

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 14th JANUARY 2016

Present: Cllr John Almond (Chair), Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr Adrian Walls, and the Clerk, Mrs Dillon. Members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. David Jones, Cllr D Twomey, Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr Martyn Holland County Councillor
2. **Meeting Open to the Public** – a complaint was received regarding the amount of gravel on the Maeshafn Road between the Nant and the river. 'Fly' tipping in the form of a fridge has been left near the wood on the 'S' bend from Maeshafn to Gwernymynydd Road.
3. **Declarations of Interest** - None raised,
4. **Mins of Meeting Held 10th December 2015** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10th December 2015 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman subject to small spelling errors.
5. **Matters Arising** – The salt bin for Cae Derwen has not yet been delivered. *The Clerk will chase this.*
6. **Reports from Other Meetings:** - Cllr Margaret Davies and the Clerk attended the meeting held for the local branch of Conwy & Denbighshire 'One Voice Wales'. Future meetings and prospective speakers were discussed. The Mayor of Abergele gave a small talk, during which he declared Abergele Town Council was now 'paper free'. Each of the Town Councillors had been given an iPad which is used for Council business. There followed a short discussion on the consultation paper to the proposed merger of Town and Community Councils in Wales. All Councils were urged to comment on the consultation which will close on 15th February. The Clerk was planning to attend a presentation on the content of the Bill to be held at Venue Cymru on 4th February.

The Clerk also attended the Training Course 'Code of Conduct' held in Rhyl specifically for Clerks. Mrs Dillon reported an excellent course but very poor attendance. Each Councillor should also attend one of these courses (mandatory) during their term of office. Cllr Almond attended a meeting of the Clwydian Range and AONB held at Loggerheads on 11th December 2015. The Countryside Officers, David Sheil and Howard Sutcliffe gave a report on the work of the AONB and its importance to the local community and surrounding areas. They also spoke on the benefits of volunteering to young people in building self-confidence, learning new skills and team work. It also covered the merits and downsides of street lighting. They mentioned that £1 spent on getting people out into the countryside for exercise and fresh air, could save the Health Service £19.00.

7. **Maintenance in the Community** – no items raised
8. **Red Telephone Kiosk – update** – ongoing. Notification from David Shiel confirmed that he was in discussion with Cadwyn Clwyd with regard to finance. We are not the only Community Council within the area to request advice and support for the use of the Telephone Kiosks.
9. **Risk Assessments** – in respect of the risk of not being able to turn around in Cae Derwen, Councillors were shown a proposed outline for a sign. This was discussed and the text was altered. The Clerk will now confirm whether or not a Works Permit for installation is required from the County Council Highways. It was agreed that the sign can then be manufactured and installed by a local company.
10. **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – the full Maintenance Program for Ground Care for the coming year is to be submitted for discussion. *Resolved: Final Invoice for this financial year was agreed for payment.*

- 11. Income & Expenditure Report** – Precept requirements for 2016-2017. The Clerk had circulated an Interim Finance Report for information. Following a discussion with regard to the current costs, an allocation of reserves towards a future Election, the Playing Field at Maeshafn, the cost of purchasing a dedicated computer system for the Community Council, the increase in the Clerk’s salary (to be decided in Part 11 of the Meeting). It was agreed to keep the Precept the same as last year. £8073.00
- 12. Training & Finance Issues** – The Clerk will attend the SLCC consultation event in Venue Cymru on 4th February 2016. This will clarify information regarding the impact the Draft Bill will have on Community and Town Councils.
- 13. Bills**
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| HMRC (January) | £38.80 |
| Clerk’s Salary (Direct Debit) | £*** |
| Maintenance Plan – <i>Maes Ysgawen</i> | £472.00 |
| Village Hall Rent (January) | £10.00 |
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| Village Hall Rental (December) Credit | £10.00 |
- 14. Planning Matters** – None received
- 15. Maeshafn Play Area** – Ongoing.
- 16. Correspondence list** – the following correspondence, together with items of correspondence discussed above was received:
- Notification from the Welsh Government that the Road Safety Review findings are now available on <http://www.traffic-wales.com/Trunkroadsafetyreview.aspx>.
 - An update from Darren Millar AM that the Betsi Cadwalader Health Board has decided to maintain doctor-led maternity services on all three main hospital sites in North Wales. The maternity services at Glan Clwyd will not be downgraded as had been proposed.
- E-Mail documentation – a) Information regarding the Feedback from the Annual City, Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting held in Ruthin.
- Notification of an official North Wales Armed Forces Day to be held in Bodelwyddan Castle on Saturday 18th June 2016.
 - North Wales Survey on Policing Priorities for the coming Year.
- 17. Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:** The Community Council’s Christmas meal will be held in the Druids on the 21st January – *confirmed menu to follow*. Water is running down Forestry Road (presumed caused by a blocked drain). Complaints have been received with regard to poor reception for Mobile Telephones and Wi Fi in the area. Rectory Lane road surface is in need of repair being full of large ‘pot holes’. As the County Highways Department have maintained the road for over 20 years this needs to be addressed. A motor vehicle is being parked on the pavement outside the Old School and causing a hazard to pedestrians who are having to go onto the road to pass.
- 18. Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th February 2016 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman