

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday, 16th May 2023, at Ysgol Bryn Garth, Penyffordd

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs E Harvey (Chairman)
Councillors: Ms Braun
Mrs J Roberts
Mrs K J Hughes
Mrs G Fisher
Mrs G Maddison
J Larner
I Luke
M Williams
Mrs D Banks
G Banks
Ms E Charlton-Fleming

Together with the Clerk, the newly appointed Clerk Mrs Harvey, and 2 members of the public.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Councillor Brown. Prior to the meeting, Councillor Mrs Maddison advised she may be late due to another meeting.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None at this time.

3.) **TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2023/24.**

Councillor Ms Braun had been Vice-Chairman for the past year, and had been proposed as Chairman for the forthcoming year. **Agreed Unanimously.**

4.) **TO ELECT THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2023/24.**

Councillor G Banks proposed Councillor M Williams as Vice-Chairman. **Agreed Unanimously.**

5.) **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.**

Members were advised that the current membership of the Finance & General Purposes Committee consisted of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors Mrs D Banks, Ms Braun, Mrs Roberts and Luke. Following discussions, it was agreed that the bank mandate should be up-dated to remove Councillors who were no longer members of the Council, and include Councillors that had since joined.

Councillor Mrs Harvey would now step down from her position to review bank payments made by bank transfer. Councillor Mrs Hughes agreed to accept this role. **Agreed Unanimously.**

6.) **TO DETERMINE THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2023/24.**

The Clerk advised Members that the Chairman's Allowance had not increased from its current level over the last 8 years. Following discussion, Councillor G Banks proposed that the allowance should now be raised to £1000 per annum, seconded by Councillor Mrs Harvey. **Agreed Unanimously.**

7.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 18TH APRIL 2023.**

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th April had been circulated with the Agenda for Councillor's consideration. Councillor Luke pointed out that as far as he was aware, the comment 'as was the usual practice' in reference to the appointment of the Vice-Chairman being circulated around the wards was not Council policy. The Clerk agreed that this comment would be removed from the minutes.

Subject to the above, Councillor Mrs Harvey proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Roberts, that the minutes be approved. **Agreed Unanimously.**

8.) **TO REVIEW THE FEES AND CHARGES PAYABLE AT PICTON CEMETERY FOR 2023/24.**

The Clerk had circulated copies of the existing fees and charges for Picton Cemetery for Councillor's consideration. The Clerk advised that the charges had not increased for 2 years, and during that time charges for grave-digging services had increased. The Clerk also advised Members that a grave for 2 at Picton Cemetery presently costs £845. In other cemeteries in Flintshire, a similar grave for 2 would cost £1400. The Clerk had provided copies of proposed increases of approximately 10%. Councillor Luke proposed that the suggested increases should be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Harvey. **Agreed Unanimously.**

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

000364/23 Lawful development certificate for a Proposed Development to permit the re-roofing of the existing slate roof with a Marley grey tile at Trevelyn, Gwespyr.

Councillors considered this application and pointed out that the property was in a conservation area, and any re-roofing should be in keeping with other properties in the area.

Observation.

000346/23 Proposed touring caravan park at Pentre Ffyddion Farm, Trelawnydd.
(Neighbouring Ward Application)

Councillors considered this application, and pointed out that this application was for a site within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Observation.

000276/23 Siting of Caravan Park (5 no static units) and associated landscaping at Police House, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw.

Members of the public had attended the meeting to raise objections to this proposal. Councillors were advised that the original application was for 1 static unit for a family member, and this had now been increased to 5 in order to become a traveller site, despite this site never being so identified. Further objections were raised in connection with the destruction of approximately 100 trees, where the sewerage from this site would drain to, and details of noise, light and air pollution were provided. It would appear that the original application for 1 static caravan had been approved on the condition that the trees would be replaced, and a pond re-built but neither of these had materialised. Further details of anti-social behaviour were provided from residents, together with details of 2 years of relentless wagons and other works traffic bringing stone to the site to throughout the day and night. Councillor G Banks advised that County Councillors can request for an application to be put before the Planning Committee if the Planning Officer recommends approval of the proposal. Councillor Mrs Roberts stated that this proposed development was in the middle of a residential area, was back-land and was of the opinion that this was over-development. Councillor Mrs Maddison had agreed to attend the Planning Committee Meeting if the application was referred.

Objections would be submitted on behalf of the Council and residents.

10.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

The Clerk advised Members that the payment recorded on the agenda to Scottish Power and Stephen C Harms had been adjusted after the agenda had been issued. The correct amounts payable were £1068.79 and £1371.62.

The Clerk advised Members the Electricity Market Reform Discount scheme had finished on the 31st March 2023, so the bills for the forthcoming year would be higher than previously paid.

11.) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £4318.73.

The Clerk had also circulated a copy of the Budget Monitoring Report for the month.

13.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor G Banks advised there had been issues with motor bikes along Well Lane, Ffynnongroyw, and asked whether we could contact Flintshire County Council to enquire whether a 'kissing gate' could be installed on a Match Funding basis.

Councillor Mrs Harvey raised the issue of the toilet block in Talacre. Of the 3 toilets, none were provided for disabled customers. At the present time, all 3 had not been working for approximately 1 month. None were being cleaned or maintained, and in her opinion – they were not fit for purpose. Councillor G banks advised we contact Richard Jones or Barry Wilkinson at Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Luke advised the grass verge in the centre of the dual-carriageway was in need of cutting.

Councillor Ms Charlton-Fleming advised she had been made aware of a pre-application consultation on the proposed 21 properties in Penyffordd. Not all residents local to the proposed site had received details of the proposals.

The Clerk advised he had been contacted by a contractor engaged by Scottish Power to remove a street-light column at the corner of Y Berthlog, Trelogan due to connection issues. The Clerk had provided details to MEGA Electrical who had returned a quotation to provide a new column which would cost approximately £1800 plus VAT. These works were due to be completed by the contractors before the end of June.

The issue of the village signs for Glan-yr-Afon had re-surfaced via an email from Mr Owen. It would appear that the village has been searching for other sources of funds for the balance of the monies required to pay for the signs. This search has proved fruitless, and the village are now asking whether the Community Council would now increase its support from the current £750 to £1044. This increased amount would cover the cost of 2 signs, as the village can see no other source of funding being made available in the near future. Councillor Luke proposed that we should provide the additional funding, seconded by Councillor Mrs Fisher. **Agreed Unanimously.**

The matter of the casual vacancy for the Gronant Ward was detailed in a copy of the vacancy advert which had been circulated to Councillors with the meeting papers.

Councillor Mrs Roberts raised the matter of a 'Meet and Greet' process for any Members attending Council meetings. In addition, asked whether there was an Introduction for New Councillors.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised Members that there had been incidents of speeding motor vehicles coming out of the car-park at the bottom of Gamfa Wen. This was causing issues for walking pedestrians as there were no pavements.

The Clerk Designate, Mrs Harvey advised Members she was looking forward to starting her duties at the beginning of June. In the meantime, she had been sourcing a laptop, software and a contact mobile phone number. The new number would be available for £15 per month. Councillors agreed to provide the funding for a suitable laptop and software, and would pay the costs of the mobile phone number. Mrs Harvey and the Clerk had met to discuss a smooth handover of all paperwork and records.

The new Chairman closed the meeting by expressing thanks for the work the Clerk has done over the past 8 years, and provided a leaving gift from all Councillors.

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

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Chairman