

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 12th FEBRUARY 2015

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

Apologies:, Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr Holland County Councillor

1. **Declarations of Interest** - none declared.
2. **Meeting Open to Public** – A resident wanted to discuss a recent planning application 21/2014/1909 (Pendyffryn). The Community Council had discussed this item in the November 2014 Meeting. No objections were raised to the proposals, but just a concern as to the size of the proposed replacement garage and the continuity of the finish materials on the outside, due to the AONB.

It was brought to the Community Council's attention that water is undercutting the side of the road on the Pont y Mwynwr Hill from Maeshafn to Llanferres. Vehicles could slide into the ditch alongside the road in wet or icy conditions. Resolved: *Clerk to report to Highways.*

3. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Holland had sent his apologies but forwarded the following brief report on the following:
 - a) The County's budget for Highways has been cut from £3 million to £1.4 million for the coming year. This is another hidden cut made by the Welsh Government on top of the £8 million already announced. The £1.4 million is the County's contribution which includes no funding from the Welsh Government.
 - b) The Pen y Waen Road will be re-surfaced this coming financial year.
 - c) The planning applications for the structures in 'Big Covert' will go before the full Planning Committee on the 18th February 2015. Cllr Holland had spoken to a representative from the National Trust about the Covenant on the section of 'Big Covert' under discussion.
 - d) Cllr Holland has chased the school with regard to the padlocks for the gates to the playing field.
The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his (e-mailed) comprehensive report.
5. **Mins of Meeting Held 8th January 2015** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 8th January 2015 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising**
 - i) The new 'Superfast' Broadband has been installed in the area.
 - ii) Currently awaiting news with regard to the Governing Body's response to parents parking indiscriminately in Tyn Llan.
7. **Reports from Other Meetings:** A Meeting was held on 11th February 2015 to discuss Moel Findeg. The objective was to restore the lowland heath, using volunteer workforce. Cllr John Almond attended and reported that the four wild ponies grazing the land were very successful. The land was currently fenced into sections for ease of grazing. Cllr David Jones attended a County Standards Committee Meeting on 23rd February 2015. Notification had been received on the appointment of Mr. Nick Bennett as the new Ombudsman in Wales. New guidance notes will be issued in the near future.
8. **Maintenance in the Community** – none raised
9. **Maeshafn Play Area** – ongoing.
10. **Red Telephone Kiosk** – it was agreed that Cllr's Rob Armstrong, John Almond and David Jones would meet David Sheil of Countryside Services to discuss the project in detail.
11. **Risk Assessment** - *Agenda Item next Meeting

12. **Field Adjacent to the School – Community Open Space** – Cllr Jac Armstrong had produced an A1 sized copy on the proposed Information Board. Two amendments were required and the Community Council were happy for this design to be constructed and erected. There was a need for a meeting to be held to discuss any additional planting/thinning of trees. Also signage to be organised when the maintenance work is being carried out. For the wild life areas, the soil will need to be impoverished before planing the wild flower seeds.

13. **Planning Issues:** Application No: 21/2014/1451 Proposal: Erection of a two-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Location: Bryn Gerllig Maeshafn
Resolved: to offer no comment or objection to the plans.

Application No. 21/2014/1347 Proposal: Conversion of part of existing stable block to tea-rooms. Location: Glan Llyn Camping Site Eryrys
Resolved: to offer no objection to the plans but to comment on the landscaping with native trees. Also that no detail had been included for signage to the site.

With regard to the planning issues in ‘Big Cove’ it was agreed that the Community Council ask the National Trust to send in their comments with regard to the Covenant on the land. This to be in readiness for the forthcoming meeting.

14. **Training & Finance Issues** – The Councillors were unable to access the ‘One Voice Wales’ web site. *Resolved: The Clerk will pursue this.*
There was a date query on the ‘One Voice Wales’ Training date in Mold.

15. Bills -	HMRC (February)	£38.10
	Clerk’s Salary (Direct Debit)	£**
	Denbighshire Voluntary Services Payroll Costs	£120.00

16. **Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, no other correspondence was received:

E-Mail documentation – a) Society of Local Council Clerks – Information on the Local Government Reform – White Paper.

b) National Assembly – Consideration of Powers – Public Services Ombudsman – *left on table*

c) ‘One Voice Wales’/Society of Local Council Clerks –Joint event at the Metropole Hotel Llandrindod Wells on 14th May 2015. *Resolved: the Clerk will attend. (£69 plus VAT).*

d) A request for financial assistance to hold a musical performance in the Community in conjunction with the school (Tubulate). Application Form for the Community Grant was to be sent to the school.

17. **Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:**

i) A Salt Bin is still to be delivered to Cae Derwen.

ii) There is a blocked grid near the school – the system is unable to cope with a heavy downpour. An inspection by the County is required.

iii) There are now some very deep potholes on the Pen y Waen Road which could prove dangerous.

iv) The grid below Fron Deg gateway is giving cause for concern. (Cllr Rob Jones to liaise with Cllr Holland).

18. **Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting on Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7:30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

There then followed Part 11 when all public and press were asked to leave the Meeting

1) The Clerk’s Salary – *the Clerk left the meeting for this discussion to take place.*

Date:

Chairman