

## **LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held at the Community Centre, Pen-y-Ffordd, on Tuesday 15th September 2015.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs D S Banks (Chairman)

Councillors: F Gillmore

I Luke

J Owen

J C Thompson

Mrs E J Roberts

J Lees

J Larner

Together with the Clerk, and Councillor G Banks.

### **PRAYERS:**

Members joined the Chairman in saying the Lord's Prayer.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs G Fisher, Miss S Braun, A Chilton, J Williams, Mrs J Redford and Councillor N Steele-Mortimer.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 21st July 2015, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

### **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Email received from the Director of Education confirming Mr Budd would be attending the Council meeting on the 15th September.

Letter from the Association of Local Councils enclosing a report from the Ministers Office for Public Services, requesting our thoughts for consideration at the next meeting on the 23rd October.

Email correspondence from the Electoral Registration Officer advising we are entitled to request a free copy of the current Register of Electors.

Email correspondence from Flintshire County Council with the programme for this year's Standards and Ethics Conference Wales on the 20th October.

Email correspondence from Flintshire County Council with details of the Welsh Government - Rural Development Fund, set up to enable small scale infrastructure projects to improve community cohesion in rural Wales.

Email correspondence from Flintshire County Council with details of the Flintshire Local Development Plan Surveys for local towns. Details of the surveys for each village were passed to respective Councillors.

Email correspondence from Flintshire County Council in respect of Town and Community Council visits which were planned for September and October. These visits will now be put back to a meeting later in the year, allowing Officers from all service areas of the Council to work on a more joined up proposal which will then be presented to Town and Community Councils for their consideration.

Letter from UHY Hacker Young enclosing the audited annual return for the year ended 31st March 2015. The audit provided a clean report with the exception that 'The statement of accounts was not approved within the Statutory date - Reg. 15(2).

Letter from the Eisteddfod Assistant Organiser advising the Proclamation Festival for the Eisteddfod yr Urdd y Fflint 2016 will be held on Saturday 3rd October 2015 in the town of Flint.

Email correspondence from One Voice Wales regarding the proposed Changes to Planning Policy Wales, for Retail Centre Development.

Letter from Flintshire County Council confirming the Map Modification Order under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1980, in respect of the public footpath 66 in the Community of Llanasa.

Email correspondence from Councillor Chilton in connection with the ongoing requests for the removal of the traffic calming humps on Llanasa Road, Gronant. After some discussion, it was agreed to defer this item until Cllr Chilton was present and he could provide further information.

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

A Declaration of Interest form had been handed to the Clerk at an earlier Meeting from Councillor S Braun, in connection with a planning application made by members of her immediate family.

The following Planning Applications were received:

053789 Erection of a single storey dwelling and associated works at former land adjoining Sea View, Llanasa Road, Gronant. This application has been included on the agenda for the Planning & Development Committee to be held on the 9th September 2015.

053865 Erection of rear extension and double garage at Highlands, Gwespyr.- Approved.

052937 Siting of 52 additional static caravans together with landscape planting at Treetops Caravan Park, Tanlan Hill, Ffynnongroyw. Approved.

051165 Erection of 2 detached dwellings at Edelweiss, Llanasa Road, Gronant. Refused.

5. **DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:**

Mr Ian Budd, Director of Education from Flintshire County Council, attended the meeting to provide Councillors with some background, and further information on the proposed closure of Ysgol Picton, Mornant. In a full and frank discussion, Mr Budd gave members full details of the procedures involved in the decision making by the Local Authority. At present, the Authority is developing the Consultation paper which would be prepared for discussions with the school Governors, pupils' parents and other interested parties. Mr Budd confirmed that the Authority have entered this process with no pre-determined decision, and all options would be considered. The school has currently hit a number of the criteria for a school organisational review, however all options were still on the table for consideration - status quo, collaboration, closure.

The next stage of this process was for the school Head-teacher and Governors to review the data that has produced the report. A copy of this report will then be available for the Community Council to review and comment, or make any representations.

Members did comment that should the school eventually close, they felt the Welsh language provision in the area would cease, at a time when there is significant advertising campaigns for adults to learn the language. Mr Budd answered that it was not the Local Authority that was behind the advertising, but the colleges/schools themselves.

In closing the discussions, it was stressed that no outcome had yet been made, and all options would be considered before the Local Authority comes to its final decision.

The Chairman thanked Mr Budd for his attendance.

6. **ACCOUNTS:**

**RESOLVED**

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

7. **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT:**

As per Finance List - £6707.44

8. **AOB:**

Following the resignation of Councillor Round, the vacancy had been advertised but no applications had been submitted. In accordance with the Flintshire County Council guidance, the Council could now co-opt any willing individual. Mr Glyn Banks was proposed by Councillor Thompson, and seconded by Councillor Gillmore, and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED**

Mr Banks was co-opted to the Council to fill the vacancy.

9. **PETTY CASH:**

As per cash Book - £391.36

10. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

None received at this meeting.

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Chairman