

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday, 21st March 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 D Banks

 Mrs G Maddison

 J Larner

 I Luke

 M Williams

 D Brown

 G Banks

Together with the Clerk.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Councillor Mrs Fisher.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None declared at this time.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr Graham Owen of Glan-yr-Afon attended the meeting and asked whether Council had reached any decision on the request for assistance for funds to obtain road-signs for the village. Mr Owen was advised that as a result of the forthcoming speed reduction program being implemented in September, Flintshire County Council has an ongoing exercise to change all road-signs throughout the county. As a result of this, the production of road-signs has been held back.

The Chairman advised that the Community Council was not against providing assistance however other villages and communities would require the same consideration. Mr Owen confirmed that the

County Council had provided a quotation for the signs that amounted to £1500. Councillor Mrs G Maddison advised that at present there was only one sign advising motorists they were entering the village of Glan-yr-Afon. Councillor G Banks stated that the Community Fund may be open to bids for such assistance, possibly on a 'Match Funding' basis.

The Clerk would write to Mr Owen to advise of the Council's decision.

The Chairman advised Councillors that she had received notice of resignation from the Clerk. The Clerk had given notice that he would continue in post until the end of May in order that a replacement could be found. The Chairman advised that a special staffing meeting should be held in order that this matter could be discussed. The meeting was scheduled for the following week, to be held on Tuesday, 28th March at Ysgol Bryn Garth, commencing at 7.15pm.

3.) TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 21st FEBRUARY 2023.

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st February 2023 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Councillor J Williams proposed, seconded by Councillor Ms Braun, that the minutes be approved, and signed by the Chairman. **Approved Unanimously.**

4.) MATTERS ARISING

The matter of the school signs to provide directions to Ysgol Mornant and Ysgol Gronant was discussed. Councillor G Banks 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 2 signs should be provided for each school, Ysgol Gronant, Ysgol Mornant and Ysgol Bryn Garth.

Councillor Brown asked if we had contacted The Circuit for clarification of their processes. The Clerk confirmed he had contacted The Circuit and had received details of how we could register all defibrillators directly with the Welsh Ambulance Service. Councillor Ms Braun suggested that where the defibrillator equipment was situated at or near a public house, could the landlord be advised of the access codes.

Councillor Brown asked whether the exercise to number the street-lights could be re-examined to ensure it was carried out before next winter. Councillors agreed that the signs attached to metal columns under the responsibility of the county council would not be suitable when being attached to wooden columns. This was the reason we had attempted to find plastic signs that could be attached securely. The Clerk advised Members that the original quotation from MEGA Electrical had been in the region of £3000, but this was provided over 12 months ago, and prices would have increased. The Clerk would contact MEGA for an up to date quotation. The Clerk would also ask for the return of the maps of the area provided when the street-light upgrade had been initiated.

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

000203/23 Construction of a new boundary wall at Ivy Cottage, Gwespyr Hill from A548 junction to Tanrallt Road, Gwespyr.

No Objections.

0000154/23 Fell poplar, cypress and 4 larches. Remove 6 cypress stems and prune remainder at Henblas, Gwespyr Crossroads Junction to Llanasa Village Road, Llanasa.

Councillor Brown advised that Llanasa residents had expressed concerns over the felling of trees in a conservation area. This was the second application in the area and had questioned whether others would follow. Councillor G Banks had also questioned whether there were tree preservation orders on these trees. Councillor Brown asked whether we could submit objections on behalf of Llanasa Conservation Society, which would be detailed in their email.

063960 10 proposed log cabin holiday units at Ynys Hir Farm, Picton Road, Picton.

An appeal had been made to the Planning & Enforcement Decisions Wales (PEDW) in respect of the application. The appeal followed the refusal of planning permission by Flintshire County Council, and is to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written representations and a site visit by the Inspector.

Councillors agreed we should ensure our original objections had been registered.

000434 Change of use of an existing property to a holiday accommodation for a period of 185 days per calendar year and to allow residential use for the remainder of the year at Arosfa, Axton.

Councillor G Banks advised that a site visit was to be made the following week by the Planning Officer assigned to the case. The Planning Officer had indicated he was open to granting permission however the Chairman stated this would affect the residents' quality of life.

6.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

7.) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £10677.28.

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

The Clerk had circulated copies of the Risk Assessment, Investment Strategy and Internal Financial Controls with the meeting papers for consideration. There were amendments required to the Internal Financial Controls as a result of the closure of HSBC Bank in Prestatyn. The Council's accounts were now held at the Rhyl branch. In addition, the existing requirement for all invoices to be paid by cheque and signed by two signatories had been changed to payment by bank transfer.

Councillor Brown asked what controls had been put in place for confirmation that correct amounts were being made by bank transfer. The Clerk advised that all invoices were provided to members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for two member's authorisation. The Clerk would then make payment by bank transfer. The Chairman also had access to the online bank account, and was able to review payments agreed to the finance list provided each month.

Councillors agreed that any new suppliers' details should be confirmed by Councillors prior to any payments being made.

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

Councillors agreed that the level of funds to be put aside into the Community Fund should be agreed once the level of funds available at the year end were known. The Clerk would provide details of bank balances at the next meeting.

Councillors discussed the request for funding assistance in respect of the road-signs for Glan-yr-Afon. It was agreed unanimously that we should provide assistance on a match funding basis, offering £750 towards the costs. As there did not appear to be an organisation in the village to pay these funds to, payment would be made to Flintshire County Council when the invoice was raised.

10.) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor G Banks advised there was an issue with motor bikes using Well Lane, Ffynnongroyw. Can we ask Flintshire County Council whether a kissing-gate can be installed, possibly on a match-funding basis. Council would need to know details of estimated cost prior to agreement.

Councillor J Williams advised there had been incidents of fly-tipping on Llanasa Road, Gronant.

Councillor Luke advised there were several pot-holes on Main Road, Ffynnongroyw which required attention. Councillor G banks advised Nigel Seaburg had inspected the road the day before the meeting.

The Chairman advised there had been a request from Mr O'Grady, the Headteacher from Ysgol Bryn Garth, whether grit bins could be purchased for Llinegr Hill, Penyffordd. Councillor Mrs Roberts stated the road was always well gritted, and Councillor G Banks stated there was nowhere to put one.

Councillor Ms Braun asked whether we could contact Flintshire County Council to arrange for the dilapidated garages opposite Ysgol Gronant to be removed. The Clerk would contact Shaun O'Donnell of the Housing department

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

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Chairman