

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held at the Community Centre, Pen-y-Ffordd, on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

PRESENT: Councillor J Williams (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs J Roberts

D Brown

J Owen

Mrs D Banks

G Banks

J Larner

Mrs G Fisher

Mrs J Hughes

Mrs E Harvey

M Williams

Together with the Clerk and Councillor T Roberts.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors Luke, McGlory and Ms Braun. The Chairman welcomed newly appointed County Councillor Tim Roberts to the meeting.

2.) **GUEST SPEAKER:** Police Support Officer, Matthew Griffiths attended the meeting to update Members on matters affecting the Community.

PSO Griffiths advised Members that the local Police department was under-staffed at present, due to vacancies and the requirement to move staff to areas where the demand for a police presence was higher. Police matters in this area were relatively quiet.

Councillor G Banks asked about the temporary one-way system through the village of Ffynnongroyw. It has been reported that there are vehicles entering and leaving the village in the wrong direction on a regular basis, which could result in accidents. PSO Griffiths advised there are police vehicles visiting the area and any vehicles observed were being stopped, and advised of their errors. The drivers were also being breathalysed and drug tested. Any subsequent incidents involving the same drivers resulted in tickets being issued.

Councillor Owen asked about the costs of the one-way system, and Councillor G Banks advised Arriva were being paid approximately £800 per week to re-route their service for the duration of the works. PSO Griffiths said he understood there were another four weeks of the works to go.

Councillor G Banks advised some individuals were driving the wrong way on a constant basis, and felt if this was happening in Prestatyn or Holywell, it would receive more police attention. The PSO advised if we could get the registration number of the vehicle and make a formal report, it would be acted upon. The PSO also advised that the County Council had been asked for more signage advising drivers of the one-way system and the road-works.

PSO Griffiths advised Members that the Police Station in Mostyn was scheduled to close, so the nearest stations for our area would be either Prestatyn or Holywell.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised there was a problem in Talacre with motor cycles and quad-bikes during the night, with the drivers not wearing crash helmets. PSO Griffiths advised it was Police policy not to pursue such drivers at present.

Councillor J Williams advised there was a problem with parked vehicles in Gronant near the junction where the wall had collapsed. PSO Griffiths advised he would visit the village to look at the problem.

Councillor G Banks advised the mobile numbers for Officers displayed on the website were not being answered. The PSO advised it was better to call 101 to report an event, as this would create an Incident Report, which could be followed up on.

PSO Griffiths was thanked for his attendance.

3.) TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th November 2019 had been circulated to members. Councillor J Williams proposed, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk pointed out that there had been a considerable gap since the last meeting and Members being provided with copies of the minutes. In future when Council was in recess, (August and December) it was proposed that 'draft' minutes would be issued as soon as possible after the meeting.

Agreed Unanimously.

4.) CORRESPONDENCE.

Schedules of correspondence had been circulated with the meeting papers, and the Clerk high-lighted the following items which required Councillor consideration;

- email from the daughter of a former resident of Gronant looking for old photographs of the village. Members agreed that we should refer the lady to Harry Thomas.
- email from Denbighshire County Council, with links to Gov.uk pages on website accessibility regulations. Bagillt Web Design have advised the Council that amendments to our existing website will cost an estimated £300 to meet the new requirements coming into effect in September 2020. Further information will be provided in due course.
- an email from Flintshire County Council, Aura Leisure. Proposals for the Toddlers play structure in Trelogan. Proposals to be reviewed and further meeting with Richard Roberts arranged.

- email from Fire & Rescue Authority with links to the public consultation on developing a long-term strategy.
- email from OWL Cymru on consultation for funding options for future.
- email from Sheila Powell, Older People's Engagement Worker, asking to meet to discuss the project. (To be invited to February meeting.)
- email from Victim Support requesting financial assistance.
- letter from Ysgol Mornant requesting financial assistance.

Councillors discussed the final two items and agreed to provide financial assistance of £50 each.

5.) TO REPORT TO MEMBERS ON THE STREET-LIGHTING UPGRADE.

The Clerk reported that the street-lighting upgrade had commenced on the 6th January 2020 as scheduled. MEGA Electrical had progressed well, with many of the lights in Gronant, Glan-Yr-Afon, Talacre and Picton Road, Penyffordd having been replaced with LED lamps. Work was ongoing, and several faults had been reported to Scottish Power for their teams to repair before LED lamps could be installed. Any faults reported were being forwarded to MEGA Electrical at this time for their attention.

The Clerk had been in touch with Salix Finance to advise the project was running on schedule and the funding would be required in February, subject to the faults being repaired by Scottish Power.

6.) TO DETERMINE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Clerk had issued draft proposals to Members with the meeting papers, and Councillors discussed the proposal to keep the precept at the same level as the previous financial year of £65000. During discussions, Members spoke on the Community Council's program of providing defibrillator equipment throughout the Community and the ongoing costs of providing training and replacement parts once equipment had been used, and felt we should increase the precept to account for this expenditure.

Councillor Brown proposed we should increase the precept by 2% for 2020/21, to £66300, seconded by Councillor Mrs Banks. **Approved Unanimously.**

The Chairman and the Clerk signed the Precept Form, which the Clerk would forward to the County Council.

7.) TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LLANASA, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE TELEPHONE BOX TO ACCOMODATE THIS EQUIPMENT.

The Clerk advised Members that as the phone box in Llanasa village was a Grade II listed building, and it was decided it would be better to retain the phone box with working telephone equipment. BT had confirmed that following the adoption, all land-line equipment would be removed. The application to adopt the phone box had been cancelled. The village hall had been identified as an alternative location for the defibrillator equipment, however it was pointed out that this building may also be listed. Councillor Brown would contact the Village Conservation Society to obtain clarification.

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator equipment had been received and was ready to be installed.

8.) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

060664 Retrospective application for change of use of former Post Office into residential accommodation at Penyffordd Post Office.

060681 Garden room extension to rear of property at Talafryn, Berllan Lane, Gwespyr.

060687 Construction of B1 industrial units at land adjacent to Rose Gardens, Coast Road, Gwespyr.

060729 Change of use of previously developed land (850m²) to provide family traveller accommodation comprising 2 static caravans, 2 trailer caravans, 1 day room, along with the formation of new access from the site onto the Coast Road, at land adjacent to Nationwide Caravan Rental Services, Coast Road, Tanlan.

060782 Re-grading of agricultural land at land off Nant-y-Gro, Gronant.

Councillors discussed these applications, and objections had been received from residents regarding application 060729. The Clerk would submit objections to the County Council accordingly.

Objections were raised against application 060687 on the grounds of over-development of this site. The Clerk would submit objections to the County Council accordingly.

No objections were raised to applications 060664, 060681 or 060782.

Two further applications had been received since the Agenda was issued as follows;

060828 Erection of one new single storey dwelling at Tan y Fron, Llanasa Road, Gronant.

Councillors discussed this application and raised objections on the grounds of access to the site. The Clerk would advise the County Council accordingly.

060862 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at Saltcoates, Talbot Derive, Talacre.

No objections were raised to this application.

Applications Determined by Flintshire County Council:

- 060608 Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 7 (Ecological Compliance Audit) & 8 (Bat Avoidance, Mitigation & Compensation Measures) attached to planning permission reference 059124 at Parkfield, Llanasa Road, Gronant **Approved**
- 060570 Alterations and extensions including temporary siting of static caravan for duration of construction at Saltcoates, Talbot Drive, Talacre **Refused**
- 060567 Erection of domestic garage at Wallgrange, Llys Owen, Gronant **Approved**
- 060031 Application for approval of details reserved by condition no. 3 (site investigation), attached to planning permission ref: 057419 at Kelston Farm, Gwespyr **Partially Discharged**

9.) TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATE ON THE FIXED ASSET TRANSFER OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN TALACRE.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that the idea had now been drafted within Flintshire County Council, however confirmed that no formal proposals were ready to be issued.

Members were advised at an earlier meeting of the existence of a pumping station to the rear of the toilets, and the question was raised who would be responsible for this structure. Members were advised that the pumping station was, and would remain, the responsibility of Welsh Water.

10.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

That the accounts, as submitted, be approved for payment.

The Clerk provided Members with a copy of the latest budget monitoring report, together with a copy of the bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2019.

Councillor G Banks questioned the cheque raised for petty cash expenses, and asked whether Councillors could receive a copy of the Petty Cash account at the next meeting.

The Clerk would prepare the document accordingly.

11.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £3529.02

12.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £22.02

13.) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The committee of Trelogan Community Council had been in touch with both Flintshire County Council and the Community Council regarding a street-light in the car-park at the centre. The County Council had advised this was the responsibility of the community council, despite the car-park being owned by the county council. Councillors discussed the problem, and it was suggested we ask MEGA Electrical to provide a quotation to install a second light on the other side of the existing pole.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised members the car-park and overflow car-park at Talacre Community Centre were both owned by Flintshire County Council. Both areas were now a danger to vehicles as a result of the potholes and large pools covering the areas.

The Clerk would contact Street-scene accordingly.

Councillor Owen asked the Clerk to remind Mr Seaburg of Street-scene about the ramp being installed at Bryn Garth Bowling Green.

The Clerk would contact Street-scene accordingly.

14.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

None at this meeting.

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Chairman