

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2022, at Ysgol Bryn Garth, Penyffordd

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs E Harvey (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs J Roberts
Mrs G Maddison
J Williams
G Banks
D Brown
Mrs G Fisher
M Williams
J Larner

Together with the Clerk.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Nigel Seaburg of Flintshire County Council, Street-scene department attended the meeting, and provided Members with up-dates as follows;

A contractor had been appointed to carry out repairs to the flooring in the disabled units at the public toilets in Talacre. A sensor fault had been identified which was stopping the door from locking. In addition, the wall had been vandalised, and the grab handle required fixing. As a result of all the problems, Mr Seaburg declared the toilets were at present not fit for purpose. Once the repairs had been carried out, a new cleaner would be employed.

Councillor G Banks asked about the proposed Community Asset Transfer of this facility which had not taken place. It would appear that Flintshire County Council had only offered a nominal sum to assist the Community with ongoing costs. Mr Seaburg suggested contact should be made with Richard Jones in the tourism department to discuss the funding of the toilets.

Mr Seaburg was advised that the no-parking yellow lines had almost disappeared throughout the village, and as a result vehicles were again parking anywhere. Mr Seaburg confirmed that the lines were scheduled to be re-painted.

The manager of the business park had been in contact asking what could be done about speeding vehicles not noticing the entrance to the business park. It was suggested that 'Slow' signs should be erected heading into the village, and also outside the holiday park.

Mr Seaburg advised that markings had been put down for surface patching on the road into Trelogan village. There were however, no plans for any changes to the road outside the school as yet.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised that the weeds were growing out of control in the Gamfa Wen car-park. Mr Seaburg confirmed that plans were in place for the area to be sprayed with weed-killer.

Councillor Mrs Harvey also advised that the car-park gates were not being locked until late at night, and the Community Centre gates were not being locked at all.

Councillor G Banks advised that there was a Japanese Knotweed problem in the area below Mounds' Yard, and also in Penyffordd at the back of the houses.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised there had been incidents of wild camping around the village of Talacre. It was suggested that contact should be made with Vicky Plant of Flintshire County Council regarding any enforcement matters. Councillor Mrs Harvey advised Members that caravan and caravanette owners had been emptying waste into the fields where they had stayed. Councillor G Banks advised that this matter had been reported in the Daily Post as a growing problem. It would appear that visitors were getting away with such incidents due to there being no police presence in the area.

Councillor Mrs Fisher advised that the triangle of land at the cross-roads in Trelogan was overgrown and was causing a hazard. Mr Seaburg confirmed that this area was scheduled to be cut back within the next few weeks.

Councillor Brown asked whether some priority could be given to some traffic calming measures through Llanasa. It appears that the road is now a main throughfare to the A55, with vehicles not slowing down through the village.

Councillor G Banks advised that himself and Councillor Mrs Maddison were handing in a petition to Flintshire County Council in connection with speeding vehicles through Glan-yr-Afon.

Mr Seaburg advised that he was still waiting for the contractor to provide his quotation in connection with the school signs recently discussed. Members asked whether the wording would be in both Welsh and English, although the size of the signs may determine this.

Councillor Mrs Maddison asked which benches throughout the area were the responsibility of the Community Council. The Clerk advised he was aware of 7 benches that the Council maintained – 4 within Picton Cemetery and 3 elsewhere. Councillors agreed to review this matter, and consider replacement of any benches that were in a state of dis-repair at the September meeting.

Councillor Lerner asked what could be done about the hand-rail on the Gwespwr footpath. Mr Seaburg would look into the matter.

Councillor J Williams advised that the sycamore hedge near the pensioner's bungalows in Gronant required cutting back. Mr Seaburg confirmed this matter had been passed to the Housing department.

Councillor Mrs Harvey felt the signage for the car-park on Gamfa Wen in Talacre was not prominent enough for motorists. Councillor G banks advised he believed Steve Jones at Flintshire County Council was looking into this matter, and possible new signs.

Mr Seaburg advised that the broken timber dividers and the boardwalk in Lower Gronant were to be repaired.

The Chairman thanked Mr Seaburg for his attendance.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs D Banks and Ms Braun.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None declared at this time.

3.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST JUNE 2022.**

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st June 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Councillor Brown and Councillor G Banks commented on item 11, and the performance review meeting held. The Councillors stated that the minutes did not accurately reflect the comments made and their apologies offered to Members.

Although it was not suggested that the matter be re-opened, it was agreed that the minutes should be re-drafted for Councillor approval in September.

4.) **MATTERS ARISING**

The issue of the Performance Review meeting was raised, and details of the outcomes were requested to be made available to all Members.

Councillor Mrs Fisher asked whether there had been any progress on the street-light numbering exercise. It was agreed that adhesive stickers would not be suitable to adhere to the majority of wooden poles and a more robust plastic A5 size plate would be preferable, in order that the identification number and a telephone number to call in case of fault could be easily visible. A sample would be obtained for the September meeting for approval.

The quotation for the upgrade of the street-lighting on Tanrallt Road, Gwespyr had not been received from MEGA Electrical. The Clerk was asked to chase for the quotation, and get the works approved for early completion.

5.) **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY FLINTSHIRE CC.**

000164 Erection of replacement dwelling – outline application (all matters reserved) at Tan-y-Glyn, Station Yard, Talacre

No Objections

000231 Change of use of former chapel to a residential property, removal of vestry, outside wc and cellar. Instal steel beams to create second floor. Replacement windows and doors. Removal of front wall for driveway at Bethel Chapel, Gronant

No Objections

Although there were no objections to planning application 000231, Councillors pointed out that much of the proposed works had already commenced.

6.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

7.) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £6397.87.

The Clerk advised Members that following Councillors' requests, the Council online banking facility had been set up with HSBC Bank, and the regular monthly payments would be paid by bacs transfer. Following discussions, it was agreed unanimously that the Chairman should be provided with bank access in order that the correct amounts were being transferred.

The Clerk had circulated copies of the bank reconciliation as at the 30th June 2022, together with copies of the latest budget monitoring statement for Councillor review.

8.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £1.53 (Not being used at this time.)

9.) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk had received a letter from Mrs Jones of Berthengham following correspondence with the Post Office, asking for the village to be recognised in her address. Councillor M Williams explained to Members that originally there had been two separate villages – Trelogan and Berthengham. Over the years, with the development of new housing estates, the boundaries of the villages had merged, and the identity of Berthengham had been somewhat lost. This may have been due to the local primary school being named Trelogan C P despite being geographically based in Berthengham.

Mrs Jones has requested the support of the Community Council in her campaign to have Berthengham recognised by the Post Office. Mrs Jones also pointed out that the Community Council logo does not mention Berthengham.

Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that the matter should be dealt with by the residents concerned and the Post Office. The Council logo used on letterheads and other stationery is a historical design.

The North Wales Police has requested three issues be identified and forwarded to him for consideration at the forthcoming meetings. Councillors discussed the matter and identified the following issues for submission to the Police;

1) Police attendance at Council meetings and visibility

- 2) Quadbikes and motor bikes around the Talacre beach areas
- 3) Anti-social behaviour and incidents of drug-dealing

The Clerk would submit these issues to the Police for consideration.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that the planning application for 21 properties had been referred to the September meeting of the Planning Committee at Flintshire County Council for determination.

Councillor Mrs Maddison advised Members that the planning application for the caravan site on Mostyn Road near the lay-bye in Gronant had been referred to the August meeting of the Planning Committee at Flintshire County Council. It was also reported that 100% of local residents were opposed to this application.

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

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