

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held virtually on Tuesday 16th February 2021.

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

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

Prior to commencement of the meeting, Councillor G Banks proposed a moments applause in memory of Councillor J Owen, who had passed away recently. Members agreed to this proposal and expressed sadness at Mr Owen's passing, after long service to the Community Council.

- 2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None were received at this meeting.

- 3.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH JANUARY 2021:**

Copies of the minutes of the virtual meeting of the 19th January 2021 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Councillor G Banks requested the minutes be amended to reflect his comments regarding the annual allowance payable to Councillors. The Clerk would amend the minutes accordingly. Councillor Ms Braun advised she had not received the claim form for the allowance, and Councillor G Banks advised Councillor Mrs D banks had also not received the form. The Clerk would forward duplicate forms.

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

Councillor G Banks advised Members that the re-surfacing works on Llinegr Hill were now complete. Councillor Mrs Fisher advised Members that some re-surfacing works were being carried out near the Animal Rescue Centre. Councillor Ms Braun advised Members that Llanasa Road in Gronant was

included on the list of roads needing re-surfacing but this would not be carried out before the new housing development was complete.

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

062376 Proposed window replacement from single glazing to double glazed UPVC at Epworth Villa, Mornant Avenue, Ffynnongroyw.

No objections were raised for this application. Councillors commented that the installation of double glazing was not a planning issue unless it related to listed buildings.

062412 Proposal to fell 1no. cedar tree at The Old Barn, Ty Newydd Court, Llanasa.

Councillor Brown advised Members he had viewed the tree in question and could understand the reasons for this proposal. Although no objections were raised for this application, Councillor Brown asked whether the final decision would be with the Tree Preservation Society.

5.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

6.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £3984.79

7.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £1.53

8.) TO REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENT, INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS OF THE COUNCIL.

Copies of the Risk Assessment, Investment Strategy and Internal Financial Controls had been included in the meeting papers for Councillors' consideration.

Councillors agreed unanimously that no changes were required at this time from the documents prepared last year.

9.) TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

A 'drop-box' link to details of the Model Financial Regulations had been included in the meeting papers for Councillors to access the document and review. Members asked the Clerk to review and provide a summary and briefing for Councillors.

10.) TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) had issued information to Town & Community Councils to prepare for the possible return to face-to-face meetings after the 7th May 2021. At present, UK legislation allowed for Town & Community Councils to meet virtually. This legislation expires on the 7th May 2021, and unless the UK Government changes the legislation, meetings will be expected to return to face-to-face from that date.

Councillors discussed the possible return to physical meetings and agreed that the room at Ysgol Bryn Garth may prove to be too small for social distancing purposes. Members pointed out that there are larger premises throughout the community which could be used for our meetings. Rooms would be available in Trelogan, Llanasa, Ffynnongroyw, Llanasa and Talacre which would be big enough to accommodate full Council meetings under social distancing restrictions. Members agreed that we should look into this possibility for the meeting scheduled for May 2021. Further details would be provided as the restrictions are reviewed by the Welsh Assembly.

11.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised Members following the passing of Councillor J Owen, a casual vacancy for a Councillor had arisen in the Ffynnongroyw ward. This would need to be advertised and any interested parties should contact the Council accordingly. The Clerk would place an advert on the Council website and adverts would be placed around the ward.

Councillors discussed a donation in memory of Councillor J Owen. The family had requested any donations be made to St Kentigerns Hospice. Members agreed unanimously that a donation of £150 should be made to the hospice.

Councillor Ms Braun advised Members that there was no grit-bin on the higher roads of Gwespyr and the recent icy weather had indicated a need for such a facility. Members agreed that we should send a request to Flintshire County Council to proceed with this matter.

Councillor Ms Braun asked about two street-lights in Gronant and Lower Gronant that had not been up-graded. The light by the Institute was believed to be on private land and not Community Council responsibility. The light opposite the Beachcomber club in Lower Gronant was believed to be in Denbighshire and if so would also not be Community Council responsibility. The Clerk would look into both lights and report back to Council.

The Clerk advised Members that the Health & Safety review of headstones in Picton Cemetery had been completed, and there were 17 headstones that were considered unsafe. Mr Williams-Cooke had offered to make these headstones safe at a cost of £240.00. Councillors agreed that we should proceed with this, and messages should be placed on the headstones in question, advising of the measures taken.

Chairman