

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 11th JUNE 2015

Present: Cllr. David Jones (Chair), Cllr John Almond, Cllr D Twomey Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr Adrian Walls, Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr Holland County Councillor and the Clerk, Mrs Dillon. Members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr. Margaret Davies
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr's Rob Armstrong, Rob Jones and David Twomey with regard to the Village Hall rental. All Councillors signed the Declaration of Interest Book as members of the Village Hall Management Committee.
3. **Meeting Open to the Public** – the Waymarker Sign (Flintshire County Council) on the small triangle in Maeshafn is overhanging the road. It was requested that a waste/dog waste bin be obtained to place at the gateway to Maes Ysgawen. The majority of dog walkers using the field are taking their dog waste home. A combined dog/general waste bin purchased from the County Council and installed by them, will cost approximately £550. **Agenda Item next meeting.*
4. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:
 - a) The concerns raised with regard to the empty farm buildings at Colomendy have been the subject of a number of meetings. The subject of the meetings being to look at numerous projects for the building's use. Also to perhaps restore the walled garden. The outcome is not yet know.
 - b) Maintenance of the Penywaen Road is to be carried out on 13th – 30th July 2015. A road closure will be necessary to carry out remedial drainage works.
 - c) It has been reported that there have been nighttime parties held at Pothole Cliffs. Rubbish has littered the area and a tree was apparently cut down. These incidents have been reported to the police.
 - d) Fibre Optic Broadband has now been introduced into the area although some homes are not yet 'live'.
 - e) A number of Appeals have been lodged in relation to the 'Big Covert'. Details and dates of the Hearings will be circulated in due course. Both Cllr Holland and the Clerk have reported the number of buildings appearing in woodlands to Darren Millar AM, Welsh Government and the Denbighshire County Council.
 - f) The bus service has now resumed turning into Tafarn-y-Gelyn.
 - g) With regard to the 'flower' speeding signs, Cllr Holland has three for use (free of charge). They will need painting but perhaps the school may wish to undertake this work as a project? Following the use of these signs in Llandegla, they are now to have an official sign for 20mph on the Village Hill.
 - h) The pot holes need maintenance in Rectory Lane and Cllr Holland will pursue this. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.
5. **Mins of Meeting Held 14th May 2015** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9th April 2015 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman subject to the following amendments: Item 5 Meeting Open to the public – '...following past raising of funds from the Ramblers Association' include '*...following past raising of funds from the Ramblers Association twenty years ago.*'
Item 6 Country Councillor's Report – amend '*with a copy to Darren Millar*'.
Item 16 Training and Finance Issues – '...Tuesday 19th May 2015 from 2:00pm to 5pm' Add *Tuesday 19th May 2015 from 2:00pm to 5pm for Clerks.* Delete '*All Councillors are urged to attend if they have not already undertaken training.*'
6. **Matters Arising**
 1. Mr Alan Clinton is currently the only registered rider for the Maeshafn Motor Mower.
 2. An official letter has been sent to the residents of Cae Derwen with regard to parking in the 'Turning Bay'. An official Notice has been requested for the area to highlight the rule.

