

## **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 16th February 2016.

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

                          Councillors:       F Gillmore

  I Luke

  J Owen

  J C Thompson

  D Brown

  J Larner

  J Williams

  Mrs G Fisher

  G Banks

  A Chilton

  J Lees

Together with the Clerk and Cllr N Steele-Mortimer.

### **PRAYERS:**

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs J Roberts and Mrs J Redford. The Chairman and all members welcomed back Cllr Fisher following her illness.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 19th January 2016, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **NORTH WALES POLICE.**

Further to comments made in the January meeting, PCSO Matt Griffiths advised Members that the trailer that was causing an obstruction in the Gronant area has now been moved. The PCSO also advised that the Go-Safe campaign was now available in this area. This would allow trained individuals to use a 'speed-gun' to obtain details of speeding motorists. Any information would then be passed to the police authorities who would contact the individuals by letter. Although no fines or points would be issued, it is hoped that this may deter drivers from speeding in future. This action may also identify 'hot-spots' for speeding motorists, which police may then monitor. PCSO Griffiths advised there had been an attempted burglary in the Pen-y-ffordd area following a burglary in Prestatyn. The offenders were targeting Asian households, and had now been caught. Cllr Chilton expressed his thanks to the police in response to action taken following incidents of fly-tipping. Cllr Brown asked what the police

position would be if photographic evidence of fly-tipping was provided. PCSO Griffiths advised that the evidence may be passed to the Environmental Health team who have wider / stronger powers than the police. The PCSO also advised that there had been fewer reported incidents from Mostyn Lodge as the place was being well managed.

PCSO Griffiths was thanked for his attendance, and would be welcome to future meetings.

4. Guest Speaker - Mr Nigel Seaburg of Flintshire County Council, Street-scene Department.

Mr Seaburg firstly gave details of what services Street-scene covered. This included highways, street-lighting, re-cycling, grass cutting and pot-holes in the roads, for the whole of the County of Flintshire. He indicated that the new Enforcement Team for Flintshire County Council is now in place to look after incidents of fly-tipping and dog-fouling.

Members took this opportunity to raise questions for the Council representative, Cllr Williams raised issues in connection in-experienced council staff charged with repairing pot-holes. It appeared evident that only temporary measures were being used to repair road defects, and as such the defects would soon re-appear. Mr Seaburg advised that he felt the Street-scene department were 'fire-fighting' at the present time, as they did not have the resources to make permanent repairs. Cllr Brown asked how incidents are prioritised. Mr Seaburg replied that all 'A' roads within the County are inspected on a monthly basis, and these roads take priority. Mr Seaburg has identified 20 areas of roads that he believes require re-surfacing, however only 2 will be attended to. Cllr Chilton raised the issue of litter and dog-fouling problems on the footpaths leading to the primary school in Gronant, which appeared to be worse after the refuse had been collected. Cllr Luke asked whether the collectors were subject to time restraints. Mr Seaburg responded by advising members that each refuse vehicle had a large number of properties to attend to, sometimes of up to 1500 per day. This obviously puts a strain on the time that can be taken at each stop, and some litter will be dropped. The incidents of litter and dog-fouling on the footpaths would be looked into.

Cllr Owen asked about water running from the bank on Picton Road. This has previously been reported to Street-scene, who have checked the drains which are working correctly. It would appear that the water is coming from a spring in the bank.

Cllr Williams asked about the water running across the main road at Gronant Crossroads, and indicated that if there is a sharp drop in temperature, ice may cause accidents on this busy Coast Road junction. Mr Seaburg advised that this was under investigation, but it appears that the 30" drain is 1/3 blocked by growing roots.

Cllr Steele-Mortimer asked whether there was any progress on the road surface problems in Llanasa, but there would not appear to be any further information on this matter. Cllr Steele-Mortimer also praised the excellent service he had experienced in connection with incidents of fly-tipping.

Mr Seaburg advised that his department was unable to do anything about incidents of fly-tipping on private land, but would contact the land owners accordingly.

The Chairman raised the issue of water running from the gates at Picton Cemetery, which could also cause problems if there was a drop in temperatures. This would be looked into.

Cllr Owen reported a large pot-hole at the top of the Rhiw footpath.

Cllr Luke asked what the department's position was in connection with the land-slide in Ffynnongroyw. Mr Seaburg advised that this had originally been passed to the Emergency Planning department, who had subsequently passed it to Environmental Health. This department had

contacted the land owners, who have brought in outside help to make an assessment and effect repairs. Environmental Health had offered temporary accommodation to anyone in the vicinity of the incident who felt at risk.

