

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023, at Ysgol Bryn Garth, Penyffordd

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

Together with the Clerk.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Councillor Mrs Banks, Councillor Larner and Councillor Luke.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None declared at this time.

3.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023.**

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Councillor Brown proposed, seconded by Councillor G Banks, that the minutes be approved, and signed by the Chairman. **Approved Unanimously.**

4.) **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Mrs Fisher asked whether a decision had been made on the funding request from the Glan-yr-Afon residents to assist with the purchase of traffic calming signs. Members had agreed that funding would be provided from the newly created Community Fund, and the level of the funding would be discussed later.

Councillor Mrs Fisher also commented that the ongoing works at the White Lion public house in Glan-yr-Afan would have an effect on traffic passing through the village.

The matter of the school signs to provide directions to Ysgol Mornant and Ysgol Gronant was discussed. The Clerk had contacted Nigel Seaburg of Street-scene to attain the current situation. It would appear he is waiting for clarification of the wording to be included on each sign, and confirmation each sign should be produced in both English and Welsh. Councillors agreed that this should be the case. Councillor J Williams proposed, seconded by Councillor G Banks, that signs for Ysgol Bryn Garth should also be provided. **Agreed Unanimously**

Councillor Brown asked if there had been any feed-back from the attendance at the February meeting of Mr Davies of the Flintshire County Council Standards Committee. The Clerk advised that no direct feed-back was provided to individual Councils but general advice to all Town & Community Councils. Councillor G Banks advised that Members could check the Standards Committee minutes for any report.

Councillor Brown asked if we had contacted The Circuit for clarification of their processes. The Clerk advised this had not been carried out, and Councillor Brown asked if this could be done immediately.

Councillor G Banks suggested further sets of defibrillator equipment may need to be provided to give all residents of the community access when needed. If this was the case, it may be necessary for the Precept for future years to be increased to cover the purchase and ongoing maintenance costs.

Councillor Brown asked whether the Police had been invited to this meeting. The Clerk confirmed an invitation had been sent, but Mathew Griffiths was unable to attend. Councillor Brown asked if a further invitation could be sent with copies to all Members. Councillor G Banks advised that the invitation should be sent to the new appointed Inspector for North Flintshire, Wesley Williams.

Councillor Mrs Harvey asked if the quotation for the noticeboard for Talacre had been received. The Clerk confirmed that the noticeboards provided for Gwespyr and Trelogan were still available, at the same price of £621.08 plus VAT and shipping. It was agreed that we should submit an order for this and arrange installation near the bus stop in the village.

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

000118/23 Proposed single storey rear extension with minor internal alterations. Single storey pitched roof porch added to front elevation at Lynwood, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw.

**No Objections.**

0000091/23 Outline application for use of land for siting of mobile chalet for use as holiday let at land adjacent to Hawthornes, Berthengham.

**Councillor Mrs Fisher advised she had been unable to trace this property in the village.**

000101/23 Proposed change of use of former public house into a single dwelling with linked holiday let and conversion of barn at Garth Mill, Garth Lane, Ffynnongroyw.

**No Objections**

000819/22 Approval of details reserved by conditions 10 & 11 relating to 053603

Condition 10 – Street lighting

Condition 11 - Landscaping

**No Objections**

**000011/23** Proposed extensions and alterations at Kavor, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw

**This application was received after the agenda for the February meeting was issued.**

**No Objections.**

**6.) ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

Councillor G Banks asked if further detail could be provided in incidents of larger than normal payments being made in any particular month. This was in response to the large amounts payable to MEGA Electrical this month, the second invoice having been received after the agenda had been issued.

**7.) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £11349.36

**9.) TO CONSIDER THE OUT-SOURCING OF DEFIBRILLATOR MAINTENANCE.**

Councillor G Banks declared an interest in this matter, and left the room while the matter was considered.

Mr Gareth Banks had provided Council with a quotation for the regular monthly maintenance of all the defibrillator equipment provided by the Council. As part of this maintenance, he would inspect all equipment on a monthly basis, and supply Council with a monthly report on any items found to be in need of repair or replacement.

Members asked Mr Banks what defibrillator items would be inspected, and what actions would be taken if any items were found to be in need of replacement. Mr Banks advised he would provide a report indicating the battery health, expiry dates of pads and the condition of the cabinets. Mr Banks suggested that Council may wish to consider purchasing a spare defibrillator, which could be put in place of any used equipment while that was being checked. The reports would be sent to the Clerk for consideration by Councillors, and the purchase of any items required.

Members agreed unanimously that we should proceed with this offer of services with immediate effect. Mr Banks would initially inspect the equipment in Ffynnongroyw with a view to getting the equipment back in service as a matter of urgency.

The Chairman thanked Mr Banks for his attendance.

**10.) TO CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF FUNDING TO BE PUT ASIDE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS.**

Councillor G Banks advised Members that representatives from The Lottery Fund, FLVC and GYM were holding a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00am to 3.00pm to answer questions on any funding issues for Community Centres or group projects. This meeting was to be held at the Community Centre in Ffynnongroyw.

With this in mind, it was agreed that Council would defer its decision on the level of funds to be set aside until the next meeting.

**11.) TO DETERMINE 'IN PRINCIPLE' THE COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FLINTSHIRE SUMMER PLAYScheme 2023.**

Flintshire County Council had written to all Town & Community Councils for an 'in principle' decision on whether to participate in the Summer Playscheme 2023. Councillors discussed the scheme and in particular the average number of children attending on a daily basis. As per the report provided by Flintshire County Council, these figures were Gronant – 6 children, Trelogan – 5 children and Penyffordd – 8 children.

The scheme had cost Llanasa Community Council £4620.00 in total, and Councillor J Williams questioned whether this was value for money. Councillor Ms Braun advised that advertisement for the scheme had been poor for 2022. The Clerk advised Members that in previous years, Flintshire County Council had issued posters to advertise the scheme, but nothing had been provided in 2022. Councillor M Williams asked whether the numbers were dropping as a result of residents not being aware of the scheme.

After discussion, Members agreed 'in principle' to the participation in the 2023 scheme, but we should request more advertisement of the scheme. Councillor G Banks asked whether we could

contact Flintshire County Council to ask if any special funding was available to assist with the costs for deprived areas.

**10.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk advised Members that he had been contacted by Mr Ian Hughes, the grave-digger used regularly in Picton Cemetery, who had decided to finish in business with immediate effect. The Clerk advised Members there were other grave-diggers available that he would contact, but their prices were generally higher. This should be borne in mind when the fees for Picton Cemetery were reviewed in April.

The quotation for Match Funding with Flintshire County Council at the Gwespyr Play Area had been circulated to Councillors. The original works had been agreed, and Members agreed unanimously that we should proceed with the provision of the kickback goal frame providing a target goal and basketball frame in the sports area. The Clerk would advise Richard Roberts of Aura Leisure accordingly.

The Clerk provided a report on the progress of the refurbishment of the benches under the responsibility of the Community Council. The two benches in Axton had been completed, as had the bench at the bus-stop in Trelogan. Mr Williams-Cooke had started work on the benches in Picton Cemetery and would then proceed to Gwespyr, Talacre and Gronant.

The Chairman advised she had been asked to set a date for the annual review of the Clerk. Dates were to be suggested prior to the March meeting. Members were asked who would be on the review panel, and as previously, The outgoing Chairman, the incoming Chairman and a County Councillor agreed to attend. (Councillor Mrs Harvey, Councillor Ms Braun and Councillor Mrs Maddison.)

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

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Chairman