

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 10th July 2014

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

Prior to the Meeting the Chairman requested changes to the order of the Agenda and this was agreed.

Apologies: Cllr Jac Armstrong

1. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Margaret Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Planning Application for the Bryn Ffynnon Sawmills and signed the register.
2. **Casual Vacancy** – Due to be held on the 31st July 2014. There were two candidates: Mr Adrian Walls and Mr Bob Barton.
3. **Meeting Open to Public** – A complaint was raised regarding the projected cost of the Election. It was pointed out by the Chair that the rules are pre-set and the Community Council have no control over the matter. It was added that the Chair would like to see a change and that a single option would be co-option. From the floor came the suggestion that perhaps ‘One Voice Wales’ should be asked to push for change in the election process for Town and Community Councils.
4. **County Councillor’s Report** - Cllr Holland gave the following information:
 - a) The County Council were currently looking at two further departments financially to reduce budgets. £9 million will need to be cut overall. It was reported that the Welsh Government had not had their budget cut but they had not received any inflation increase.
 - b) The Community’s Five Year Maintenance Plan was to be updated. A note of all roads was needed for future maintenance. Pen y Waen was to be re-surfaced within this year’s budget. The County were looking at reducing the speed limit near schools to 20 mph. Currently this is being tried as a Pilot Scheme at present, in certain areas. This has been introduced in Flintshire. The Community Council of Llandegla are already running a voluntary scheme in their Village, with the school children and a small group of residents creating and introducing giant flowers with the speed limit on, throughout the Village. It was suggested that Llanferres consider a similar speed limit of 20mph and to ask for two giant flowers for Tyn Llan.
 - c) The Bus Time Tables were now available and Cllr Holland handed a copy out to those who requested one.
 - d) Cllr Holland will make enquiries about the cost of an Election.
The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report
5. **Planning Matters:** Cllr Margaret Davies left the room during the discussion of the following planning application.
21/2014/0360 Proposal: Change of use of part of existing agricultural building and rear yard to sawmill business use and erection of a dry wood storage building (partly retrospective). Amended Detail. Cllr Rob Jones abstained from the vote.
Resolved: the Community Council, after much discussion agreed to re-iterate the remarks made previously to the Planning Authority and to urge them to look at the car park as a part of the whole site. The Community Council offered no further objections.
21/2014/0591 Proposal: Installation of a single BT Telecommunication Cabinet – painted green. Location: Pavement north of Star Croft Ruthin Road Llanferres.
Resolved: No objection.
Certificates of Decision: 21/2014/0433 Proposal: Amendments to plot no. 2 of previously approved application code no. 21/2007/0344 Location: Plot 2 Glebe Land Llanferres - GRANTED

21/2014/0470 Proposal: Replacement of timber fence on south-east boundary with stone wall Location: Tyn yr Ynn Farm Maeshafn GRANTED

6. **Mins of Meeting Held 10th July 2014** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10th July 2014 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
7. **Matters Arising** - the following matters were discussed:
Road to Maeshafn. This has now been cleared of gravel but it was felt that following another bout of heavy rain the gravel will return.
Amey Contractors on Heulog – the contractors working for Scottish Power have now removed the fallen tree but have left the chippings.
GreenThumb – the contract has been cancelled with GreenThumb as they were deemed too expensive.
 New chains will be required for the swings in Maeshafn Play Area. No update as yet regarding ownership of the field.
8. **Reports from Other Meetings** – The Code of Conduct Training session, was arranged by Cllr Holland and held on the 18th June in Llanarmon. Mr Garry Williams from the Legal Department carried out the session and all present at the meeting, agreed that it was excellent. Cllr Davies attended the Ysgol Bro Famau School Governing Body Meeting and informed the Community Council that the Estyn Report, which was excellent, would be available online from 23rd July 2014. *Resolved: To send a letter of congratulation to the school.* Cllr David Jones attended a Standards Committee Meeting in Anglesey, during which was discussed the best ways of running a hearing. Also attended the Chairs & Vice Chairs Training for 2014 with a different group bringing different problems to the table.
9. **Maintenance in the Community** – The chains on the swings in the Maeshafn Play Area will require replacing – prices will be obtained – ongoing.
 The downspout will require replacing on the Bus Shelter at the bottom of Tyn Llan - ongoing
 No update for a use for the Telephone Kiosk in Maeshafn.
10. **‘Cold Calling’ in the Community** – 1 awaiting further information.
11. **Risk Assessment** – there is a need to re-visit carrying out the Risk Assessment in view of new information from One Voice Wales.
12. **Memorial Stone** - the Re-Dedication of the Stone – arrangements for the service are being arranged for the 3rd August 2014. The newly engraved slate will be installed adjacent to the Stone and the estimated cost will be in the region of £1,200. A computer ‘mock up’ was circulated to the Councillors for their information and consideration. A Working Party was to meet for a ‘tidy up’ on the 2nd August 2014.
13. **Field Adjacent to the School – Community Open Space** – The total grant money has now been spent with the last item, garden furniture having been ordered. This will need permanent fixture when it is delivered. The forms regarding the ‘match-funding’ have been approved and submitted. Strimming will be required initially with a full grass cut planned. The School will be approached during the new term to discuss the children’s areas. The Interpretations Boards are to be arranged by Cadwyn Clwyd – A1 size with artwork to represent the area with all logos displayed. The costing is expected to be in the region of £1,000. We will require a lectern style frame.
14. **Bills -**

HMRC (July/August)	£64.40
Clerk’s Salary (Direct Debit)	£**
‘One Voice Wales’ Membership	£91.00
Clwyd Community Chest	£15.00
AON Insurance (Additional Premium)	£20.74
Welsh Water (Direct Debit)	£25.43
Llanferres Website – Welsh Government Grant	£500.00

- 15. Training Issues** – Future dates:
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| All Councillors | Planning Workshop | 17 th July 2014 |
| Cllr Cllr Margaret Davies | Re-scheduled Training | 24 th July 2014 |
| Cllr Yonne Foden McCorry | 'One Voice Wales' | 18 th July 2014 |
- 16. Finance Issues** – The Councillors looked at the spreadsheet preparation (circulated previously) and discussed the budgetary figures. This included the cost of the Memorial Stone and making a submission for the grant. The Village Hall has agreed to donate £500. There has been no further correspondence regarding the Maeshafn Play Area.
- 17. Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, the following were received:
- a) Ombudsman Report – copy of the Annual Report is to be circulated to Councillors.
 - b) 'One Voice Wales' information regarding Data Protection has been circulated via email. The Adjudication Report cited two or three items under 'social media'. (Publication is on Social Media on the Welsh Local Government Association Website).
- 18. Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:**
- i) The newly refurbished Telephone Kiosk now returned to its rightful place in Tafarn-y-Gelyn looks lovely.
 - ii) The grass has been cut at the Pen y Waen junction.
 - iii) A request has been made for a formal sign to stop heavy vehicles from proceeding over the hill near the top of Moel Famau. This follows a large lorry being stuck on the narrow road.
 - iv) There has been an incidence of cars, with no tax displayed, being parked on the old road in Llanferres.
 - v) There has been heavy damage done to the highway by large lorries travelling into the Glebe.
 - vi) The path to the Church should be 4metres wide and a letter was to be sent to the Diocesan Office to remind them of this fact.
- 19. Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting on Thursday 11th September 2014 in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman