

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

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

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr's Jac Armstrong, Allan Morgans
- 2 **Meeting Open to the Public** – the following items were raised:
  - a) Mr Dan Hurst spoke in relation to the LPFRA and the sad fact that there are no volunteers coming forward to run the Committee although a work party did help maintain the Play Area. Serious consideration must now be given as to how the area is to be sustained. Its future is at risk. They carry the Green Flag Award and the Community Council requested a list of the management issues to discuss how they can help to take the matter forward.
- 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** - none declared.
- 5 **Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – these were accepted and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:  
Item 8 Reports from Other Meetings 'Cllr Barton was re-elected as Vice-Chair and the NEC Representative'. *Should read 'Cllr Barton was re-elected as Vice-Chair and appointed the NEC Representative'.* Item 1 Meeting Open To Public 'On the A494, opposite Tyn Llan Farm, the fence has been damaged. *Should read 'On the A494, opposite Rhos Farm, the fence has been damaged. (Cllr Holland will pursue).*
- 6 **Matters Arising** –
  - 1) The picnic benches and tables have been cleaned in Maes Ysgawen
  - 2) There are no Zig, Zag lines outside the school as yet.
  - 3) In Tafarn y Gelyn the man-hole cover has been repaired..
  - 4) The footpath past the Miners needs maintenance
  - 5) The Pond at Tafarn-y-Gelyn needs investigation as it is dry.
  - 6) The Planning Application for 12 Bryn Artro has been passed.
- 7 **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting Held 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018** - – these were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 8 **Matters Arising** – with regard to the Planning Application for 16 Rectory Lane, the Planning Committee called an adjournment in order to make a site meeting. Within the Addendum Report submitted to the Committee, the Planning Officer suggests that the 'objector adapts the area to the front of the dwelling to manoeuvre into the drive'. This comment is not acceptable. Cllr Holland has agreed to speak at the next reconvened Meeting. Cllr Barton proposed that the Community Council write in again to Planning to reinforce our comments. *Agreed.*
- 9 **County Councillor's Report** – a copy of the following Report was circulated prior to the Meeting:
  - 1) EE have confirmed that they intend to improve their services in our area. They have confirmed that improvements to their mast in Erryrys will enhance services to the area.
  - 2) Cllr Holland attended a number of Emergency Meetings with all relevant Services to discuss the recent fires on Llantysilio Mountain. He has called for a full review to learn lessons from the incident and to formulate an Emergency Plan to bring into action should there be a repeat.

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Cllr Holland also attended what purported to be a Residents Meeting with residents and local farmers from both sides of the mountain, which turned into a public meeting together with press and TV crews present.

3) Cllr Holland has asked the County to prune the trees that overhang the Gwernymynydd/Maeshafn junction on the A494 as requested by Cllr Allan Morgans.

4) Preparation for the next LDP is well underway and the County are now looking for candidate sites for the new plan which will replace the old document in 2021. The closing date for submitting sites is 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and forms are available on the County website.

5) Cllr Holland reported that it was always good to check the DCC website for current consultations. The areas covered are Waste Collections, County property portfolio, candidate sites for the LDP, enforcement orders which includes traffic orders.

6) Following an Enforcement Notice, one of the caravans and the childrens play equipment has been removed from the field by the Ruthin junction of the B5430 and the A494.

7) Congratulations to all those residents who have been involved in the Green Flag Award Scheme. A special thank you to the Recreational Ground Committee for all their hard work and to the last Community Council for their foresight in buying Maes Ysgawen field and setting up what is an amazing green space. Both sites will be green open spaces in the centre of Llanferres for years to come. Well done everyone!

8) As our County Councillor, Cllr Holland was approached by the owner of Aberduna Quarry with a view to completing further restoration work which will involve filling in much of the large hole. At this stage they are only involved in a public consultation exercise and Cllr Holland suggested that they should meet with both Llanferres and Gwernymynydd Community Councils before they submit a planning application. This will give members of the public an opportunity to come along and listen to their proposals.

9) There had been a number of break-ins and burglaries in the area recently and Cllr Holland has requested a meeting with the local Police Inspector to discuss these. The recent burglaries in the Llandegla area where particularly nasty as the thieves vandalised the properties.

10) Cllr Holland attended a County Planning Committee where the Planning Application for Bryn Atrio was passed. Cllr Holland asked that the Planning Application for Rectory Lane be deferred to allow a site meeting due to the objections and Planning Officer's recommendations.

11) Cllr Holland had received a report last month of foxes being shot close to the village. Shooting so near the village was extremely dangerous especially if residents are enjoying time in their gardens.

12) A report had been received that one of the new owners in Big Covert was lighting camp fires in the woodland. This was especially worrying after the long hot summer and the recent fires on Llantysilio Mountain. Cllr Holland was going to visit Big Covert in the next day or two. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for circulating another comprehensive Report.

**10 Reports from Other Meetings** – The Clerk attended the ‘Society of Local Council Clerks Training Seminar held in Llandudno on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The Clerk reported an excellent Seminar with a full Agenda including an update on GDPR and important legal changes, remuneration of Town and Community Councillors, the processing of members allowances (if claimed), that any claim must be put through payroll. To finish there was a discussion on the main planning issues raised by community councillors and the possible solutions. Training session was held in Coedpoeth on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Module 16 - Use of IT, Website and Social Media to which Cllr Barton and the Clerk attended.

**11 Maintenance in the Community** – following an Asset Risk Assessment, the following were noted: a) Memorial Stone – the Stone could be re-touched at a cost of £140 plus VAT.

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The Plaque, which has fallen off the Memorial Stone will be replaced temporarily. For re-attachment the cost would be £90 plus VAT.

b) The Fountain is in good condition but not working. c) The Noticeboard in Maeshafn is cracked. d) There is some rot to the arm of the Memorial Seat in Maeshafn.

**12 Planning Issues** - A presentation will be given at the October Meeting to explain the proposals for Aberduna Quarry. To accommodate this the Meeting will start at 7.00pm.

**13 Model Standing Orders – Revise/Adopt** It was agreed to revise the following Standing Orders for Llanferres Community Council

Page 7 Motion to speak for 3 mins

Page 9(3f) Public participation 10 mins. Member shall not speak for longer than 3 mins (or Chair's discretion)

Page 10 Meeting must not exceed two (2) hours.

Page 14(7a) Three (3) Councillors

Page 15(9b) Ten (10 to Seven (7) days

Page 17(12d) Draft Minutes – if the Chairman of the Meeting does not consider the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting to which they relate, he shall sign the minutes and include a paragraph in the following terms or to the same effect.  
*'The Chairman of this meeting does not believe that the minutes on the ( ) held on (date) in respect of ( ) were a correct record but in his view was not upheld by the meeting and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.'*

Page 19(bii) *Subject to Standing Order 9, include on the Agenda all Motions in the order received unless a Councillor has given written notice at least 7 days before the meeting confirming his withdrawal of it.*

Page 26(b) Three (3) days notice.

**14 Risk Assessments** - The Asset Risk Assessments now complete. The Clerk has the record.

Maes Ysgawen – no further update.

Maeshafn – no further update.

Memorial – as before.

**15 Training & Finance Issues** – Cllr Allan Morgans requested permission (via email) to attend two Training Courses – Modules 1 and 5. *Agreed the Clerk will book the relevant dates.*

**Finance Issues** – Due to the increase in workload to take the Community Council through the Audit, it was proposed that the Council should give the Clerk an additional sum. The Clerk left the room whilst this was discussed. *Resolved: to pay £150.* Capital Expenditure – spending the generous donation of £250. The suggestion, and also with the donors agreement, was that the money could be used to create hard standing to make the seating areas easier to maintain.

*Resolved: to walk around the area with Dr. Watts to agree a protocol.*

Financial – No risks were raised.

<b>16 Bills</b>	Clerk's Salary (September) & PAYE	£220.33
	SLCC – Conference	£90.00
	One Voice Wales – Training	£40.00
	Honorarium for Clerk	£150.00
	<b><u>Received</u></b>	
	Bank Interest	£0.33

**17 Correspondence** – items of correspondence were discussed as above. Also

a) One Voice Wales – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales.

b) One Voice Wales - Training Schedule for Nov 2018 – March 2019

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- c) Resident is seeking funding to purchase a 'Tommy' Soldier for the Remembrance Commemorations. They are prepared to purchase one at a donation cost of £250 It was hoped the Community Council would fund an additional 'Soldier'. *Resolved: as the budget was to fund the repairing of the Memorial Stone any additional spending was not available.*
- d) Agreement was made to order the Poppy Wreaths.

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

- i) A complaint has been received about speeding up the Forestry Road to Moel Famau.
- ii) A directional sign is required in Tafarn y Gelyn, to indicate the way to Moel Famau as vehicles are accessing the Cilcain Road in error.
- iii) There is still indiscriminate parking just below the Moel Famau Car Park on the side of the highway on busy days.
- iv) With regard to no refuse bins on Bwlch Pen Barras – this is deliberate to encourage visitors to take their rubbish home with them.

**19 Date of next Meeting:** The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at **7:00** pm in Village Hall Llanferres. \*

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\* Please note the earlier time of the next Meeting