

CYNGOR Y CYMUNED – LLANFERRES – COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Meeting Held Thursday 14th JULY 2016

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

- 1 Apologies:** Cllr Yvonne Foden-McCorry, Cllr Jac Armstrong.
- 2 Meeting Open to Public** - several issues were raised:
 - a) the new waste bin adjacent to Maes Ysgawen had not been emptied. Cllr Holland confirmed that he had already reported this to the County Council.
 - b) the Millenium Water Fountain was not working (Cllr Rob Armstrong will deal with this)
 - c) There had been damage done to the lane running alongside the Churchyard by a householder moving soil.
 - d) The Headteacher informed the Community Council through Mr Headley that the School Christmas Concert was scheduled to be held on the 8th December 2016. This is the same evening as the Community Council Meeting. The Council agreed to use the School premises for their Meeting for that evening.
- 3 Declarations of Interest** - None declared.
- 4 Minutes of the Meeting Held 9th June 2016** - The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9th June 2016 were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- 5 Matters Arising** - There is no update as yet to the issue of flooding in Tyn Llan With regard to the Electricity Power and BT Poles on the Heulog information is currently being pursued with regard to way leave payments. Denbighshire have not yet published the list of Town and Community Councils who have adopted the new Code of Conduct. Llanferres have sent a letter of confirmation of adoption, both to the County and to the Public Ombudsman. The Clerk has not yet written to the Village Hall Committee with regard to a small Notice Board. *Resolved: to write in time for their next meeting in September.* Cllr Rob Armstrong has been pursuing the cost of renovating the Plaque on the Memorial Stone. It is anticipated that the cost of renovation and repainting will amount to £100.
- 6 County Councillor's Report** – Cllr Holland raised the following:
 - a) Cllr Holland informed the Community Council that GHA Coach Company was no longer trading. All the services they provided for schools have been re-allocated. It is hoped that a new bus service for the area covered by GHA will be in place shortly. Be aware that any area covered by GHA buses will no longer have a service. Information Notices have been placed on the Bus Stops.
 - b) Work has now commenced on the Loggerheads car park and will allow spaces for up to seventy vehicles. It is hoped that publicity will be in place to advertise this when it is complete.
 - c) County Officers have agreed to look at the A494 from Llanferres to Llanbedr as it is an accident spot. The Offa's Dyke path also crosses this road and speeding is becoming an issue. The Trunk Road is no longer being maintained by Denbighshire. The network has been taken over by the Flintshire Authority.
 - d) Cllr Holland has now submitted a list of residents (with their permission) to BT to ensure that they receive Broadband.The Chairman thanked Cllr Holland for his comprehensive report.
- 7 Reports from Other Meetings** - the Clerk, Mrs. Dillon attended the recent 'One Voice Wales' Branch Meeting held in Denbigh on 22nd June 2016. Mrs Dillon gave a report on the content of the Meeting which was shortened due to the fact that the Speaker apologised for non-attendance. Mrs Dillon also attended the Branch Meeting for the Society of Local Council Clerks, held in Coedpoeth on the 28th June 2016. Mrs Dillon introduced the new Clerk to Llandegla Mr David Rose. Mrs Dillon was appointed Vice-Chairman due to the sudden death of Mr Michael Shorter from Llanfair DC. The host Clerk gave a presentation on the renovation of the War Memorial gates in Coedpoeth. There then followed information regarding the constitutional change to the Society which was the creation of a new trade union which will provide trade union activities previously provided by the Society but will now be done through

the new union. The new Audit regime was discussed and the Pensions auto enrolment scheme. Dates for future meetings and training were then arranged.

- 9 Maintenance in the Community** – it was reported that children had been playing on the roof of the motor mower building in Maeshafn and a number of slates had been broken.

Resolved to set a budget for the work to be carried out - £200.

A complaint had been received about the size of the Christmas Tree in Maeshafn. Options were discussed after an inspection had been carried out. Resolved to put an article in News & Views to ascertain what the residents of Maeshafn would want.

Cllr Almond had been able to trace a photograph of one of the original 'Cadole' signs and this had now been sent to the Welsh Trunk Road Agency. A response is awaited.

- 10 Red Telephone Kiosk** – information has been received from Cadwyn Clwyd with regard to a new Project for regenerating the K6 Giles Gilbert Scott red telephone boxes. *The Clerk confirmed that she has registered the Community Council's interest as there are a limited number of spaces available.*

- 11 Risk Assessments** – the Risk Assessments in the area have now been carried out and the completed assessment report has been handed to the Clerk. There are no outstanding issues. The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Investment Strategy Document for discussion and adoption in the September meeting. **Agenda Item*

- 12 Maes Ysgawen– Community Open Space** – the maintenance plan is working well and the Maes is looking very attractive. Wild flower seeding will be discussed for next spring. The Headteacher, Ms Elizabeth Knight, has been asked to meet with members of the Community Council to discuss what needs to be provided for the children of the school. This will take place in September.

- 13 Training & Finance Issues** - The LPFRA were issued with the Annual Invoice for the field rental for the Playing Field.

The Internal Audit the Report had been circulated to the Councillors and the issues raised were discussed. The following recommendations were actioned:

- i) A Financial Risk Assessment is required and a draft format is to be circulated for discussion and action at the next Meeting.
- ii) The Annual Return required amendment to show Staff costs as £2433 and other payments as £3969. *Agreed*
- iii) The Council was required to formally approve the correct monthly amount paid to the Clerk. This amounted to £13.36 per hour. *Agreed*
- iv) It was noted that the Council was required to backdate the Clerk's pay to meet the annual increase. This was accounted for outside the normal PAYE Payroll system and the HMRC was due an additional tax payment of £46.25. *Agreed*
- v) All loose-leaf Minutes must be initialed on each page by the Chairman. *Agreed*
- vi) The Council should set a budget in support of the precept that is then monitored against actual expenditure during the Year. *Agreed*

14 Bills	HMRC (July)	£38.40
	HMRC (2015 Underpayment)	£46.25
	Clerk's Salary (Direct Debit)	£***

- 15 Planning Matters** – Application No. 15/2016/0559
Location: White House Pant Du Road Eryrys
Proposal: Erection of a detached double garage with holiday accommodation above

Resolved: The Community Council offered no objections or comments to the proposals.

- 16 Maeshafn Green/Playing Field** - The maintenance of the common land in Maeshafn without the use of pesticides is now being undertaken by Dr. Hugo Watts and is working well. It was noted that the Playing Field will need cutting again shortly.

- 17 Correspondence list** – the following correspondence, together with items of correspondence discussed above was received:

E-Mailed Documentation

- a) Copy of the Final Financial Regulations for Wales

- b) 'Green Growth Wales' expressions of interest requested for projects delivering energy efficiency, renewable energy and resources efficiency.
- c) Welsh Government's plans for fiscal reform – information on Welsh Tax Powers.
- d) Information regarding the 'Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013'. Consultation (2nd Phase).
The Act requires local Authorities to continuously improve facilities and routes for pedestrians and cyclists and to prepare maps identifying current and potential future routes for their use.
- e) Public Audit – Redesigning Public Services – the importance of digital services.

18 Other Matters Brought to Councillor's attention:

- a) An observation was made that the County Council cleared the drains on the Loggerheads to Cilcain T-Junction. But shortly after, the contract grasscutter cut the roadside verges and blocked the drains again!

19 Date of next Meeting: A General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8th September 2016 at **7:30** pm in Llanferres Village Hall.

The Clerk
Gwyneth A Dillon July 20216