

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held at the Community Centre, Pen-y-Ffordd, on Tuesday 17th May 2016.

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

Together with the Clerk.

PRAYERS:

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors J Owen, Councillor Mrs J Redford and Councillor N Steele-Mortimer.

2. **MINUTES**

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

3. **NORTH WALES POLICE**

PCSO Susan Page attended the meeting and advised Members it had once again been a quiet month as far as Police matters were concerned, and invited Members to ask any questions. A boat has been parked on the Coast Road with a 'For Sale' sign attached. This followed the horsebox for sale reported at last month's meeting. It was felt these could cause an accident if motorists looked away from the road to obtain details. Cllr G Banks had reported these incidents to Flintshire County Council Enforcement department. Cllr Mrs Fisher reported the Head at Trelogan C P is concerned about vehicles speeding in '20mph' areas, and the PCSO was asked whether these speed limits were enforceable. It would appear they are advisory limits in areas where children may be walking, such as in the vicinity of schools. PCSO Page would make record details and pass them to colleagues. Cllr Thompson reported youths gathering on Station Road in Talacre close to the entrance to the beach.

Cllr Chilton reported that vehicles parking between the public house and the Institute on Llanasa Road in Gronant are causing a blind spot for drivers.

There being no further questions, PCSO Page left, and was thanked for her attendance.

4. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed that Cllr Brown should be elected as Chairman, however before a vote could be taken, Cllr Brown advised members that due to foreseen work commitments over the forthcoming year, he felt he would not be able to fully carry out the duties of the Chair, and would like to withdraw his name.

It was proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Luke that Cllr Mrs Fisher be appointed Chairman.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Cllr Mrs Fisher be appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Cllr D Banks thereupon relinquished the Chair and Cllr Fisher was invested with the Badge of Office.

The retiring Chairman expressed sincere thanks to the Council for their co-operation and assistance during her term of office, which she had thoroughly enjoyed.

Upon her election, the Chairman then took and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Fisher expressed her appreciation of the honour and responsibility the Council had bestowed upon her.

5. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Cllr Thompson that Cllr Brown should remain as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year, if he felt he could carry out these duties around his work commitments. Cllr Brown accepted the nomination.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Cllr Brown be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

6. **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED

That the following members be re-elected to the Finance & General Purposes Committee:

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, together with Cllr Luke, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Mrs Roberts.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE**

It was proposed that the Chairman's Allowance should remain at £680.00.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That the Chairman's Allowance for the 2016/17 year be fixed at £680.00.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Letter received from the Ffynnongroyw Area Mining and Village Heritage Committee enclosing a cheque for £464.35 to assist in the upkeep and general maintenance of the Point-of-Ayr Colliery Memorial.

It was queried whether the Council should amend its insurance policy to include the memorial, however Cllr Luke advised this may have been carried out some years ago. The Clerk agreed to verify this.

- 2) Letter from Flintshire County Council advising details of the Town and Community Councils Summer Play-scheme Programme for 2016.

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

The following planning applications have been received:

055207 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Crows Nest, Gwespyr

055160 Siting of additional office and storage space at Quality Gates, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw.

This application (055160) was subsequently withdrawn.

Notifications of the following Planning Application decisions were received:

055005 erection of a two-storey dwelling at Warren Farm, Berthengham Approved

054788 listed building application for new signage at The Red Lion Inn, Llanasa Approved

055048 change of use of building to lounge bar at Triangle Wood Caravan Park Approved

054992 demolition of conservatory and erection of extension at Shangri-La, Talacre Approved

The following Planning Applications have received amendments to the original

055086 demolition of existing garage and erection of new at Bryn Cloddfa, Gwespyr

054928 erection of replacement dwelling at Bron Eifion, Ffynnongroyw.

10) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

11) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £4305.17

12) **GUEST SPEAKER.**

Mrs Ruth Cartwright, the Car-Park Strategy Manager for Flintshire County Council, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the problems affecting car parking in Talacre, and the County's proposals to alleviate the issue.

As a result of the ongoing parking problems in Talacre, Flintshire County Council have proposed various changes to the off-street parking in the village. These proposals include the lease-back of land at the rear of the Community Centre, which has been agreed in principal, and which will provide 70 extra parking spaces. Flintshire County Council have also been in discussions with the owners of the Lighthouse Inn, who have indicated they would be willing to lease land at their premises for the Council to manage. The owners of the Smugglers Inn are so far, unwilling to agree to a similar scheme with the County managing the land. Discussions are however, ongoing. The 150 space car-park on Gamfa Wen is at present open from April to September, and the County are looking to extend the opening throughout the year. All these areas will be 'pay-and-display' car-parks with the levels of charges in line with the County Parking Policy. Parking at the Community Centre for events would be covered by permits. The Beach car-park would remain free, but this area is prone to flooding as has been seen in recent weeks. It was confirmed that parking bays for disabled drivers will be allocated at each area.

Once all parking spaces have been taken over by the County, the issue of single and double-yellow lines will be discussed and times determined. Illegal parking would then be enforced by Flintshire Enforcement Officers.

Other proposals include advertising on the back of parking tickets for local businesses who may then offer discounts or redemptions against purchases.

It was confirmed that some element of the parking charges will be returned to the Community Council to improve amenities. The current rates of charges are as follows;

20p	-	2 hours)	
50p	-	4 hours)	All metres do not provide change.
£4	-	All day)	

The proposals would be shown at a public meeting in the Community Centre, Talacre on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 commencing at 7.00pm. All the plans would be available for inspection from 12.00pm on that day.

CLlr Brown asked whether signs would be provided indicating parking restrictions were in place in the village. Mrs Cartwright advised this had not yet been confirmed.

CLlr Thompson advised members that from discussions he had been involved in, he was 99.9% confident these proposals would be accepted.

CLlr G Banks advised members that most of the complaints he had received from Talacre residents were in connection with parking problems, and 'when are yellow lines coming'.

Mrs Cartwright was thanked for her attendance and the presentation.

13. **AUTO-ENROLMENT**

CLlr G Banks asked the Clerk to leave the meeting as he and members present discussed the Council's contribution towards the Pension Scheme to be set up in response to the requirements of the Auto-Enrolment Scheme. On his return, the Clerk was advised the Council's contribution would be set at 5% of the Clerk's annual salary.

The Clerk would now proceed to set up the scheme through NEST.

14. **COMMUNITY GOVERNOR FOR YSGOL BRYN GARTH**

The Clerk had received a telephone call from the Secretary at Ysgol Bryn Garth, in connection with the position of Community Governor at the school. This position is appointed by the Community Council, and Mr David Harrison has been in post for some years. He has now indicated he would like to retire, and the school would like a replacement to be appointed.

RESOLVED

Councillors agreed we would discuss this matter at the June meeting of the Council, to see if a replacement could be found.

15. **PICTON CEMETERY**

Prior to the meeting at the Community Centre, those members available had met with the Clerk at Picton Cemetery. There have been several complaints over the winter period about the general appearance of the cemetery, and the meeting had been called to determine a 'plan of action' for a maintenance schedule.

The main source of complaints had come from areas of the cemetery being water-logged for long periods during the winter. Although the ground now appeared to have dried somewhat, members agreed that we should investigate reasons for one side of the grave-yard being almost under water. We agreed that we should look into the following;

- arrange for clearance of the existing drains to the outside wall which appeared to be blocked
- investigate whether a drainage channel would alleviate water-logging problems
- arrange for the longer grass to the rear of the grave-yard to be cut down
- look at providing new bins for paper and flowers
- arrange for the water tap to be re-furbished

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

None received at this meeting.

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Chairman