

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 10th October 2019

Present: Cllr. John Almond (Chair), Cllrs Allan Morgans, Bob Barton, Michael Cordiner, Amanda Curtis, Ivy Watts, Isla Watts present. Also, Cllr Martyn Holland and the Clerk Mrs Gwyneth Dillon.

87 Apologies: Cllr Jac Armstrong.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Morgans for taking the Chair at the last Meeting.

88 Meeting Open to the Public – none.

89 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.

90 Declarations of Interest – none declared.

91 Minutes of the Community Council Meeting Held 12th September 2019 - These were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record subject to minor spelling errors.

92 Matters Arising – a) the tree, reported to be leaning at a forty five degree angle over the Maeshafn/Gwernymynydd Road has been removed.
b) Speed Camera on the A494 will be discussed at the next meeting. Data is currently being collected from tapes stretched over the highway.
c) The Community Council have now received a response regarding the purchase of a dog poo bin to be situated in Maeshafn. The response was not as expected and Cllr Holland is to pursue the matter.

93 County Councillor Martyn Holland's Report – previously circulated.

1) During the recent heavy rain Cllr Holland reported that the drainage work undertaken in Tyn Llan and the School Grounds appears to have worked and was further informed by a local resident, that during the rain, there was no running water in Tyn Llan.

2) Cllr Holland spoke to Welsh Water prior to their repair work in Rectory Lane to clarify how long the work would take, because it involved a road closure. Cllr Holland is able to confirm that the work only took 24hours and there were, therefore, no issues with bin collections or access. (residents were advised via his personal e-mail list, the village website and Sean's emergency e-mail list).

Cllr Holland did ask Welsh Water if they could help us out by filling in a few pot holes but over the phone they were reluctant to take on any liability for work undertaken. I believe that they did fill in a couple of holes after they were approached by one of the residents. A Result!!

3) Sadly, this year Cllr Holland was unable to make the Beer and Gin event organised by the PTA to raise funds for the school. Cllr Holland's mother was in hospital. It was hoped the event was a great success.

4) Cllr Holland has taken pictures of the road surface at the entrance to Cae Gwyn and reported the large hole that is appearing at the junction with Tyn Llan by the school.

5) Cllr Holland has also taken pictures of the poor condition of the road at the entrance to the slip road for Cae Derwen and the Church. These have been forwarded with a request to repair both roads.

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6) Cllr Holland had a telephone conference with the police on Monday to discuss a range of issues from oil thefts, County Line gangs, Fly tipping, the attempted theft of a dog, arson and white van man. We are looking into organising “Whats app groups” and the trialling of community CCTV. Once more information is to hand, the information will be circulated.

7) There will be a meeting of those involved with the problems faced each year in Cadole and Loggerheads when it snows. Cllr Holland had asked for this meeting earlier in the year but because of changes in staffing at DCC this did not happen despite chasing e-mails. The Chairs of Gwernymynydd and Llanferres Community Councils will be invited.

8) Cllr Holland has been able to get defined maps from NRW (after a few technical problems) of the areas of the Big Covert where tree felling licences have been granted. He had asked how tree felling in the Big Covert will be policed because we are aware that trees are also being felled in other parts of the wood. Cllr Holland has passed all these maps onto Cllr Allan Morgans, who is working extremely hard on this issue.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

