. Currently, One Voice Wales are challenging the use of the word ‘expenses’. Cllr Barton gave a report on the AGM he attended held at Llandrindod Wells. The Minister did not attend although booked to speak. The Timetable for change could be outside this term of Office. Membership Fees will increase by 5%. The Chairman thanked Cllr Barton and the Clerk for the Report.

11 Maintenance in the Community – a) Memorial Stone – the Memorial Plaque is being renovated and will be in situ ready for Armistice.

12 Planning Issues - 21/2018/0944 The Byre Cae'r Odyn Llanferres
Proposal: Erection of a link attached double-garage
Resolved: To offer no objection to the Proposal and to agree with the comments made by the AONB.

13 Risk Assessments

Maes Ysgawen – a quotation was received regarding hard-standing for the public benches.

Maeshafn – no further update.

Memorial – as before.

Financial – No risks were raised.

14 Training & Finance Issues –

Finance Issues – Capital Expenditure – spending the generous donation of £250. The quotation to create hard standing to make the seating areas easier to maintain has been received. Only three seats require hard standing and a price of £490.00 was quoted. 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.

Audit - Update – a letter was received from the Auditors IBDO, that as at the 30th September no audit opinion had yet been issued in relation to the Accounting Statements for Year ending March 2018. This Notice had been placed on the Noticeboards and website.

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Training

An updated Training Schedule has been circulated and Cllr Allan Morgans is attending two Courses - Module 5 - The Council Meeting training in Mold on 25th September and also Module 1 - The Council training in Abergele on Thursday 14th February 2019. Cllr Barton is proposing to attend 'Equality & Diversity Training on 11th December.

15 Bills	Clerk's Salary (October) & PAYE	£220.33	
	One Voice Wales (Membership)	£107.00	
	One Voice Wales – Training	£40.00	(Cllr Allan Morgan)
	LawOrder (Village Green Maintenance)	£35.00	
	Conference Fee (¼ payment)	£23.75	(Cllr Barton)
	Welsh Water (Direct Debit)	£18.10	
	<u>Received</u>		
	Bank Interest	£0.91	

- 16 Correspondence** – items of correspondence were discussed as above. Also
- a) Countryside Services & Dee Valley - meeting to explore and capture the challenges of managing a number of key visitor sites in the area. Wed October 24th at Loggerheads at 1pm. (Cllrs John Almond and Cllr Allan Morgans to attend).
 - b) Denbighshire – Community Planning Workshop to take place on Friday 26th October starting at 9.30 – 12:30. (Change of venue to Bodelwyddan Town Hall). The Clerk, Cllrs John Almond and Allan Morgans to attend.
 - c) Independent Remuneration for Wales Draft Annual Report February 2019. From One Voice Wales.

- 17 Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:**
- i Request a list of 'Unadopted Roads' from the Denbighshire Street Scene Department.
 - ii Cllr Rob Jones agreed to cut the hedgerow in Maeshafn adjacent to the Playing Field/Junction.
 - iii Cllr Morgans stated that he would forward approximately twenty-four questions in relation to the Quarry, directly to Mr. Paul Gill.
 - iv It was reported that the hedgerow on the right-hand side of Rectory Lane needed trimming as it was encroaching the road.

19 Date of next Meeting: The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8th November 2018 at **7:30** pm in Village Hall Llanferres.

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