

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held at the Community Centre, Pen-y-Ffordd, on Tuesday 19th September 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs D Banks (Chairman)

Councillors: Ms S Braun

J Owen

J Larner

J Williams

M Williams

G Banks

Mrs E J Roberts

Together with Councillor A Holgate and the Clerk.

PRAYERS:

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

- 1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Fisher, I Luke, D Brown, A Chilton, R Waraich and J Cartledge.

- 2.) **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 18th July 2017 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

- 3.) **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Nigel Seaburg of Flintshire County Council, Street-scene dept, attended the meeting to provide Members with an up-date on highway matters within the community.

The Rhiw footpath had received moss killer treatment approximately three weeks ago, and had been inspected today. Mr Seaburg reported that the surfaces of both the upper and lower sections were in poor condition, and further works were required.

Councillors asked on various roads throughout the community as follows;

Picton Road drains - repaired and working well

Station Road, Talacre - re-surfacing work being carried out.

Gronant crossroads - rain-water running across the road.

Llinegr Hill, Penyffordd - identified as a 'high priority' but no funds available for this work at present. Councillors pointed out that the roads throughout the village were in poor condition.

The lay-bye outside Picton Cemetery was sinking. Street-scene to review.

The crossroads in Trelogan - work in progress, approximately two further days work.

The hedges at the bowling green in Penyffordd had been cut, but needed some of the height taking down.

The footpath from Gronant to the Bells of St Marys pub is very overgrown.

Pit Road, Tanlan - this road is un-adopted and is at present being used for fly-tipping. Attempts are being made for the barrier to be re-instated with users having keys. Once the barrier has been agreed upon, Street-scene will clear up the area.

Councillors reported that the bus-shelter in Penyffordd had been removed, and it was understood this was being scrapped. The Council had previously requested this be exchanged with another shelter in Tan-lan. This matter would be followed up with Katie Wilby of FCC.

Councillor J Williams also pointed out that the main road through Gronant was also in very poor condition, sinking in places and required attention. Mr Seaburg advised that the funding cuts being experienced meant that many roads throughout Flintshire required attention, but funds were unavailable to complete all repairs. Priority had to be given to 'main' roads.

The Chairman thanked Mr Seaburg for his attendance.

4.) **TO REVIEW THE FINDING OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017.**

The external audit for the year ended 31st March 2017 had been completed, and the Auditors had pointed out the following items in their report;

- *section 1 of the Annual Return does not add up by £1*
The Clerk advised that this matter was as a result of the figures being rounded up, and not including pence.
- *the council produced printed minutes, which were submitted for audit purposes. The pages were not certified as true copies of the originals.*
The Clerk advised the copies of minutes had been sent via email to provide confirmation of Council decisions.

Councillors accepted the explanations and the Auditors findings. A copy of the Annual Return could now be included on the Council's website.

The Clerk advised that the invoice for the external audit was included in the cheques for payment this month. This year's invoice amounted to £121.80, last year's invoice amounted to £382.05. No explanation was provided for the large variance.

5.) **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE.**

Schedules of correspondence had been circulated with the meeting papers, and the Clerk high-lighted the following items which required Councillor consideration;

- the One Voice Wales annual conference will be held on the 30th September 2017 at the Builth Wells Showground.
- Flood plans for both the villages of Lower Gronant and Talacre had been provided by Natural Resources Wales, and Councillor G Banks suggested we should share this information with Steve Jones of Flintshire County Council, Street-scene department.
- An email from Flintshire County Council advising the Public Engagement Event for the area would be held at Ysgol Maes y Felin, Holywell on the 26th October commencing at 6.30pm.
- Email from BDO, requesting additional information in connection with the external audit of the Council's records for the year ended 31st March 2017. (The Clerk replied with the information.)
- Email from Flintshire County Council reminding councils of the joint meeting of the Standards Committee and the Ombudsman on the 2nd October.
- Emails from Gwyn Moseley of Natural Resources Wales attaching copies of the Lower Gronant and Talacre Community Flood Plans.
- Invitation from One Voice Wales for the Council to join as Members of OVW.
- Renewal invitation from Came & Company, Insurance Brokers, enclosing three quotations for Council insurance from October 2017. Email circulated to Members for consideration.
- Email from Flintshire County Council providing details of Election costs for each ward. Invoices to be issued in due course.
- Invitation to Kidney Wales to 50th Anniversary Dinner, forwarded to Councillor Fisher.
- Email from Trelogan Community Centre requesting financial assistance. (At this point, Councillors M Williams and Holgate declared interests and left the room to allow Councillors to discuss the matter.)

The Community Centre is about to undergo extensive refurbishment which is expected to take approximately six months. The Community Centre has requested financial assistance amounting to £3000 to provide funds to pay for running costs for the year. Councillors discussed the matter, however declined the request unanimously. Councillors M Williams and Holgate returned to the meeting and were advised of the decision.

- Email from Mr & Mrs Owen of Trelogan written in Welsh. The Chairman translated the general contents of the letter, and Councillor M Williams advised that following a conversation with Mr Owen, the letter should be accepted as an apology, and the matter had been resolved. Councillor G Banks would arrange for the letter to be translated, and the Clerk would then respond accordingly.
- letter from Kidney Wales thanking Llanasa Community Council for its support in organising the Llanasa Walk for Life 2017. The event had raised £679.58 which had been forwarded to Kidney Wales.

6.) **TO CONSIDER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN THE GRASS CUTTING SERVICE AT PICTON CEMETERY.**

Three expressions of interest had been received in connection with the grass cutting service for Picton Cemetery for 2018, these being from Mr Waraich, Gareth Maelor and Lush Green Gardening Services. Councillors discussed the merits of each applicant, and Councillor D Banks proposed;

Proposed

The grass cutting service at Picton Cemetery be offered to Mr Waraich.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillors also discussed the length of the period the grass should be cut. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the 'cutting period' should be extended from March to October.

The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

7.) **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

057416 Erection of single storey extension at 2 Gadlys Court, Llanasa, Glan-Yr-Afon.

057436 Application for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of garage erected under Permitted Development at Romany, Llanasa Road, Gwespyr.

057315 Renewal of existing consent for sponsorship signs on roundabout at junction of A548, Talacre.

057419 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at Kelston Farm, Gwespyr.

057371 Prune 2no Oak trees at land at the side of 16 & 19 Llys Dewi, Penyffordd.

No objections were raised for each of the above planning applications.

The following planning applications have been determined as follows;

056885 Proposed erection of a livestock shed within the existing farmyard at Pant Glas Farm, Tyn y Morfa, Gwespyr. **File Closed.**

057902 Siting of 22 holiday static caravans at Ayr View Caravan Park, Talacre. **Approved.**

056964 Change of use of land for siting of a temporary structure for holding private events, (Retrospective) at Gyrn Castle, Gyrn, Llanasa. **Refused.**

057103 Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and erection of new garage and conservatory at Bryn Glas, Abbey Drive, Gronant. **Approved.**

057208 2 storey rear and side extension to provide additional bedrooms, bathroom and kitchen space at Bryn Siriol, Trelogan. **Refused.**

056348 Construction of new pitched roofs with room in the roof at Springfields, Gwespyr. **Approved.**

056810 Erection of 2no storage buildings at Quality Gates, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw. **Approved.**

057237 Application for the approval of details reserved by condition no 7 (ground contamination) attached to planning permission ref. 053737 at former woodlands, Gwespyr Hill. **Approved.**

7.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

8.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £12579.62

9.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £66.83

10.) **AOB:**

Councillor Ms Braun commented she had been advised the defibrillator equipment in Gronant was to be moved to a different location, and this information was according to Councillor Chilton.

The Clerk would investigate this matter as the equipment was placed by the local Rotary group.

Councillor Mrs D Banks advised the water tap in Picton Cemetery required attention before the winter, as the wooden surround has disintegrated.

The Clerk would arrange for this to be repaired.

Councillor Mrs D Banks also requested we erect a sign on the Cemetery gate asking visitors to 'close the gate' after leaving.

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

Declaration of Interest received from Cllr M Williams in connection with request for financial assistance from Trelogan Community Centre.

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Chairman