

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 March 2016.

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

Mrs G Fisher

G Banks

D Brown

J Lees

Together with the Clerk.

PRAYERS:

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors A Chilton and N Steele-Mortimer.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 16th February 2016, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

3. **GUEST SPEAKER.**

Mr Steve Woosey of the North Wales Energy Advice Centre attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the services provided by his agency. The main theme of his presentation was Affordable Warmth for Flintshire households. His figures indicate there are one third of the population of Flintshire living in 'fuel poverty', calculated as paying in excess of 10% of income on energy costs. Further homes are in a vulnerable position as a result of health issues. The NWEAC is committed to helping anyone who needs or asks for help. The main problem encountered was that many people did not know of the service, or did not request assistance. This was the reason Mr Woosey and his team were making their presentations as often as possible to as many people as would listen, throughout Flintshire, and especially now in North Flintshire. The NWEAC will work with all other agencies to meet all needs, and work with individuals on their specific problems. They will also source grants when available from various agencies, and assist individuals in completing the

forms. During the last two and a half years, they have helped 570 people, and the average savings are in excess of £300 per annum.

Mr Woosey also gave some insight into the Gas Infill Scheme which is scheduled to commence in this area before the end of this month. This will provide natural gas to the villages of Gwespyr, Trelogan, Ffynnongroyw and Pen-y-Ffordd. The costs for connection are approximately £5000, however there are vouchers available for approximately £3500 to set off against the connection costs. Flintshire County Council will cover the costs for social housing properties, however other housing agencies may not be as generous. There is a 4-page form to submit an application, which the NWEAC will assist with. It was stressed that the current voucher scheme will expire at the end of March, and different rules will apply from April.

Mr Woosey was thanked for his attendance and presentation.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- 1) Letter from the Ombudsman for Wales in connection with the Principles of Good Administration and Good Records Management.
- 2) Fundraising letter from St Kentigerns' hospice.
- 3) Invite for the Chairman to attend the Holywell Mayor's Charity Event.
- 4) Letter from the Post Office regarding changes at Talacre Post Office.
- 5) Copy of the initial documentation in connection with Community Asset Transfers following the press article indicating the public toilets in Talacre were to be transferred to the Community Council.
- 6) Email from Flintshire County Council in connection with the timetable for the Best Kept Communities Competition for 2016.
- 7) Email inviting the Chairman and Councillors to the installation of the new Parish Priest for the Llanasa and Ffynnongroyw parishes.

RESOLVED:

The Chairman confirmed she would attend the investiture.

- 8) Letter from the Planning Inspectorate in connection with the new Developments of National Significance (DNS).
- 9) Email from Flintshire County Council regarding consultation on their Application to Suspend the Right to Buy for council tenants.
- 10) Email from Mr Christopher Owens of Bagillt Web Design offering the renewal of our website maintenance contract for the next twelve months.

RESOLVED:

We should accept the offer of the renewal of this contract.

- 11) Fundraising letter from the Macmillan Cancer Support agency.

- 12) Email from Flintshire County Council in connection with the proposed Dog Fouling scheme that may be introduced.
- 13) Email from the North Wales Police in connection with a letter received from Mr Stokes of Talacre requesting action be taken in relation to speeding vehicles on Station Road, Talacre.
- 14) Copy of the Play for Wales brochure recently distributed.
- 15) Copy of the brochure distributed by the Walk for Life agency in connection with fundraising events for April 2016.
- 16) Email from Flintshire County Council in connection with consultation on the Local Developments Plans for communities.

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

The following Planning Applications were received:

054928 Erection of replacement dwelling at Bron Eifion, Tanlan, Ffynnongroyw.

054941 Erection of a two-storey extension to rear of dwelling at Heulfryn, Fairfield Avenue, Ffynnongroyw.

054992 Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of extension to side of dwelling at Shangri-la, Beach Close, Talacre.

055005 Erection of a two-storey dwelling at Warren Farm, Berthengham, Holywell.

Notifications of the following Planning Application decisions were received:

054894 erection of dwelling and garage at Delfryn, Axton, Holywell. Approved.

054329 change of use of land to a gypsy and traveller site at Bron Eifion, Tanlan, Ffynnongroyw. Refused.

6. **ACCOUNTS:**

RESOLVED

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

7. **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT:**

As per Finance List - £15283.34

8. **AOB:**

The Chairman advised members that following a successful probation period, the Clerk would be offered the position on a permanent basis. The Clerk confirmed he would accept this offer.

Mr Terry Beale, who has been contracted to cut the grass in Picton Cemetery for the 2015 season, has advised the Clerk that he will be unable to continue with these duties as a result of ill-health. Following this conversation, the Clerk contacted the regular grave-digger, who has advised of a colleague who has indicated he would be willing to take over these duties. Mr Peter Cross will take over these duties for the 2016 season, at the same rate of pay as paid to Mr Beale. Mr Cross also carries out similar duties at Abergele Cemetery.

Following the correspondence item from the February meeting regarding Workplace Pensions, the Clerk reported that he had spoken with the previous Clerk, Mr Arfon Williams, who had confirmed that he had not made contributions to any pension scheme.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk should now proceed and seek a pension provider to put in place a suitable scheme.

Cllr G Banks indicated he would ask colleagues in Clwyd Pension Fund whether there was a way of contributing to the Council scheme.

The discussions from the February meeting regarding the bus-shelters in the Tanlan and Pen-y-Ffordd areas were raised to ascertain whether any progress had been made.

RESOLVED:

We should contact Ms Katie Wilby at Flintshire County Council for a progress report on this matter.

Councillors asked whether a street-light could be installed on the telegraph pole close to Plas Derwen on Llinegr Hill. This area was used frequently by pedestrians and during the winter months it was extremely dark.

RESOLVED:

We should contact Deeco to request an estimate of the cost of installation.

9. **PETTY CASH:**

As per cash Book - £132.26

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

None received at this meeting.

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Chairman