

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held virtually on Tuesday 21st November 2020.

PRESENT: Councillor J Williams (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs J Roberts
D Brown
G Banks
Mrs G Fisher
Ms S Braun
M Williams
Together with the Clerk.

- 1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors Luke, Owen, Mrs D Banks and Mrs Harvey.

- 2.) **GUEST SPEAKER:** Nigel Seaburg of Flintshire County Council, Street-scene department, joined the meeting via Zoom.

Mr Seaburg was advised Members that the Rhiw footpath was in a dangerous state due to the wet leaves that were covering the area. Mr Seaburg confirmed that a works order would be raised for the work to be carried out. Councillor G Banks confirmed that Darrell Jones had already been informed of this problem.

Councillor J Williams asked about the ongoing parking problems on Llanasa Road and Nant y Gro in Gronant. Vehicles parking on the same side as the Gronant Inn were a major problem as they obscured views of vehicles joining Llanasa Road. There were also problems for refuse collection vehicles accessing roads via Llanasa Road. Mr Seaburg advised that there were two possibilities to relieve the problems, yellow lines or drop kerbs. We should write to Iwan Cale at Flintshire County Council regarding the drop kerbs as a Highway Safety Issue. Residents of the village may have to agree to yellow lines. It was suggested that the Institute could be used for parking in an attempt to get vehicles off Llanasa Road.

The pathway between Nant y Gro and Abbey Drive was overgrown and the trees and hedges required cutting back. Mr Seaburg suggested we write to John Hill of the public footpaths department.

Councillor G Banks thanked Mr Seaburg for the works recently carried out on the Coast Road at Ffynnongroyw to reduce flooding issues. Flooding issues had also been identified in Mornant Avenue as per an NRW fault with Network Rail.

Mr Seaburg was thanked for his attendance.

3.) **TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 20TH OCTOBER 2020.**

The minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 20th October 2020 had been circulated to members. Councillor Brown pointed out that details of those Members in attendance had not been included on the minutes. The Clerk would amend the minutes accordingly, and future minutes would include such information.

Subject to the above amendments, Councillor J Williams proposed, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

4.) **TO CONSIDER THE RENEWAL OF THE STREET-LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Flintshire County Council had sent out a proposed renewal of the street-lighting maintenance agreement covering the period from 6th April 2020 to 6th April 2023. Details of this proposal had been forwarded to Councillors with the meeting papers.

Councillors queried the following item included in the proposed agreement;

'the current charge for this service will be £25.00 per lighting column for the period of the contract'

Councillors asked for clarification of what this charge covered, bearing in mind this would total £8375. Also included in the terms and conditions was the recommendation from the lighting department that the Community Council should review the process of replacing 35w sox lamps due to the manufacturing companies ceasing production in 2020.

Councillors discussed the proposal and suggested we write back to Jamie Bennett for clarification of the proposed charge, and to confirm that the street-lights within our community had been up-graded to led lamps. Would this up-grade affect the prices of repairs included within the proposal? Councillor Brown asked whether we should ask MEGA Electrical to provide a maintenance agreement quotation, bearing in mind they had carried out the up-grade works. A decision would be made once the response had been received from the County Council.

5.) **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

061897 Erection of detached garage and store at Derwen Las, Gwespyr Hill, Gwespyr.

No objections were raised for this application.

061918 Siting of 5no. log cabin holiday units at Ynys Hir Farm, Picton Road, Picton.

Councillors and residents had submitted objections against this application based on the following grounds;

- the 5 holiday units are all 4 bed-roomed units, which are considered unsuitable and too high
- the units would create a blot on the landscape
- original planning restrictions had not been observed
- the area is a farm, and has not received approval for change of use to a caravan park

The Clerk would submit objections to Flintshire County Council based on the above.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that he understood the Officer recommendation relating to planning application 061631, erection of a detached dwelling and garage at land adjacent to Dderwen Aur House, Picton Road, Picton, was a refusal. This has not yet been confirmed in writing.

6.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

The Clerk advised Members that the invoice from Scottish Power had not arrived when the meeting papers were being finalised, and an estimate of £305.62 had been included. The actual invoice had subsequently arrived in the sum of £312.70.

7.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £4735.37

8.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £1.53

9.) **TO DETERMINE THE WINNING ENTRIES TO THE SCARECROW COMPETITION**

Details of all entries had been circulated to Councillors and the winning entries were identified as follows;

1st Prize	Helen Goddard
2nd Prize	Dave Robinson
3rd Prize	Debbie Redmond

The Clerk would contact the winners and arrange for prizes to be issued.

Councillor G Banks commented that the competition had been a huge success, and suggested that we should expand the entries to include all local primary schools for 2021.

Councillor Brown suggested we should contact the organisers of the Llanasa competition for their support next year.

10.) TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A PLOT OF LAND IN TRELOGAN

The committee of Trelogan Community Council had been in touch with both Flintshire County Council and the Community Council regarding the adoption of a plot of land opposite the old Afan Goch public house. The intention of the committee was to plant flowers and provide a bench and make the land a more welcoming sight at the start of the village.

Mr Nigel Seaburg had been advised of this proposal and had agreed to meet members of the village committee, together with Councillor M Williams, at the site on the following Friday.

11.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised Members that it was the time of year to look at the Council Precept for the following financial year. With this in mind, the Clerk indicated he would distribute copies of the usual papers to Members prior to the Christmas break, in order that Councillors could review the figures in time for the January meeting. The Community Council was required to submit its Precept request to Flintshire County Council by the 22nd January, and the Council meeting was not until the 19th. Councillors suggested that we hold a virtual Budget Meeting the week prior to the scheduled meeting in order that any queries could be asked and the Precept for 2021/22 could be agreed.

The Clerk would distribute the budget paperwork, and schedule the Budget Meeting.

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

None at this meeting.

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Chairman