

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 21st March 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs G Fisher (Chairman)

Councillors: F Gillmore

J Owen

J Williams

J Thompson

G Banks

Mrs D S Banks

J Lees

Mrs E J Roberts

A Chilton

D Brown

Together with the Clerk.

PRAYERS:

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillor Mrs J Redford, Ms S Braun, J Larnier and N Steele-Mortimer.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 21st February 2017 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

3. **GUEST SPEAKER:**

Mr Nigel Seaburg, Manager of the Street-scene department of Flintshire County Council attended the meeting, and offered members the opportunity to ask any matters relating to his remit.

The first item related to a report that part of the road from Llanasa to Glanrafon was scheduled to be re-surfaced within the next four to six weeks, which was confirmed. Cllr Chilton asked whether Llanasa Road in Gronant had been identified for repairs, but was advised this was not at present on the schedule for repairs. This caused further discussions regarding the state of roads throughout the

community, and Mr Seaburg explained the process used at Flintshire County Council as follows. 'A' and 'C' category roads are inspected on a monthly basis, and a report is compiled detailing the state of the roads, and a recommendation for any repairs. This report is submitted to the supervisor who will make the decision on which roads can be scheduled for repair. Mr Seaburg pointed out that as a result of the reduced budget available to the County, 5 out of 6 roads identified for repair were not acted upon. When preparing his report, roads were judged on condition, and serious pot-holes were prioritised. Mr Seaburg advised members that there are 8 areas throughout Flintshire County, all with similar problems, but finances were holding back the repair works throughout the County.

Cllr Mrs Banks asked about the street-light on Llinegr Hill which has been faulty for several months throughout the winter months. The Clerk pointed out that this fault has been reported to the electrical contractors on more than one occasion, but has been advised that the fault is a power fault, which is the responsibility of Scottish Power.

Cllr Mrs Banks asked whether a 30mph sign could be erected at the Mostyn end of the Main Road in Ffynnongroyw. Mr Seaburg advised that it was against the law to have 30mph repeater signs within a 30mph zone.

Cllr Owen asked about the water flowing across the roads near Picton school. Mr Seaburg advised that the drainage lines would need to be traced to identify where the problem lay.

Cllr Chilton asked about fly-tipping on Garden Lane in Gronant, which was now a major problem with dozens a black plastic bags. Mr Seaburg advised that his team attend the area on a weekly basis to clear the roads of rubbish, however the tipping in question appears to be on private land so this does not come under the responsibility of Flintshire County Council. It was suggested that signs and cctv cameras may be a possibility, which would be looked into.

Cllr Williams asked about the flooding at Gronant Crossroads, and was advised that Street-scene were aware of this problem, and had obtained a quote for root-cutting which would cost in the region of £12k, which will now have to wait until the new financial year.

There being no further questions, Mr Seaburg was thanked for his attendance.

4. **ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT:**

The Clerk had circulated all Members with a copy of the Risk Assessment, identifying the risk, the potential consequences of the risk, the impact of the risk, the likelihood of risk occurring and the controls already in place to manage the risk.

The Council considered each aspect of the Risk Assessment in detail

RESOLVED:

That the Council is satisfied that all possible action to keep identified risks to a minimum is being taken.

INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS:

The Clerk had circulated all Members with a copy of the report on Internal Financial Controls, which the Council considered in detail

RESOLVED:

That the Council's system of Internal Financial Controls be approved.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY:

The Clerk had circulated all Members with a copy of the recommended Investment Strategy for consideration

RESOLVED:

That the Investment Strategy be approved.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Details of the re-furbishment works to be carried out under the Flintshire County Council Match Funding Scheme at Bryn Garth play area were circulated. The total costs for these works per the quotation provided is £17027.01. Members agreed that this was an expensive quotation but it was not in our remit to question this price. The Clerk had confirmed the Council contribution of £7500, to be matched by Flintshire County Council, with the balance being paid from Section 106 funds held by Flintshire County Council.

