

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 17th November 2015.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs D S Banks (Chairman)
Councillors: F Gillmore
I Luke
J Owen
J C Thompson
Mrs E J Roberts
J Larner
J Williams
Miss S Braun
G Banks
A Chilton

Together with the Clerk, and Councillor N Steele-Mortimer.

PRAYERS:

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs G Fisher, D Brown and Mrs J Redford.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 20th October 2015, were approved as a correct record, subject to Cllr Chilton's attendance being recorded, and signed by the Chairman.

3. **NORTH WALES POLICE.**

PCSO Susan Holmes had sent an email to the Clerk tendering her apologies that she would be unable to attend this meeting. PCSO Holmes advised that the Bike Marking Events referred to at the last meeting, would now take place as follows;

28th November	Ffynnongroyw Community Centre	2.00 - 4.00
29th November	Talacre Community Centre	12.00 - 2.00

The following event is as yet still to be confirmed.

13th December	Penyffordd Community Centre	2.00 - 4.00
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Cllr Chilton indicated that he had still not noticed any police presence in Gronant village despite an apparent increase in the number of burglaries within the village.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- 1) Email from Michele Jones from the North Wales Energy Advice Centre following our request for further information on their services offered.
- 2) Further email from Michele Jones of the NWEAC advising some community engagements were being planned for rural North Flintshire in the near future. Further details would be provided as soon as possible. Bilingual A4 Affordable Warmth flyers were being printed and would be dropped off for distribution.
- 3) Invite from Tamara Harvey, the new Artistic Director at Theatre Clwyd, to an informal meeting on the 18th November, for an informal discussion on her vision for the theatre.
- 4) Letter of thanks from Gronant Friendship Club for our donation.
- 5) Email from Flintshire County Council advising of public meetings planned to discuss the Financial Challenge facing the County in the forthcoming years.
- 6) Copy of a Flintshire County Council web-page confirming the proposal to close Ysgol Gymraeg Mornant, Picton.
- 7) Email from Flintshire County Council indicating details of the Play Area Community Grant Scheme - Equipped Play Areas 2016/17.
- 8) Information from Flintshire County Council regarding a 2-day Introduction to Play and Playwork, Volunteers in Play Employment Routes, to be held at Deeside Leisure Centre in January 2016.
- 9) Information from Flintshire County Council regarding Volunteers in Play courses, to be held at Deeside Leisure Centre in January 2016.
- 10) Letter from Flintshire County Council advising we are entitled to a copy of the current Register of Electors.
- 11) Information from Flintshire County Council regarding free introductory workshop 'Creating Age-Friendly Communities to be held in Flint and Mold on the 25th and 26th November respectively.
- 12) Fund-raising request from Marie Curie Organisation.
- 13) Advice from Flintshire County Council in connection with Planning Application 054329 at Bron Eifion for change of use to a gypsy and traveller site. This application will be determined at the first available Planning and Development Control Committee meeting.
- 14) Email from OneVoice Wales re Sustainability Training Course to be held on 25th November in Mold.
- 15) Fund-raising request from British Red Cross.
- 16) Email from Deeco Lighting in connection with several lighting problems which have been repaired. A fault at Glasdir will need new lanterns, brackets and supplies, and Deeco will provide a quote for this work before proceeding.

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

The following Planning Applications were received:

054431 Erection of 2no dwellings at Edelweiss, Llanasa Road, Gronant.

054477 Change of use of land to 42no unit holiday lodge park at St Marys Caravan Camp, Mostyn Road, Prestatyn

054186 Change of use from annex to 1no holiday apartment at Llinegr Farm, Garth Lane, Ffynnongroyw.

The final application was discussed in detail as Councillors recalled a previous planning application at this property to erect a 2 storey garage, which the Council had submitted an objection against. It would appear that this garage is now known as an annex, for which this new application refers.

RESOLVED:

Following a vote by a show of hands, it was resolved we should submit an objection to this application on the grounds that this is a change of use to residential property.