- 94 Reports From Other Meetings** – Cllr Barton attended the ‘One Voice Wales’ AGM and Conference on the 5th October 2019. Currently there is no Report. For future reference, Cllr Barton will not be financially supported to attend any further meetings/conferences. The Community Council feel that the information following attendance is not being disseminated to the rest of the Councillors.
- 95 Community Councillor Vacancy** – no interest reported. Continue with the advertisement.
- 96 ‘Place Plan Concept’** – Cllr Barton attended the ‘Planning Aid Wales’ Workshop on 11th June and was due to deliver a report from this meeting. As the Report has not yet been seen, the item was postponed.
- 97 News & Views** – Update. The Editors have announced that they wish to retire from the production of the Newsletter. They do have someone who may be willing to take over but on a commercial basis. More advertising may be necessary to generate more income to cover costs. This may also necessitate a possible charge for the advertisements for events for local organisations. *Discuss. Resolved: it was agreed to invite the Editors to the November Meeting in order to discuss the issues involved and to see in what way the Community Council can help maintain the Newsletter. Cllr Barton commented that he would be willing to take it on.*
- 98 Maintenance in the Community** – the Millennium Fountain – repair is still outstanding. The Clerk will contact Mr Healy for an update.
- 99 Planning Issues** – None raised
- 100 Clerk’s Vacancy** – The advertisement will be widely circulated in the News & Views and the website. The Denbighshire County Council Intranet, the Clwyd Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks and the local press. The closing date for applications is the 10th November 2019. The Community Council have received an expression of interest and a Curriculum Vitae. This has been acknowledged.

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101 Risk Assessments

Maes Ysgawen – no update. Cllr Barton will complete next years application for the Green Flag Award.

Maeshafn – awaiting official paperwork for the Playing Field ownership

Resolved: The Clerk completed the Grant Form and the Grant money has been received.

There is additional land, now owned by Llanferres Community Council, alongside the Play Area. *It was agreed, after a discussion that the area be fenced and gated appropriately. Agenda Item November Meeting. **

Dog Poo Bin – the Clerk and Cllr Holland are continuing to chase this item following a response from Denbighshire County Council.

Llanferres Playing Field – LPFRA – Cllr Barton reported an LPFRA Executive Meeting to be held on 17th October. Cllr Barton will report on the outcome.

Llanferres Memorial – nothing to report.

Financial Risks – No risks were raised. A copy of the Final Audit Report has been received and with the updated Financial Orders, already circulated, will be an *Agenda item in November**

102 Training & Finance Issues

Training Issues – Cllr Barton has requested to attend the Annual ‘One Voice Wales’ Conference to be held in Pontrhydfendigaid on 5th October 2019. As the cost is to be shared (£25.00 for Llanferres). *Cllr Barton has been authorised to attend.*

Finance Issues – the outcome of the External Audit as reported above.

It was agreed not to renew the MacFee Antivirus Software but to use AVAST, which is a free resource.

Council Insurance – It was noted that the LPFRA were still running their Insurance Policy alongside the Community Council Policy. This needs conclusion hopefully, following their meeting on 17th October.

103 Bills – Payment Schedule

Clerk’s Salary (October 2019) & PAYE	£236.78
Llanbedr Community Council (Cllr Barton)	£25.00
Microsoft 365 Software (Annual Subs)	£59.99
Cllr Morgans (Expenses for Maeshafn)	£61.56
Cllr Morgans (Authorised but not signed)	£61.56
Cllr John Almond (Bouquet for Retirement)	£15.00
Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreaths)	£50.00
Llanferres Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	£10.00
Grant Money received	£1241.55
Bank Interest received	£0.96

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

104 Correspondence – items of correspondence were discussed as above and received as noted below:

a) Darren Millar AM – hoping for an opportunity to meet Community Councillors. *Send a formal invitation and current list of Meeting dates.*

b) Information regarding the Local Development Plan from Flintshire County Council. Consultation period from 30th September to 11th November 2019.

c) Ruthin Hospital League of Friends have invited the Council to send a representative to their next meeting on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 pm. *Cllr Barton will attend.*

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105 Standing Orders – leave on Agenda. *The Clerk will send out an updated copy to each Councillor for the next Meeting.*

106 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

- a) There will be a Working Party ‘tidy up’ at the Tafarn-y-Gelyn Pond on Sunday 27th October 2019 from 11am – 1pm. Every volunteer welcome!
- b) There is a grid in Tafarn-y-Gelyn which is faulty and ‘standing proud’ of the Highway.
- c) A request has been received for a grant to support the provision of flowers on Maeshafn Green. *Require further information and detail.*
- d) The Windfarm Grants are outside the limit for Llanferres community.

107 Date of next Meeting: The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 14th November 2019 at **7:00** pm in the **Village Hall** in Llanferres. ***Please note the earlier time.***

Date Signed