Email from Flintshire County Council in question with the Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 consultation, which runs until the 31st March 2017. (A copy of the Draft Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire is available with the Clerk, to review if required.)

Email from One Voice Wales regarding consultation on draft circular for the planning of gypsy, traveller and show-people sites. The closing date for responses is the 22nd May 2017.

Letter from the Boundary Commission for Wales advising of the Secondary Consultation Period which will run until the 27th March 2017.

Email from Flintshire and Wrexham Online Watch Link Association (OWL) in connection with a request to erect a 'No Cold Calling' sign in Gronant. The Clerk had circulated this request to Gronant Councillors, who had confirmed the sign could be erected.

Email from Flintshire and Wrexham Online Watch Link Association (OWL) in connection with a request to erect a 'Neighbourhood Watch' sign in Ffynnongroyw. The Clerk had circulated this request to Ffynnongroyw Councillors, who had confirmed the sign could be erected.

March 2017 newsletter from Energise Wales.

Email from Planning Aid Wales in connection with a Community Engagement Network event to take place in Llandudno on the 28th March 2017.

Email from Flintshire County Council in connection with a proposed Training Event for new Councillors. The Clerk had been asked at the recent County Forum meeting whether we would be willing to hold a training event in the area following the forthcoming elections. Members agreed this would be preferable to the event being held in County Hall, Mold.

The Clerk would advise County Council accordingly.

Copies of emails between the Clerk and Street-scene regarding the internal fencing to the children's play area in Gronant. Cllr Williams advised the fencing was not the problem but the hedges around the area required repair.

The Clerk would advise County Council accordingly.

Email from One Voice Wales in connection with the advert for the appointment of Vice President to the National Library of Wales.

Email from One Voice Wales in connection with the advert for the appointments of the Chair and Vice Chair to the Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Accreditation Committee.

Invitation from Kidney Wales to celebrate their 50th Celebration Dinner to be held in three locations in April and May 2017.

Email from Kidney Wales in connection with the Walk for Life, to be held on the 3rd June 2017 in Talacre.

Reminder from the Welsh Government that the town and community councils' services and assets survey is open until the 30th March 2017.

Letter from the Auditor General for Wales enclosing the Notice of Annual Audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017.

Notice of Town and Community Elections from Flintshire County Council.

Notice of County of Flintshire Elections from Flintshire County Council.

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

The following planning application has been received:

056653 Erection of extension to dwelling at Tara, Berthengham, Holywell.

Notifications of the following Planning Application decisions were received:

056585 Application for prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code systems operators at land to the east of Bryn Haf, Trelogan.	Prior Approval Req'd
	Refused

7) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

8) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £4503.24

9) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £63.82

10). **AOB:**

The Clerk advised Members he had been offered a further part-time position as Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer at Northop Hall Community Council, and was confident he could carry out the duties of both Councils, without any conflict of interest. The Clerk then left the meeting in order that Members could discuss the matter.

On the Clerk's return, Members advised there were no objections to him accepting this position.

Cllr G Banks advised he had received a quotation of £1800 plus VAT for proposed drainage works in Picton Cemetery, which would include repairs to existing drainage holes in the wall, digging out, gravel and replacement pipe. After discussion

RESOLVED

The Council accepts the quotation for the drainage works at Picton Cemetery.

Cllr Chilton advised that the parking problems experienced over the traffic calming measures in Gronant were causing problems for wheelchair users, who had to go into the middle of the road to get past the parked vehicle.

RESOLVED

The Clerk would report the problem to the NW Police.

Cllr Thompson provided copies of the leaflets produced to attract people who want a Welsh education, and to promote a local Welsh speaking school at Ysgol Mornant, Picton.

Cllr Lees reported on a letter received in connection with cement lorries using narrow roads in the Axton and Trelogan areas. Cllr Lees had been to see the gentleman who has complained and will provide the Clerk with further details in order that the Police could be made aware of the situation.

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

None received prior to this meeting.

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Chairman