

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED –LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting Held Thursday 12th June 2014

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

Apologies: Cllr Jac Armstrong, Cllr D Twomey, Cllr. Rob Armstrong

1. **Declarations of Interest** - none raised
2. **Casual Vacancy** – Due to ten local electors requesting an election, this will now be held on the 31st July 2014. A Notice of the By-Election will be displayed on the Community Notice Boards as from 26th June 2014. Nominations must be delivered to the Returning Officer no later than 4pm on Friday 4th July 2014. If the Election goes ahead it will cost the Community Council a sum possibly in excess of £1,800.
3. **Meeting Open to Public** – A complaint had been received regarding the mud on the road outside Aberduna Quarry. This is the result of importing soil for the landscaping of the quarry. This week will be the last week as the landscaping contractors are due to carry out the landscaping. This is behind schedule as it should have been completed in November last year. The Nant/Pont y Maenwr Road is covered in loose gravel and requires cleaning. This appears to emanate from a private road and is deposited during rain running down the highway.
4. **County Councillor's Report** - The Baton event was a success with a good crowd on Moel Famau. Some criticism was made as to the length of the ceremony. The rain dampened the Log Fest held at Loggerheads. Out of sixteen stands booked only three arrived. The musical interlude on the Saturday evening was excellent with good attendance. The heavy rain also dampened the recent Attic Sale.
The apparent trading from a private house has been taken to the Trading Standards to be dealt with.
All dogs must be 'chipped' by March 2015. A programme lead by Denbighshire and the Dogs Trust will carry out 'chipping' for free. Be alert for the Posters advertising this.
Cllr Holland reported that he had attended a Tourism Conference in Ruthin Castle. It was noted that the number of initiatives was to increase Tourism with details to follow in due course.
Super Fast Broadband is coming to the area, possibly in September this year. When the system goes 'live' you will have to apply for a link. This may come with a cost.
The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report
5. **Mins of Meeting Held 8th May 2014** - The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th May 2014 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising** - the following matters were discussed:
Community Web site - the Community Council 'pages' can be accessed from the News & Views Website www.llanferres.org Alternately; the direct link for the Website is www.llanferres.org/llanferrescommunitycouncil.htm
Countryside Services at Loggerheads are now considering finance to create the 'overspill' car park.
Following a communication from GreenThumb offering a discount to the cost of maintaining the Green at Maeshafn, it was decided that the contract be terminated as the charge was still too high.
The County Council, in the interest of safety has replaced the dilapidated fence at 'Hillside'.
The Clerk has been trying to contact a contractor to carry out the work of laying flags beneath the Telephone Kiosk at Tafarn-y-Gelyn – ongoing.
7. **Reports from Other Meetings** – none attended.

- 8. Maintenance in the Community** – The chains on the swings in the Maeshafn Play Area will require replacing – prices will be obtained.
The downspout will require replacing on the Bus Shelter at the bottom of Tyn Llan.
Countryside Services are still considering a use for the Telephone Kiosk in Maeshafn.
- 9. 'Cold Calling' in the Community** – Trading Standards were contacted regarding Cold Calling. Our local Community Police Officers are also involved and we are awaiting further information.
- 10. Risk Assessment** – A recent Conference held by 'One Voice Wales' highlighted the need for Community Councils to have comprehensive insurance. The new Audit changes due to be introduced will highlight the need for Fidelity Guarantee and stricter internal controls. Cllr Holland sent information with regard to a possible Audit request for explanations for high levels of reserves for both Community and Town Councils.
If the Community participate in 'Litter Picking' all volunteers must wear appropriate clothing and have the correct equipment.
The use of Social Media must be avoided if at all possible.
There will be a need to look at future financial implications and responsibility should there be devolution of services.
Also highlighted were Youth Councils, Community Plans and in 2015-2016 the new Finance and Governance information.
- 11. Memorial Stone** - discussions are ongoing for the Re-Dedication of the Stone.
- 12. Field Adjacent to the School – Community Open Space** – there was now a sum of £2000 left from the grant funding. From this money garden furniture needs to be purchased and the Councillors are currently looking at brochures. The sub-committee will make a decision as to the furniture to purchase. Cadwyn Clwyd will process the order. The costing put forward for the Interpretation Board and its installation is too high at £2000. There is a need to recognise contributors and attach logos but savings could be made on the installation cost. The Clerk will contact a contractor to cut the grass (liase with Cllr David Jones)
- 13. Planning Matters –**
21/2014/0335 Change of use of Aberduna Quarry Offices, associated building and car park to enable use by North Wales Wildlife Trust as offices, car park, equipment storage, education/public engagement and small-scale sales
Location: Aberduna Quarry Maeshafn Mold
Resolved: No objection. The Community Council is happy to support this application.
- 21/2014/0433 Amendments to Plot 2 of previously approved application 21/2007/0344 for erection of dwelling
Location: Plot 2 Glebe Fields
Resolved: To offer no objection to the amendment that the rear boundary of the plot will be planted as a native hedge.
- 21/2014/0591 Installation of a single BT telecommunication cabinet painted green.
Location: Pavement north of Star Croft Ruthin Road Llanferres.
Resolved: The application was not available and the discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Certificates of Decision

21/2014/0344 Plot 1 Glebe Field
Location: Glebe Field Llanferres GRANTED

- 14. Training and Finance** – The Code of Conduct Training Course is due to be held in Llanarmon yn Ial on the 18th June at 7.00pm. All Councillors wishing to attend should do so. Cllr Margaret Davies is to attend the ‘One Voice Wales’ ‘Community Engagement’ Course due to be held on 26th June in Town Hall in Mold.

Other information regarding further Training Courses was sent to the Councillors electronically.

The Play Equipment in the Maeshafn Play Area was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact the Insurance Company to quote for covering the equipment for £3,500.

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| 15. Bills – | HMRC (June) | £32.20 |
| | Clerk’s Salary (Direct Debit) | £** |

- 16. Correspondence list** – together with items of correspondence discussed above and other minor items of information, the following were received:
- a) Denbighshire ‘Empty Homes’ Officer has requested any information regarding vacant property and if the Community Council wished to have any further information. No known empty property in the area.
 - b) Invitation to enter a competition for the Best Kept Village Hall. (Pass to Cllr Armstrong)
 - c) The First Minister has accepted a recommendation to locate the new Neonatal Care Centre at Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan.

17. Other Matters Brought to Councillor’s attention:

- i) A letter was received from a resident with regard to the Bus Routes and times. As this is beyond the Community Council’s remit, the letter will be passed to the County Council.
- ii) At the junction of Forestry Road and Penywaen Road the grass verge needs cutting.
- iii) People were parking on the left-hand side of the road in Tyn Llan but on the pavement. This was causing an obstruction to pedestrians and wheel chair users. Vehicles should be parked in the County Council public car park at the top of Tyn Llan.
- iv) The doors on the Notice Board at the bottom of Tyn Llan are faulty.

- 18. Date of next Meeting:** General Meeting on Thursday 10th July 2014 in Llanferres Village Hall.

Date:

Chairman