Notifications of the following Planning Application decisions were received:

054356 first floor extension at Highlands, Gwespyr. Approved.

054183 erection of single storey extension at Bay Tree Cottage, Llanasa. Approved.

054188 erection of 2 storey extension to form annex at Groes Cottages, Llanasa. Withdrawn.

A declaration of interest from was received prior to the commencement of the meeting, from Councillor S Braun in connection with application 054431.

The Chairman indicated that in future, Planning Applications would be available for Councillors to review prior to our meetings commencing.

6. **ACCOUNTS:**

RESOLVED

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

7. **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT:**

As per Finance List - £4913.04

8. **AOB:**

Cllr G Banks followed up on the information received from the NWEAC and provided a paper clipping in connection with getting people out of fuel-poverty. This item was discussed and all members agreed we should campaign for natural gas supplies to be introduced to properties in this area. It was reported that we would require 270 properties to agree to installation before this could proceed any further.

Cllr Chilton referred to correspondence items 8 and 9 in connection with Flintshire County Council's scheme for volunteers in play-schemes. This is something he has been campaigning for some years without success. Cllr Chilton indicated there has been no sustainability in the Play Area Schemes in Flintshire and nothing of a permanent nature has been set up in this area. Cllr Chilton also pointed out from correspondence item 7, indications from Flintshire County Council that the funding for the Summer Play-scheme Programme for 2016 is likely to be reduced severely. There are also indications that the Families First Grant may be withdrawn, and if so the cost to the Community Council to provide a three-week scheme would be doubled to £1800, with additional weeks being provided at £260.00.

Cllr Chilton referred to the Match Funding letter from Flintshire County Council and asked why the funding had been allocated to the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in Gronant. It was confirmed that Flintshire County Council had identified the funds would be used for this purpose. Some reports have indicated that the 5-a-side pitch and its surroundings may not pass Health and Safety inspections and it was suggested that if the area was unsafe, Flintshire County Council should not be using Match Funding monies to carry out repairs. Following some discussion, it was agreed that we should request the Match Funding Grant should be split between the Bryn Garth, Penyffordd and Gronant play areas. Cllr Chilton also indicated that the decision process for this Council should in future be taken through the correct channels.

RESOLVED

We should ask Flintshire County Council to split the Match Funding between the Bryn Garth Penyffordd and Gronant play areas.

Cllr G Banks raised whether we could request training from Flintshire County Council in connection with Planning Applications. Some discussion arose from this as Councillors felt any objections from the Community Council were ignored when the County Council made its decisions.

RESOLVED:

We should contact Flintshire County Council to request training.

The Clerk had received a telephone call from a local resident requesting a 'Welcome to Gwespyr' be erected on the outskirts of the village. The Clerk had obtained details of costs from a prominent company providing these items which appear expensive.

RESOLVED:

We should contact the previous Clerk who may have some information on local products being available at a more affordable cost.

In connection with the proposed closure of the local school, Cllr Thompson provided members with copies of the consultation documents which he asked should be completed and returned to the County Council. Cllr G Banks indicated Flintshire County Council is basing its closure arguments on pupils from Mornant transferring to alternative facilities in Holywell. Cllr G Banks understands most pupils will however transfer to schools in Prestatyn. In addition, old figures of under-capacity are being used by the County Council to provide evidence to support closure. Cllr Luke asked whether there was anything further we as a Community Council could be doing to help the school avoid closure.

Cllr Chilton reported several incidents of litter being dumped on Abbey Drive, Gronant.

RESOLVED

We should contact Street-scene to report these incidents.

Cllr Williams reported incidents of a speeding vehicle through the village of Gronant.

RESOLVED

We should report these incidents to the NW Police.

As there will be no meeting of this Council in December, the Clerk, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Finance Committee were authorised to conduct any business during this period.

9. **PETTY CASH:**

As per cash Book - £359.22

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

Declaration of Interest form received from Cllr S Braun in connection with a Planning Application submitted by family members.

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Chairman