

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 10th DECEMBER 2015

Present: Cllr John Almond (Chair), Cllr D Twomey, Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr Martyn Holland County Councillor and the Clerk, Mrs Dillon. Members of the public were present.

The Meeting was held in the School as the Hall was unavailable.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. David Jones, Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry. Cllr Adrian Walls was not present
2. **Meeting Open to the Public** – no matters raised.
3. **Declarations of Interest** - None
4. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:
 - a) It had been considered that parking on the School's hard standing would be considered if required. Investigation revealed that the hard standing was not of a durable standard to enable car parking and therefore, could not be used.
 - b) The hedge situated around the public car park at the top of Tyn Llan will be cut by the Denbighshire County Council.
 - c) Should the weather decline, a salt bin has been arranged to be delivered to Cae Derwen.
 - d) The promised Litter Bin has now been delivered and will be installed near the entrance to Maes Ysgawen in due course.
 - e) Cllr Holland confirmed that the Enforcement Officer will be investigating the wooden structures, erected within Big Covert without planning approval, it will be recommended that they be removed. Cllr Holland will visit the site personally in the Spring.
 - f) Maeshafn Playground – the transfer of the land is still being pursued. Some progress has been made, but it is not clear when the ownership will be formally concluded.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

5. **Mins of Meeting Held 12th November 2015** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th November 2015 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman subject to a small spelling error.
6. **Matters Arising** – no matters raised.
7. **Reports from Other Meetings:** - Cllr John Almond and the Clerk attended the meeting held for the Clerks and Chairs of Community And Town Councils, hosted by the County Council on Wednesday 25th November. Cllr Almond gave a brief summary:
 - i) The Monitoring Officer Gary Williams gave a report on the work of the Standards Committee – to ensure that standards are maintained by the County Councillors. Following the Code of Conduct and assisting in the training of both Councillors and Clerks. Members of the Standards Committee will attend Town and Community Councils to offer advice if needed. They also investigate complaints passed from the Ombudsman.
 - ii) The Finance Officer Richard Weigh gave a brief Budget update.
 - iii) The Highways Officer Tim Powers gave a brief synopsis of the winter maintenance program. Their statutory duty is to grit roads if 'reasonably practical' – this covers approximately 30% of the roads which are gritted if the temperature drops to -1⁰Centigrade. The approximate cost for the mild winter of 2014/2015 was £805,000!
 - iv) The Community Engagements Manager David Davies informed the meeting that the current Charter between the County Council and Town and Community Councils was due for review in the near future. All telephone queries/information etc., should be logged via the Customer Services Number (01824 706101) and the informant must state whether or not it is a personal call or that they are acting on behalf of the Council. (If on behalf of the Llanferres Community Council then the Customer Number should be quoted for Llanferres - it is 5395). This ensures that all calls are recorded and dealt with appropriately. Mr Davies informed the meeting that the County Council current procedure was to provide a written reply within five working days. Other organisations reply within 10 working days

and the County would like to be allowed the change from five working days to the 10 working days. This was put to the meeting and all agreed to the change. In the past the County Council have provided free training courses, for future courses there may be a charge.

Cllr Almond attended the Alyn & Aberwheeler conservation project meeting, held on Tuesday 8th December 2015.

8. **Maintenance in the Community** – no items raised
9. **Red Telephone Kiosk – update** – nothing to report at present.
10. **Risk Assessments** – none raised.
11. **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – a proposal for Ground Care had been submitted and this was accepted. *Resolved: the Clerk will confirm this with Dr. Hugo Watts.*
12. **Income & Expenditure Report** – the Clerk had prepared an Interim Finance Report to help make preparations for the Precept requirements for 2016/2017. This was circulated to the Councillors to prepare for the January Meeting.
13. **Training & Finance Issues** – none raised.
14. **Bills**

HMRC (December)	£38.40
Clerk’s Salary (Direct Debit)	£***
Society of Local Council Clerks	£65.00 - Membership
15. **Planning Matters** – None received
16. **Maeshafn Play Area** – update as per Cllr Holland’s Report. – Ongoing.
17. **Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, no other correspondence was received:
 - a) Cllr Holland gives his apologies for the January meeting but will be happy to receive the information regarding our Precept requirements when they are known.

E-Mail documentation – a) Information regarding the Meeting of the Clwydian Range & AONB Meeting to be held on 11th December 2015 at Loggerheads.

 - a) Welsh Government – information and update on how the Welsh Government’s work affects Town & Community Councils.
 - b) Consultation on the Reform of Local Government Bill which sets out the Welsh Government’s preference for the future ‘map’ of Local Government in Wales. End of consultation is 14th February 2016.
 - c) ‘One Voice Wales’ Information regarding the new Pension Legislation.
18. **Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:** The Community Council’s Christmas meal will be held in the Druids on the 21st January – *to be confirmed.*
19. **Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman