

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING Held Thursday 12th September 2019

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

76 Apologies: Cllr John Almond, Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr Michael Cordiner, Cllr Martyn Holland

77 Meeting Open to the Public – Past Councillor Rob Jones, who served for over thirty years as a Community Councillor, was present and thanked the Community Council for their best wishes, the Certificate, signifying the ‘Freedom of the Community’ and Walking Stick (with whistle), presented to him at the Annual Garden Show.

78 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.

79 Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Isla and Ivy Watts declared an interest in Item 20 – Invoice to be paid to White Oak Property Services, as close family members.

70 Minutes of the Community Council Meeting Held 11th July 2019 - These were accepted and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record subject to the following change:
Item 63 ‘Cllr Barton also attended a ‘One Voice Wales’ and gave a resume of the content, which included an item on Rural Crime’. To ‘*Cllr Barton also attended a ‘One Voice Wales’ Conwy & Denbighshire Area Meeting and gave a resume of the content, which included an item on Rural Crime*’.

71 Matters Arising – Cllr Barton has suggested that, as a Green Flag Award has been made for Maes Ysgawen, that a gesture of unveiling the Plaque, to reflect the help and support offered by the volunteers to make the Community Space such a success. *Resolved – the Community Council agreed it would be a nice token of thanks. Cllr Barton will organise a date.*

72 County Councillor Martyn Holland’s Report – previously circulated.

- 1) Cllr Holland met with the senior engineer from Tarmac in August for a site meeting after the flooding at the Pistyll Gwyn Quarry. During that meeting he mentioned that it would be a good idea to hold a Quarry Liaison meeting for the Burley Hill Quarry in the near future. He will contact the council in due course and you made need to up date your Liaison Committee members.
- 2) Cllr Holland met again with residents in Cadole over the proposed LDP candidate site in their village.
- 3) The Trunk Roads Agency has been chased, via the County, to ask them to cut the road side verges between Tafarn Y Gelyn and Loggerheads. This is an annual problem and the grass etc was nearly as high as the Loggerheads brown sign. This was done quite quickly.
- 4) After some considerable deliberations Cllr Holland was pleased to report that the blocked pipe from Tyn Llan along the school field has been replaced and confirmed that the cost did not come out of the school budget!!
- 5) A site meeting with the senior estate manage from Morris Homes was held last week and he has confirmed that they will prune back the hedges along the pavements, prune the flowering cherry and ask a tree surgeon to reduce the height of the conifers at the entrance to Cae Derwen. This will hopefully be completed by the end of this month.

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6) Sadly Cllr Holland was unable to attend the Llanferres Picnic because of friends from America arriving that weekend but believed a great time was had by all and he would like to congratulate everyone involved in the organisation of the event.

Cllr Holland was able to attend the Maeshafn village picnic which was also a great success for what was their first event of this type. The scything demonstration was fantastic and very therapeutic. There is something to say for the old ways!!

Again, he would like to thank all those involved in organising the afternoon.

7) The County now only cut the road-side verges once a year and most of our verges are cut in early August. Cllr Holland noticed that the contractors had missed the section from the Valley Lodge junction to the Mold Junction on the A494. This was chased and completed.

8) Cllr Holland circulated the fact that Rectory Lane will be closed for roads works being undertaken by Welsh Water between the 1st and 3rd of October. Residents may need to make alternative arrangements for parking their cars if they need to get out to work etc. Welsh Water will circulate a letter to all those effected later in the month and residents should contact them if they require any special access arrangements.

Please let Cllr Holland know if you do not get a letter.

9) Allan Morgans contacted Cllr Holland about a tree on the Maeshafn/Gwernymynydd road that was leaning over the road at a forty five degree angle. A photograph of the offending tree was taken and it was then reported and hopefully by now will have been removed.

10) You may have heard that the Welsh Government are planning to issue new style bus passes. This will be done by the end of the year and is being organised by TFW.

Full details have yet to be received by the county but once they are the county will up-date the their website and they suggest you apply for a replacement in October/November to avoid the initial rush by new applicants.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland, in his absence for his, yet again, comprehensive report.

- 73 Reports From Other Meetings** – Cllr Morgans confirmed there were no other Reports recorded at this time. He reiterated that any Councillor attending other Meetings must produce a synopsis of the content of that meeting in order to include it in the Agenda. Any request to attend a meeting or conference must be accompanied by a copy of the Agenda/cost and a comment on how it would enhance the Llanferres Community Council's information base.
- 74 Community Councillor Vacancy** – no interest reported. Continue with the advertisement.
- 75 'Place Plan Concept'** – Cllr Barton attended the 'Planning Aid Wales' Workshop on 11th June and was due to deliver a report from this meeting. He has not yet circulated the report. Cllr Morgans suggested the Place Plan Concept be postponed until the October Meeting, giving Cllr Barton time to complete and circulate his report before a discussion. *Agenda item for October.**
- 76 Big Covert Wood** – Cllr Morgans reported that the grid references have been called into question by the Footpaths Officer and are currently being rechecked with the assistance of the Ramblers Association.
- 77 Speed Cameras on the A494** – Cllr Barton reported that Llanfair and Llanbedr have purchased speed cameras and use them to good effect. *It was agreed to invite Llanfair/Llanbedr Councillors to attend Llanferres to demonstrate how they work.*
- 78 Maintenance in the Community** – the Millennium Fountain – repair is still outstanding. The Clerk will contact Mr Healy for an update.

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79 Planning Issues – Candidate Sites

There followed a short dialogue on the Candidate Sites listed and put forward by Denbighshire Planning.

Rhos Farm Llanferres – propose to reject due to the significant highway issues. Cllr Morgans suggested that as the site was 1.14 hectares, it could produce in excess of 30 houses if the Denbighshire housing density was adopted. *It was agreed that the Denbighshire Housing density figure of 35 houses per hectare should be lower in rural sites. Any new build in open countryside is unacceptable.*

Tafarn-y-Gelyn – This area has four sites, all were considered over development of the area which has no development boundary. So any houses would be developed in open countryside. Again, all with probable major traffic issues at the junction of the road to Bwlch Pen Barras.

Cadole – considered to be urbanisation with access onto the A494 and Ffordd Maeshafn potential traffic hazards.

Maeshafn – access from the centre of the village which is steep and narrow.

Following a full discussion, it was agreed to reject each proposed site. There was also a proposal by Cllr Barton to make further comments on the LDP during October. Cllr Barton will produce a Report on the Policies in the LDP, which are undergoing changes in the Community of Llanferres.

80 Clerk’s Vacancy – The advertisement will be circulated for discussion before including it in the News & Views and the website. In the interim, the Community Council have received an expression of interest and a Curriculum Vitae. This will be acknowledged.

81 Risk Assessments

Maes Ysgawen – the trees in the centre are very ‘spikey’ and will need to be pruned/cut back.

Maeshafn – awaiting official paperwork for the Playing Field ownership. The new plinths have been installed and Cllr Morgans has sited the picnic tables, bin and benches which were delivered over the August holiday. Invoice for Plinths ££570.00 with Invoice for miscellaneous brackets, nuts and bolts for benches etc £61.56.

Resolved: delegated powers had been given for the payment of the benches and plinths, the cheques were issued. This enabled the Clerk to complete the Grant Form by September, in order to meet the Grant (Commutated Sum) obligations. This has now been sent.

There is additional land, now owned by Llanferres Community Council, alongside the Play Area. *It was agreed that proposals must be put forward for the development of this land to enhance the community. October Agenda Item**

Dog Poo Bin – the Clerk has ordered the bin – the Clerk is continuing to chase this item and has sent in a complaint to the Denbighshire County Council regarding the delay.

Llanferres Playing Field – LPFRA – Cllr Barton reported no conflict of interest between the Lease Agreement and the Community Council’s inclusion of the Playing Field under their Insurance as reported at last month’s meeting. There was to be an LPFRA Executive Meeting in October. Cllr Barton will report on the outcome.

Llanferres Memorial – nothing to report.

Financial Risks – No risks were raised. A copy of the updated Financial Orders has been circulated and will be an *Agenda item in October**

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82 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 – Still awaiting the outcome of the External Audit.

Council Insurance – The Picnic held in Maeshafn had been held on the land owned by the Wildlife Trust. Following this event, a Bar-B-Q was held in Llanferres. The LPFRA confirmed that they had met the Special Events Conditions, laid down by the Insurance requirements. It was suggested that in future, any organisation holding an event on Community Council owned land MUST request permission in writing and carry out a Risk Assessment. They will need to conform to the ‘Special Events’ Conditions and offer proof of this. It was noted that the LPFRA were still running their Insurance Policy alongside the Community Council Policy. This needs conclusion.

83 Bills – Payment Schedule

Clerk’s Salary (September 2019) & PAYE	£236.78
LawnOrder (Application for August)	£35.00
White Oak Properties)	£570.00
Welsh Water (Direct Debit)	£17.82
Team KnowHow Laptop Insurance	£109.00
Cllr Morgans (Authorised but not signed)	£61.56
Admin Costs (Nov 2018 – Aug 2019)	£401.02
Bank Interest received	£0.96

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

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

- a) Play Wales – copy of latest Bulletin
- b) One Voice Wales - Information regarding the AGM in Mid Wales to be held 5th October 2019.
Copy of the latest News Bulletin
Report from the Commissioner for Older People in Wales
Copy of information regarding giving financial assistance to Churches. Clarification on the rules.

85 Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

- a) The Garden & Produce Show held in Llanferres was excellent and reasonably well attended. The Community Council offered a huge ‘thank you’ to all the organisers.
- b) Maeshafn residents have requested a Bus Shelter.

86 Date of next Meeting: The General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th October 2019 at **7:30** pm in the **Village Hall** in Llanferres.

Date Signed