

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday 20th July 2021, at Llanasa Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor D Brown (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs G Fisher
Mrs E Harvey
J Williams
G Banks
M Williams
Mrs D Banks
I Luke
Mrs J Hughes
J Larner
Ms E Charlton-Fleming
R McGlory
Together with the Clerk.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillor Ms Braun. Councillor G Banks had another meeting to attend, but would arrive late.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5, to determine the level of funding to assist with the replacement of the village signpost in Llanasa.

3.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH JUNE 2021.**

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Talacre Community Centre had been circulated with the meeting papers. Councillor Luke proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Harvey, that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

Councillor Luke asked whether the ownership of the Bowling Club premises in Ffynnongroyw had been determined. The Clerk advised no further information had been received, however Councillor McGlory advised we should contact Lisa McLellan at Flintshire County Council.

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

063089 Development of land for holiday lodges and all associated works at Maes Gwynfryn, Tanrallt Road, Gwespyr - Councillors discussed this application and agreed that access to this site would cause problems.

063055 Extension, alteration and remodelling of single storey gate house at Talacre Lodge, Llanasa Road, Gwespyr - Councillors discussed this application and questioned whether the building was listed. In addition, access to this site would cause problems.

063130 Application for approval of details reserved by condition no's 3 (materials), 5 (drainage) attached to Planning Permission reference 060893 at Springfield & Kerry, Dee Road, Talacre
- No Objections

063190 Installation of 8m Light Pole at near Westbury Lodge, Abbey Drive, Gronant
- No Objections

Councillors discussed the Planning Consultation process and would like to submit some feedback to the Planning department as follows;

While we accept the decisions are made by the County Council, it would appear that objections raised by the local community council are not considered, when the community council would have a better knowledge of the area and the feelings of local residents.

5.) TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VILLAGE SIGNPOST IN LLANASA.

Councillors discussed the level of funding to assist the Llanasa Conservation Society replace the signpost within the village. The Chairman of the Society, Mr John Haley, had provided details of the quotation for the works which amounted to £2490, and the Conservation Society had already spent £625 on the refurbishment of the plinth to accommodate the new signpost.

Councillors discussed the situation, and were informed that the replacement sign was to be situated on the triangle of land in the centre of the village. The old sign had been made of a wooden post which would be replaced. Councillor J Williams proposed that we should provide funding of 50% of the quoted cost. This proposal was subsequently withdrawn when Members were advised the Conservation Society had also applied for grant funding from other sources, which had been successful. An amended proposal of 25% of the cost was proposed, seconded by Councillor Luke.

Motion Carried.

6.) TO REVIEW THE FINDING OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021.

Copies of the Internal Audit for the year ended 31st March 2021 had been circulated to Councillors for review, and the findings were discussed. The Chairman expressed his concerns that some items in the report were still outstanding after some years. The Chairman asked that we should contact the internal auditors, JDH Business Services Limited, for confirmation that the Standing Orders presented for the 2021/22 audit now closes this item. The Chairman also asked whether there was a time limit for any actions to be corrected. The Chairman also asked if we would ask if Insurance Values of fixed assets was acceptable as we have no ready available details of the original costs. The Clerk would write to the internal auditors.

Councillors expressed their feelings of discomfort in the way the audit had been reported.

After extensive discussions, it was agreed that the following actions would be carried out by the September meeting;

- Finance listings would be signed off
- The August '18 cheque payments listing for £7087.62 would be signed off
- The Petty Cash book would be signed off
- The old version of the Standing Orders would be destroyed

It was also agreed that all recommendations would be implemented by the end of the current financial year.

Councillor G Banks expressed his opinion that all actions on the outstanding issues should be advised to Council in writing.

7.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

10.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £2915.68

11.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £1.53

14.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mrs Fisher firstly thanked Council for the sympathy card following the passing of her husband, Roger.

Councillor Mrs Fisher reported that land adjoining 28 Y Berthlog, the passageway between the Old Post Office to Berthlog, and the triangle of land at the bottom end of the village were all overgrown and required attention. The Clerk would contact Street-scene.

Councillor Ms Charlton-Fleming had been contacted by the family of two deceased people whose cremated remains had been buried in Picton Cemetery. The family had visited the cemetery to place flowers at the grave, but felt that the position was incorrect. Blackwells the Stonemasons had been instructed by the family not to lay a headstone pending verification of the site of the grave. Councillor Ms Charlton-Fleming, Mr Steve Blackwell, the Clerk and seven members of the family had met at the cemetery to discuss the situation. The family were convinced that the burial had not taken place at the site indicated, but in an area that according to cemetery records, had not as yet been used for burials. It was eventually agreed that the only way to determine the place of the burial was to investigate the area where the family thought the burial had taken place.

Councillors expressed their concerns that this matter should be resolved as a matter of urgency in order that the family could gain closure at this upsetting time. Councillor Mrs Harvey said a solution need to be found quickly, and better organisation in future.

The Chairman asked whether there is a plan of the graves at Picton cemetery, and the Clerk confirmed this to be the case. The Chairman also asked whether we would need to approach the Home Office for permission to investigate the area concerned, despite our belief there were no burials in this area. The Clerk had been in contact with Mr Gareth Owens, the Legal Officer of Flintshire County Council, for his opinion on this matter. He had advised contact with the Home Office, and had suggested we should make contact with a specialist in Burial Law, and had provided contact details of such a company.

It was agreed that we would initially contact the Home Office for their opinion. Moving forward it was agreed that a better system was to be agreed, and responsibilities determined.

Councillor Luke asked whether there had been any progress on the planning applications submitted proposing traveller sites within the Tan Lan / Ffynnongroyw area. Councillor G Banks advised Members that there were three applications for traveller sites with the County Council at this time. One had been submitted for approval in November 2019. Objections had been submitted at the time however we were now powerless to do anything further.

Councillor J Williams reported there were two trees within the school boundary hedge overgrown and hanging over 78 Nant y Gro / Abbey Drive. Could we contact Street-scene to arrange for cutting back. The Clerk would contact Street-scene.

Councillor J Williams asked if a letter of thanks could be written to Aura Leisure to express our thanks for the excellent job that had been completed on the basketball courts in Gronant. The Clerk would send the letter of thanks.

Councillor G Banks advised the street-light outside no 1 Glan-yr-Afon cottages was not working.
Councillor Mrs Harvey advised the street-light in Didsbury Avenue, Talacre was continually on. The Clerk would report both faults to MEGA Electrical.

The locations of future meetings were confirmed as follows;

21st September	-	Ffynnongroyw Community Centre
19th October	-	Gronant Institute
16th November	-	Trelogan Community Centre

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Chairman