The Chairman thanked Mr Seaburg for his attendance , who offered to set up regular meetings throughout the forthcoming year.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- 1) Email from the Pensions Regulator in connection with changes in the law on workplace pensions to take effect from 1st April 2016.

**RESOLVED:**

The Clerk will contact the previous Clerk to ascertain what provision was in place for him.

- 2) Email from One Voice Wales in connection with proposals on the provision of court and tribunal services in Wales.
- 3) Email from Janet Kelly of Flintshire County Council in connection with the 'Best Kept Communities Competition 2016' which several of our villages enter.
- 4) Email from Janet A Roberts of Flintshire County Council providing information on 'Have a Go Fortnight' - Flintshire Health and Well Being from 15th to 26th February 2016.
- 5) Email from Karina Walker of the North Wales Police in connection with the North Flintshire Consultation Meeting held on the 8th February 2016.
- 6) Letter from the MP for Delyn, Mr David Hanson, providing details of a resident of Ffynnongroyw, Mr Fretwell, who has been awarded the Legion D'Honneur by the French Government. The presentation would be made on the 4th March 2016 at Flint Town Hall, and the Chairman of Llanasa Community Council was invited to attend.
- 7) Email from Flintshire County Council in connection with a new Polling Station required for Gronant following the closure of the Youth Centre. It was suggested that the new station be in the Family Centre, which was accepted.
- 8) Email from Planning Aid Wales in connection with training courses being held across Wales during 2016 for Councillors and Clerks.
- 9) Email from Flintshire County Council regarding the Match Funding proposals for Gronant and Bryn Garth, Pen-y-ffordd, advising an invoice for £6500 would be sent in due course to cover the works at both sites.

**RESOLVED:**

The Clerk would contact Flintshire County Council to obtain a breakdown of this amount.

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

The following new Planning Applications were received:

054769 Erection of a detached dwelling at land at the side of Kilnocyn, Gwespyr.

Members agreed to raise an objection to this proposal on the grounds of access.

054844 Replacement of an existing dwelling at Ardene, Station Road, Talacre.

Members agreed to raise an objection to this proposal on the grounds of over-development.

054788 Listed building application for new signage at the Red Lion Inn, Llanasa.

054894 Erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage at Delfryn, Axton, Holywell.

Notifications of the following Planning Application decisions were received:

054640 Installation of 11kv overhead line electricity (retrospective). No Objections.

054771 Application for prior notification of demolition. Prior Approval Req'd/Refuse.

054186 Change of use from annex to holiday apartment. Approved.

054740 Erection of single storey extension to front of dwelling. Approved.

Notification of Planning Applications to go before Planning & Development Control Committee:

051795 Use of land as recycling and recovery centre for end of life vehicles at Delyn Metals Ltd.,  
Point of Ayr, Ffynnongroyw.

7. **ACCOUNTS:**

**RESOLVED**

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

9. **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT:**

As per Finance List - £2895.56

10. **AOB:**

Cllr Chilton asked whether Michelle Jones from the North Wales Energy Advice Centre could be invited to a future meeting to discuss her department's service. The Clerk confirmed an invite would be sent for the April meeting.

Cllr Thompson reported that the campaign to keep open the local primary school, Picton Mornant, had been successful, and Flintshire County Council would not be issuing closure notice. The school would be entering into a 'Federation' with a Welsh speaking Secondary School, and Cllr Thompson expressed his thanks to Cllr G Banks, who has led the campaign, and everyone for their support.

Cllr Steele-Mortimer gave details of a cheap service being provided by Coastal Cars to local residents to transport them to shopping centres. Trelawnydd Community Council were looking at providing financial support and asked whether Llanasa Community Council would also contribute. It was explained that we have previously given financial support to Welsh Border Community Transport to provide this service.

Cllr G Banks reported on the requirement for a bus-shelter in the Tanlan area, where there are a number of children waiting for buses in poor weather conditions. This coincides with a need for a larger bus-shelter in Penyffordd, and it was proposed that we should move the existing shelter to Tanlan, and provide a larger shelter in Penyffordd. Flintshire County Council have offered to carry out these works under a 'Match Funding' arrangement, which would cost Llanasa Community Council £1500.

**RESOLVED:**

After a vote by show of hands it was carried unanimously that we should proceed with this scheme.

Cllr G Banks asked members for their views on the toilets in Talacre. This facility was available under the Community Asset Transfer scheme put forward by Flintshire County Council. It was agreed that we should include this item as an Agenda item for the March meeting, when we would be able to obtain further information on the scheme.

11. **PETTY CASH:**

As per cash Book - £189.22

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

None received at this meeting.

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Chairman