

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 23rd JULY 2015

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry
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** – Information regarding the formation of the 'Friends of Clwydian Range & Dee Valley' group was made available to the Community Council with further details on membership available from Countryside Services in Loggerheads. Cllr Holland attended the launch.

Two members of the public from the Liverpool area were present to urge the Community Council to do all they can to support the maintenance and upgrade of the farm buildings within the Colomendy campus. They are under listed building protection but the owners, Liverpool City Council who lease them to Kingswood, are allowing them to fall into disrepair. It was made clear that the Denbighshire County Council, Kingswood and the Liverpool authority are trying to work together to remedy this. The Community Council fully support the need for the maintenance of the Grade 11 listed buildings and the walled gardens as a historical interest site for the area.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for the wealth of information they brought to the Meeting.

4. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland reported on the following:
 - a) Following the concerns raised with regard to the empty farm buildings at Colomendy at the last meeting and today's discussions, Cllr Holland confirmed that meetings had been held to discuss the issues raised with the County Officer for Listed Buildings, Countryside Services and the AONB. Within the discussions was the need to find a suitable use for the building following it being brought back to a maintained state. *Resolved: the Community Council will write a letter of support for this.*
 - b) Concerns were still being expressed about the overnight parties being held at the Pothole Cliffs. A site meeting was due to be held with the Countryside Services and the Climbing Club. The community volunteers have removed and cleared the rubbish from the site which is also being monitored by the police. The Plymog layby was also strewn with rubbish, this has also been cleared. With a litterbin installed in the layby, it was hoped that this will help with litter.
 - c) A litterbin will also, hopefully, be placed near the entrance to Maes Ysgawen. Both these bins will be emptied by the County Council every two weeks.
 - d) It has been reported that there is widespread Hogweed across the country. Incidences have been reported within the community. There was a fear that this was the Giant Hogweed, which can cause a blistering rash if handled. This is not the case, but care must be taken also, when clearing the Common Hogweed.
 - e) Resurfacing work will be undertaken on the Penywaen Road in the near future. This will follow necessary drainage maintenance work which will take place at the beginning of August.
 - f) The Llanferres Playing Field has earned the Green Flag Award this year.
 - g) The developments carried out in 'Big Covert' have gone to appeal. The County Council, the Community Council and the National Trust, who are also reviewing the Covenants on the land, have made good responses. The AM Darren Millar is also supporting the initiative.
 - h) Llanarmon yn Ial was a subject of an article on BBC 'Morning'.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.

5. **Mins of Meeting Held 11th June 2015** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11^h June 2015 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman subject to the following amendments: Item 4 County Councillor's Report – (f) The bus service has now resumed turning into Tafarn-y-Gelyn. *Should read: 'The bus service, turning into Tafarn-y-Gelyn is under review'*. Item 15 Planning Issues 21/2015/0282 – spelling error. *Delete 'he' in 'While the he Community Council*'
6. **Matters Arising**
1. Audited Accounts – have been returned with a 'clean' Report and an Invoice to the sum of £210.00.
 2. The potholes in Rectory Lane still require maintenance as one resident has reported damage to their car.
 3. A new Headteacher has been appointed to Ysgol Bro Famau.
 4. The information regarding the Code of Conduct is still circulating. Cllr Jac armstrong was to make further copies and the subject will be an Agenda item for September.
7. **Reports from Other Meetings:** - A Ruthin Cluster Meeting was held on 23rd June, attended by Cllr David Jones. Among the items discussed was Planning Wales Act (2015) presented by Angela Loftus and Paul Mead. Further information regarding the benefits is online. Major decisions are to be made by the Welsh Government regarding roads that cross two authorities, with improved collaboration. More engagement with local communities (significant for planning for ten houses or more). A pre-application consultation will be designed for larger Councils. It is planned that all Local Development Plans must dovetail in the future.
Bi-Lingual Policies – the Welsh Language Commissioner is considering the use of Welsh by all Town & Community Councils.
Community Transport – with Peter Daniels. Re-visiting the Community Transport Vehicle issue for the disabled and infirm. They will be looking for volunteers.
Reforming Local Government – with David Davies. The issues raised were competency tests, democracy tests and bi-lingual policies. In the next year will be a review of the Charter between Town & Community Councils.
Planning - the Local Development Plan is due for review.
'One Voice Wales' will hold their local meeting in Pentrefoelas on 28th July 2015. Cllr Margaret Davies and the Clerk, Mrs G Dillon will attend.
8. **Maintenance in the Community** – a replacement downspout, for the Bus Shelter at the bottom of Tyn Llan has now been done. (Cllr Rob Armstrong). There are approximately sixteen (16) slates required to repair the Garden Store in Maeshafn. Mrs Dillon had offered second-hand slates if the size was compatible. The Millenium Fountain requires Repair. An estimated cost has been received. (£90).
9. **Red Telephone Kiosk** – No convenient date to discuss the project in detail has been received.
10. **Risk Assessments** – the Annual Risk Assessment has been carried out with no major repairs required. A copy has been handed to the Clerk.
11. **Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – ongoing.
12. **Training & Finance Issues** – Village Hall Hire Finance – we have now had a response from the Committee. It was suggested that the Village Hall Accounts be published on the web site to give clarity to the financial situation. Cllr Almond proposed that the Community Council pay for the caretaker element of the Hall Hire by the Council This was seconded by Cllr Jac Armstrong. The Annual Invoice would then be £110.
14. **Bills -**
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| HMRC (July/August) | £39.00/£38.40 |
| Clerk's Salary (Direct Debit) | £*** |
| Field Maintenance (Dr. H Watts) | £472.00 |
| External Audit | £210.00 |
| Internal Audit | £50.00 |
| Administration Expenses | £230.74 |

News & Views Grant

£450.00

Consider Small Projects – Grants could be available for the following suggested projects:

- a) Near Pothole Cliffs – boggy land
- b) Footpath at the Fairy Glen
- c) Border strips of wild flowers

Resolved: that a small committee be formed to discuss these in the near future

- 15. **Planning Issues:** 21/2015/0672 Proposal: Erection of extension to dwelling and replacement garage
Location: Pendyffryn Llanferres *Resolved: The Community Council offer no objection or comment to the proposals.*
- 16. **Maeshafn Play Area** – no update available.
- 17. **Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, no other correspondence was received:
The Annual Report from the Ombudsman has been received. This will be circulated to any Councillor who wishes to read it.
E-Mail documentation – a) None for discussion
- 18. **Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:**
 - i) It was confirmed that there is no Giant Hogweed in the district.
 - ii) Youths are again on the schoolfield. The current sign is not adequate and a new one is required. Car Registration Numbers have been noted.
 - iii) The hedgerow on the boundary of the Playingfield needs to be cut, as it is becoming a hazard.
 - iv) There is to be a Fundraiser held in Llanferres on the 15th August and everyone is welcome.
- 19. **Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman