

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday 15th March 2022, at the Community Centre, Ysgol Bryn Garth.

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

- 1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs D Banks, Ms Braun and Mrs Fisher

The Chairman advised Members that Councillor McGlory had now failed to attend a meeting of the Council for six consecutive months, and as a result now ceased to be a Councillor.

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

None declared at this time.

- 3.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS HELD ON THE 25TH JANUARY 2022 AND 15TH FEBRUARY 2022.**

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15th February 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers. Councillor Mrs Harvey proposed, seconded by Councillor Luke, that the minutes be approved, and signed by the Chairman.

Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting held on the 25th January 2022 had been withheld, and the Chairman suggested that Councillor G Banks and the Clerk should agree the revised wording in order that the minutes could be agreed and published.

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

- 064181 Proposed side extension and car-port to an existing bungalow to provide a new therapy area for a disabled individual at Pant Ynys, Glasdir, Penyffordd. **No Objections**
- 064095 Alterations to rear outrigger and removal of existing conservatory. Window/door alteration to front elevation. Window replacement generally. Re-rendering of existing building. New garage door. Provide balustrading to guard from falls at Carreg Serth, Trelogan **No Objections**
- 064138 Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval. (057664) at land at side of Seaward, Llanasa Road, Gronant.
- Councillors discussed this application and Councillor J Williams advised it was the 4th time this had been submitted. On previous occasions, the site had been cleared and the waste had been removed but questions had been asked whether the waste was contaminated as the site was next to old mine workings.
- 064075 Proposed erection of detached dwelling at Tan Lan Bach Farm, Ffynnongroyw
- Councillor Mrs Harvey advised this application referred to land next to Tan Lan Banks. Trees had been removed and the site was in the process of being cleared without permission. The removal of the trees had been reported to Natural Resources Wales, who had so far failed to take any action.
- 064142 Application for approval of details reserved by condition no's 3 (Construction Materials), 4(Retaining Wall Materials), 9(Soft Landscaping Details) attached to Planning Permission reference 062180 at Tan Y Fron, Llanasa Road, Gronant. **No Objections**
- 064112 Erection of one new dwelling following demolition of the existing dwelling at Maritos, Dee Road, Talacre **No Objections**
- 064139 Application for approval of details reserved by condition no's 4(Site & Floor Levels),9(Foul,Surface Land Drainage Waters),15 (Traffic Calming),16(Run Off Surface Water) attached to Planning Permission

reference 055398 at Land North of Coed Mor Rhewl Fawr Road, Penyffordd.

Councillors discussed this application which would appear to now be on hold pending a response to objections submitted by this Council. The Clerk confirmed that no response had been received to our objections, but advised Members that this Council did not receive any acknowledgement as a matter of course.

Councillors agreed that we should submit a complaint to Flintshire County Council for not receiving any response. If no reply was forthcoming, we should submit a complaint to the Ombudsman.

5.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

6.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £2685.97

The Clerk pointed out that the figure included on the agenda in respect of the monthly invoice to Scottish Power was estimated as the meeting papers had been issued prior to receipt of the invoice. The invoice had subsequently been received at the same amount.

The Clerk advised Members he had tried to contact the supplier of the defibrillator equipment to place the order for Gwespyr village, but had had no response. The Clerk would continue with attempts to contact Tomos Hughes to proceed with this order.

7.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £1.53

8.) **STREET-LIGHTING AUDIT**

The Clerk had circulated copies of the street-lighting audit which had been carried out on the 27th January. Following completion of the audit, the Clerk had been advised that several of the faults had been repaired by MEGA Electrical, and had carried out a further inspection. The remaining faults had been identified from the January audit.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that some of the street-lights on Picton Road, Penyffordd were still not working despite having been reported to Scottish Power early in January. Councillor Banks requested that we chase up Scottish Power via MEGA Electrical.

The Clerk advised that the next street-light audit would be carried out on the 25th February.

The street-light numbering exercise to be carried out by MEGA Electrical was discussed. Members were of the opinion that the plastic stickers would not be robust enough and may need replacing within a couple of years. Councillor Banks advised Members that Flintshire County Council could provide a plastic sign at a cheaper price, which should be investigated.

The Clerk would advise MEGA Electrical to withhold work on the numbering exercise pending agreement to the numbering device. A sample would be helpful at the next meeting.

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

Copies of the annual Risk Assessment, Investment Strategy and Internal Financial Controls had been circulated with the Agenda and Meeting papers for Councillors to review. The Internal Audit for the year ended 31st March 2021 had suggested an item in respect of supplier fraud should be included on the Risk Assessment. The document had been amended accordingly.

Councillors discussed the Risk Assessment, and the Chairman suggested that all items should be reviewed, questioning whether the level of Public Liability insurance of £10m was sufficient. The Clerk advised that the current level was put in place by the insurers that had taken over the policy in October 2021. The Clerk was requested to check with other Town & Community Councils to see what the general level of cover they had in place. The defibrillator equipment in place throughout the community was also discussed, with Councillors asking for annual checks of the equipment to be carried out. There was also discussion about 'high-value' items included on our insurance policy. The Clerk advised that the major value items were the shed at Picton Cemetery, and the street-lights and lamps.

Subject to the above, Councillors agreed unanimously that no further changes were required at this time.

10.) **TO DETERMINE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PROPOSED NORTH WALES POLICE FORUM**

It was as yet unknown when the proposed forum's first meeting would take place, however Councillors agreed that the Chairman should represent the Council at any meetings convened.

11.) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Mrs Harvey reported the situation from 4th Avenue, Talacre where the property now has a number of static caravans sited on the property. In addition, the caravans are now being connected to the drains. Councillor G Banks advised this has been reported to Flintshire County Council, Planning and Enforcement who will be inspecting.

The situation regarding the number of refuse bins being put out for collection at this property and also at 5th Avenue, Talacre was raised. The refuse collection operatives had originally advised the residents that they could not collect all the refuse, however following threatening behaviour, had emptied the bins.

Despite reports, the North Wales Police had not taken any action.

Councillor Mrs Harvey asked whether there had been any progress on the school signs. The Clerk advised he had received no details from Nigel Seaburg as yet.

Councillor M Williams reported that there had been a hydraulic fuel spillage in the Trelogan area. This had been reported to Street-scene by Councillor G Banks, and had been cleared up. Councillor M Williams had asked who would be responsible for such a spillage, and Councillors agreed that it would be the responsibility of the vehicle owners.

Councillor Ms Charlton-Fleming reported pot-holes along Picton Road, together with two drains being blocked. The Clerk would report these items to Nigel Seaburg.

Councillor G Banks reported on the Welsh Government trial of 20mph speed limits on roads. The main road from Mold to Buckley was carrying out such a trial. Councillor G Banks advised that this speed limit would be brought in throughout the country.

The Clerk advised that Election Notices for the forthcoming County and Town & Community Council elections would be put up for the period from 18th March to 6th April. A similar notice would be placed on the Council website. Nomination papers for all Councillors were distributed. As a result of Mr McGlory ceasing to be a Councillor, there was now a Casual Vacancy for the Gronant ward, which would need to be filled.

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

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Chairman