

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 14th MAY 2015

Present: Cllr. David Jones (Chair), Cllr John Almond, Cllr. Margaret Davies, Cllr. Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr Adrian Walls, Cllr. Rob Armstrong, Cllr. Rob Jones, Cllr Holland County Councillor and the Clerk, Mrs Dillon.

Apologies: Cllr Jac Armstrong. Cllr D Twomey was not present.

1. **Declarations of Interest** - None.
2. **Election of the Chairman:** Cllr David Jones was asked if he would consider remaining in the Chair for another twelve months. This was proposed by Cllr Almond and seconded by Cllr Margaret Davies. There were no other nominations and Cllr David Jones was appointed.
3. **Election of the Vice-Chairman:** Cllr Almond was asked if he would consider remaining as Vice-Chairman for another twelve months. As there were no other nominations, this was proposed by Cllr Rob Armstrong and seconded by Cllr David Jones. Cllr Almond was duly appointed.

4. **Representation on Other Committees – it was agreed on the following:**

'One Voice Wales'	Gwyneth A Dillon Cllr Margaret Davies
School Governing Body	Vacant
Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Rob Armstrong
Old People's Welfare Committee	Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCory Cllr Margaret Davies
Aberduna Quarry Liaison Committee	Cllr John Almond Cllr Dave Twomey
Burley Hill Quarry Liaison	(Co-opted) Tony King
Llanferres Playing Fields & Recreation Association	Cllr Rob Armstrong Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCory
Community Council Community Play Areas	Full Community Council
Clwyd Branch of Society of Local Council Clerks	Gwyneth A Dillon
Transport Forum	Cllr Dave Twomey Cllr David Jones
Planning-Sub Committee	Cllr Jac Armstrong Cllr John Almond Cllr Rob Armstrong Cllr David Jones Cllr Dave Twomey Cllr A. Another
Moel Findeg Management Advisory Group	Cllr John Almond
'News & Views' Reporter	Cllr John Almond
County Councillor	Cllr Martyn Holland
IT Web Link Officer	Cllr Adrian Walls To be confirmed
MADRA	Currently not in place

5. **Meeting Open to Public –** Mr Barton raised the issue of seating in the community of Pant Du, following past raising of funds from the Ramblers Association. *Resolved: To check the past Minutes for further information. Agenda Item next Meeting**
 Also raised by Mr Barton - whether or not any progress had been made with regard to the Member's Priority Funding for Maeshafn Playing Field? *No progress made to date.*
 It was reported that following the issue of the new Bus Timetable, there was no pick-up in Maeshafn. *This will be pursued by Cllr Holland.*

6. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:
 - a) With regard to 'Big Covert Woods', the Welsh Government had resolved not to make an amendment or remove the permitted development rights. *Resolved: That the Community Council write to the Welsh Government about our concerns, with a copy to Darren Martin AM.*
 - b) Pen-y-Waen Road – there will be a temporary filling-in of potholes.
 - c) The Valley Lodge Road has now been re-surfaced. The junction still needs attention, following the water leak.
 - d) With regard to the purchase of land for parking above the Loggerheads Country Park, funding is awaited.
 - e) For any community resident who wishes, stickers for 'Cold Calling' are available from Cllr Holland.
 - f) The road to Maeshafn has now been swept.
 - g) There have been several 'break-ins' in the areas of Llanarmon and Llandegla. All residents should be aware and ensure that every house and outbuilding is secure.
 - h) It was noted that the new Bus Services are not going into Tafarn-y-Gelyn to pick-up passengers. This needs to change as people wait at the bus stops.
 - i) The County Council have been awarded a sum of £345,000 for street lights in the area. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.
7. **Mins of Meeting Held 9th April 2015** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9^h April 2015 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
8. **Matters Arising** None - other than under Agenda items.
9. **Reports from Other Meetings:** - 'One Voice Wales' Meeting (Cllr J Almond, Cllr David Jones and Clerk Mrs G A Dillon). The content centered on the determination of the Welsh Government to re-organise local Government. They hope to reduce the number of Councils and keep to a 5-year cycle. The overall majority of Cllrs of both Town and Community Councils, do not wish to be paid. The results of the consultation will be conveyed before the end of the year. Cllr David Jones attended the ceremony to install the new Mayor of Denbigh. Mrs Gwyneth Dillon attended the Conference in Llandrindod Wells for Clerks/Coucillors. A Report on the content of this Conference will be circulated.
10. **Maintenance in the Community** – a replacement downspout, for the Bus Shelter at the bottom of Tyn Llan, will be carried out this week. (Cllr Rob Armstrong). The Asset list has now been amended to include the new benches and picnic tables. A Risk Assessment of Assets will be carried out during the coming weeks.
11. **Maeshafn Play Area** – the Playground Equipment Risk Assessment Report has now been received, with no immediate requirements needed. It was agreed that an up-to-date register of users is required, who will use the Motor Mower to cut the grass in Maeshafn.
12. **End of Year Accounts 2015** – Copies of the Accounts had been circulated prior to the Meeting. There were no leading questions and the Community Council accepted the Accounts which were signed by the Chairman Cllr David Jones.
13. **Red Telephone Kiosk** – Still awaiting date to discuss the project in detail, *reminder was sent to:* David Sheil of Countryside Services.
14. **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – There have been several cuts to the field and a good routine is established. Frequent cuts will reduce the chemical input to control weeds. We have not yet received an Invoice for the cost. Should spraying need to take place, then the field will be closed with gates locked and a warning to residents that spraying is taking place. The Interpretation Board is soon to be installed. Despite an idea to locate it on the gate, it was *agreed* that a lectern style of stand should be manufactured and this will be pursued. There are grants now available for bio-diversity planting (daffodils)? Cadwyn Clwyd have been contacted as there is an eight-week buying period before the opportunity is closed.* *June Agenda. An evaluation is also to be carried out with regard to the Field and its formation.*

The Clerk requested permission to send information to the Clerk's Magazine as an exercise of 'good practise' of a community working together. *Agreed.*

- 15. **Planning Issues:** None raised at this time.
- 16. **Training & Finance Issues** – The 'One Voice Wales' Training for 'Community Planning' in Mold was again cancelled. The Code of Conduct Training will be held in Ruthin on Tuesday 19th May 2015 from 2:00pm to 5pm. All Councillors are urged to attend if they have not already undertaken training.

A letter has been received from the Village Hall Committee to inform the Community Council that as from May, they will be charged for the use of the Hall.
 Casual rate (including the caretaker) – first two hours at £8.00 per hour
 Thereafter each additional hour (or part thereof) at £3.50 per hour.
This item will form part of the Agenda for June Meeting.

- 17. **Bills -**

HMRC (May)	£38.00
Clerk's Salary (Direct Debit)	£***
AON Insurance Renewal	£627.83 (Special Offer 3 yr contract)
The Play Inspection Company	£78.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	£82.80 (Conference Fee)

- 18. **Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, no other correspondence was received:
E-Mail documentation – a) Ombudsman – Revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct. The revision is of the two stage test that is used when deciding whether to investigate a complaint that the Code has been breached or to continue with an investigation to the stage of referring the matter to a Standards Committee or the Adjudication Panel to Wales.
 b) One Voice Wales – information on the proposals regarding 'Land Tax for Wales' and the consultation documentation.
 c) The law on workplace pensions has changed. Every Employer with at least one member of staff must automatically enrol those who are eligible into a workplace pension scheme and contribute towards it. The starting date for implementing the new legal duty will be 1st February 2017.

- 19. **Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:**
 - i) Representation on the AONB appears to have been withdrawn.
 - ii) There are dilapidated farm buildings at Colomendy which are deteriorating rapidly and need attention urgently.
 - iii) It has been brought to the Council's attention that the 'Tour of Britain' will be coming through Llanferres on the 6th September 2015.
 - iv) It has been requested that a letter be sent to all residents in Cae Derwen in respect of the inconsiderate parking and unwanted parking in the 'Turning Circle'.
 - v) It has been requested that the 'Big Let' Board be removed now that the house it represents has been let.
 - vi) It has been requested that the Community Council discuss representation at local funerals.

- 20. **Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall may be subject to change.

Date:

Chairman