3. A Code of Conduct Training was to be held on Monday 22nd June in Ruthin at 10am. No official communication has been received.
7. **Reports from Other Meetings:** - Following the attendance of the Clerk at the Conference in Llandrindod Wells for Clerks/Coucillors. A comprehensive Report on the content of this Conference was circulated. Cllr David Jones attended the Clerk's Training on behalf of the Standards Board.
8. **Maintenance in the Community** – a replacement downspout, for the Bus Shelter at the bottom of Tyn Llan, requires an adaptor which will be purchased. (*Cllr Rob Armstrong*).
9. **Footpaths – seating** – A search of the archives, following the enquiry made by a resident regarding seating on footpaths, from twenty years ago showed the following: the total donations from the Ramblers Association amounted to £75 in respect of the Memorial Fund and the commemorative seating project. Minutes dated during April and May 1995 showed agreement to install two seats initially, one in the Churchyard and the other in the Recreation Field. Minutes dated July 1995 agreed that following the purchase and installation of the Memorial Stone, consideration would be given to installing additional seats on footpaths, should funding allow. No funding was available.
10. **Red Telephone Kiosk** – Still awaiting a convenient date to discuss the project in detail, a *reminder was sent to:* David Sheil of Countryside Services.
11. **Risk Assessments** – a date to carry out the Annual Risk Assessment is to be arranged.
12. **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – The Notice Board stand quote is to be forwarded for discussion at the next Meeting. The Invoice for the first phase of maintenance has been received at a cost of £40.00. *Approved.* One spray has been carried out, with all the relevant preparation with signs etc. put in place under Health & Safety. A meeting will be held with regard to the ongoing weed control, in due course.
13. **Training & Finance Issues** – A Cluster Meeting would be held on the 23rd June from 6.00pm in County Hall Ruthin. Cllr David Jones, Cllr John Almond and the Clerk to attend. Training in Chairmanship Skills was to be held in County Hall Ruthin on 29th June 2015 from 1.30 – 5.00pm.
Village Hall Rental – following the recent correspondence regarding the proposed charges the matter was discussed at the meeting. Legal advice states that Town & Community Councils should not be charged for the use of a room/hall which is paid for by public rate.
14. **Bills -**
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| HMRC (June) | £38.80 |
| Clerk's Salary (Direct Debit) | £*** |
| Field Maintenance (Dr. H Watts) | £40.00 |
15. **Planning Issues:** 21/2015/0282 Proposal: Erection of Ancillary Domestic Dwelling
 Location: Bryn Ffynnon Farm *Resolved: While the he Community Council is sympathetic to the reasons why it is needed, the proposal is outside the village development boundary and is equivelant to a new domestic building in open countryside.*
 21/2015/0562 Proposal: Erection of extension to side and rear of existing dwelling Bryn Hyfryd Maeshafn. *Resolved: The Community Council does not support the application and offer the following objection and comment: the proposal appears to be an over-development of the site. There is no design and access statement within the proposal.*
16. **Maeshafn Play Area** – A letter has been received from the Solicitors recording the ongoing problem with regard to documentation required to complete the purchase.
17. **Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, no other correspondence was received:
Darren Millar – an update with regard to Maternity Services at Glan Clwyd Hospital. A judicial review is now being sought into the way in which the Health Board made its original decision to downgrade maternity services at Glan Clwyd. As a result of this, the Board has been unable to implement any changes until the case for judicial review has been heard.

In addition to this the Chief Executive has been suspended and the Trust is in Special Measures.

E-Mail documentation – a) Information from the Society of Local Council Clerks regarding the public awareness of Town & Community Councils in Wales – Research Report.

b) Planning Aid Wales_– invitation to attend the AGM and Workshop session on ‘Place Plans’ to be held in Glyndwr University on 22nd June 2015 rom 4.00pm.

c) One Voice Wales_– explaining the Statutory Guidance on Access to Information regardig the Register of Interests.

18. Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

i) There will be an OAP Trip to Shrewsbury on the 3rd July 2015 with a meal at Holt Lodge. Every pensioner is welcome at a cost of £6.00.

ii) The Free Press has listed towns and villages taking part in the Highway verges scheme. Llanferres is not mentioned. Llanferres were one of the first to support the proposed scheme when it came into being! *Contact Liz Webster County Council*

iii) A car, which is for sale, is parked on the pavement outside the Old School on the Ruthin Road.

iv) The Log Fest was held at Loggerheads and went well with no problems.

v) The Headteacher is leaving Ysgol Bro Famau so they will be advertising for a replacement to take up office from September 2015. A letter of thanks will be sent from the Community Council

19. Date of next Meeting: General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday 23rd July 2015 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman