

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 20th October 2015.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs D S Banks (Chairman)

Councillors: F Gillmore

I Luke

J Owen

D M Brown

Mrs E J Roberts

J Lees

J Larner

Mrs J Redford

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 Councillor Mrs G Fisher.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 15th September 2015, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

3. **NORTH WALES POLICE.**

PCSO Susan Holmes from the North Wales Police attended the meeting, apologising for her non-attendance at recent meetings due to holidays and staff absences. The PCSO has however been in regular email contact with the Clerk during this period. The area now has a new Inspector, Mr Dave Jolley, who is based at Deeside. The PCSO reported that an application for Grant funding amounting to £200 has been successful to support the Gronant Halloween Party, to be held on the 31st October at the Gronant Institute from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. An application for funding for property marking, targeting more expensive bi-cycles has also been successful, and this will be advertised on the North Wales Police Twitter and Facebook pages. The PCSO is hopeful this will also be included on the OWL-LINK pages on the Police web-site.

Cllr Chilton indicated he had not seen a Police presence in the village of Gronant for some time, however the PCSO advised there had been several issues of ASB that had been dealt with, confirming their presence. Cllr Williams advised there had been several issues involving 'drones' within Gronant, and asked whether these were covered under any laws. It would appear that there may be some issues under privacy laws, which the PCSO will look into.

Cllr G Banks advised that there have been issues of children congregating by the pensioners' bungalows in Ffynnongroyw, playing loud music and making a mess of the area. The PCSO agreed to look into this matter.

The PCSO requested that any issues could be reported to her via the Clerk as they arise. The Chairman thanked the PCSO for her attendance.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Letter from Flintshire County Council confirming details of the Match Funding Scheme for Improvements to Children's Play Areas 2015/16. Funding of £3300 has been allocated to improve Gronant play area. Cllr G Banks queried this matter, as he believed the play area in the Penyffordd area had been previously identified as next for improvement. It was confirmed that Flintshire County Council had identified Gronant for improvement in their letter of the 1st June 2015, aligning its Match Funding improvement scheme to the findings of the play condition survey report dated 2010/11. Cllr G Banks would follow this matter up with County Council officers.

Letter from Flintshire County Council confirming the extinguishment of a section of Public Bridleway No 101 in the Community of Llanasa, formerly in the Community of Whitford.

Invite from Holywell Town Council to the Civic Service to be held at St James Church, Greenfield Street, Holywell on Sunday, 25th October at 11.00am. .

Invite from the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to a meeting at Loggerheads Country Park on Friday 11th December to discuss this year's events and achievements.

The agenda from Flintshire County Council for the County Forum meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd October, commencing at 6.30pm, and the minutes from the last County Forum held on 25th June 2015.

Invite from the Chairman of Flintshire County Council to his Charity Casino Evening on Friday 13th November at the Leeswood Community Centre, King Street, Leeswood.

A letter from the North Wales Deaf Association requesting whether the Council would consider a donation towards the Association's running costs. It was agreed this was a premature request, however would be determined when all other requests had been received for 2016/17.

A Letter from the Welsh Border Community Transport requesting financial support. It was agreed this was a premature request, however would be determined when all other requests had been received for 2016/17.

A letter from the North Wales Energy Advice Centre asking for the Council's assistance in reaching out to those households within our Community who may be living in 'fuel poverty', and who may benefit from the advice provided by the NWEAC. Cllr G Banks advised that there are many households within our Community that would benefit from this service, and we should encourage participation.

Invite from the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council to a one-day training scheme on Tuesday 20th October in connection with Community Asset Transfers.

Letter from Sandy Mewies, Assembly Member for Delyn, enclosing a copy of a statement made by Carl Sargeant, Minister for Natural Resources on the benefits delivered through the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme. Mrs Mewies raised the point that parts of her constituency, (Point of Ayr, Talacre and Mostyn) only escaped serious flooding because of a change in wind direction. Mrs Mewies asked for assurances that these areas would continue to be contained in the risk programme. The Minister confirmed he will look to see what more can be done in terms of Mrs Mewies' constituency.

Email from Flintshire County Council enclosing proposed changes in the Remuneration of Members of Town and Community Councils.

Report and proposals from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales in connection with the Review of Community Arrangements in the County of Flintshire. Within the report, it has been identified the need to address the inconsistent ratio of electorate to councillors across the wards, and it is proposed that the overall membership of the Community Council should reduce from 15 to 14, the Axton ward losing one of its members. It was agreed that this review had been ongoing for some years now, and any changes would possibly not take effect until 2020.

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

The following Planning Applications were received:

053946 Listed building application to apartments in west wing from 2no to 4no at Westbury Castle, Abbey Drive, Gronant..

053947 Proposed site alterations and entrance modifications and repositioning of gas tanks at Westbury Castle, Abbey Drive, Gronant..

053948 Listed building application for proposed site alterations and entrance modifications and repositioning of gas tanks at Westbury Castle, Abbey Drive, Gronant.

054356 First floor extension (amendment to planning permission 053865) at Highlands, Gwespyr

054329 Change of use of land to a gypsy and traveller site; siting of 3no static caravans, 3no touring caravans, conversion of existing garage to amenity buildings, alterations to existing access and formation of parking area at Bron Eifion, Ffynnongroyw, Tanlan.

054308 Alterations and loft conversion to provide additional bedrooms and living area and alterations to vehicle access at Bron Eifion, Ffynnongroyw, Tanlan.

There was some discussion regarding the applications at Westbury Castle and Bron Eifion. We have previously submitted objections to the 'access' applications for Westbury Castle, however these applications deal with internal arrangements and repositioning of gas tanks.

The applications with regard to Bron Eifion raised some discussion as members agreed that, if approved, this would create traffic and vehicular problems in the area. The application to convert the loft at the property would dwarf the property next door.

RESOLVED:

Objection to be submitted against the planning application numbers 054329 and 054308.

6. **ACCOUNTS:**

RESOLVED

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

7. **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT:**

As per Finance List - £7864.96

8. **AOB:**

Cllr Chilton gave a report on the ongoing discussions regarding the traffic calming measures on Llanasa Road in Gronant. There would appear to be equal numbers both for and against the removal of the 'Speed Humps' and it was felt that we should request an analysis of accidents both before and after these measures had been introduced. Cllr Gilmore advised that in the 10 years since the introduction of these measures, he believed there had been only 1 accident, and that was reportedly down to driver error. Cllr Gilmore quoted a recent article from the Evening Leader where Mr Steve Jones of the Flintshire County Council Street-scene Department is reported to have indicated the decision process on traffic calming measures throughout Flintshire was to be passed to the Community Councils. Members were reminded during discussions that Llanasa Community Council had provided equal funding for the introduction of these measures, and could be expected to at least provide 50% of the costs of their removal if this campaign was successful.

RESOLVED

We should request analysis information on accidents from Flintshire County Council .

In connection with the proposed closure of the local school, Cllr G Banks reported that some local residents have indicated they would take their children to Ysgol Mornant, Picton however there were problems in getting to the school. There have been some discussions regarding getting a transport provision to the school, and asked whether the Council would be willing to help with financial support. Members agreed that any such request would be looked on favourably, and Cllr G Banks would obtain further information, and report back to members regarding this.

9. **PETTY CASH:**

As per cash Book - £144.22

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

None received at this meeting.

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Chairman