

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 16th May 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs G Fisher (Chairman)

Councillors: Ms S Braun

I Luke

J Larner

J Williams

G Banks

Mrs D S Banks

Mrs E J Roberts

A Chilton

D Brown

M Williams

Together with Councillor A Holgate and the Clerk.

PRAYERS:

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors J Owen and R Waraich.

2. **MINUTES**

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

3. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Two members of the First Responder team working with the North Wales Ambulance Service attended the meeting to provide Councillors with further information on defibrillator equipment, in view of the Council's proposal to look into the possibility of providing further equipment in the Community. Andy and Gareth gave a thorough presentation on how a defibrillator works, giving Councillors the opportunity to see the equipment close up and ask any questions.

4. **TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNCIL FOR 2017/18.**

It was proposed that Mr David Brown should be elected as Chairman. Mr Brown confirmed he would accept.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr David Brown be appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The retiring Chairman expressed her thanks to all Councillors for their assistance and co-operation during her year in office, which she had enjoyed immensely.

Councillor Fisher relinquished the Chair, and Councillor Brown was invested with the Badge of Office.

The Chairman then took and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. **TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2017/18:**

It was proposed that Councillor Tony Chilton be elected Vice Chairman for 2017/18, and he confirmed he would accept the position.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Tony Chilton be appointed Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Following the Community Council elections, all Councillors present signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk requested he make arrangements for Councillors Owen and Waraich to sign their declarations, which members agreed to.

The Clerk also provided Councillors with copies of the following documents;

Information for Councillors - meeting dates and Clerk contact details.

Code of Conduct Summary

Llanasa Community Council estimates for 2017/18 - produced January 2017.

Llanasa Community Council Receipts and Payments account for 2016/17.

Llanasa Community Council 2017/18 budget monitoring statement to May 2017.

6. **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.**

Following the retirement of Councillor Thompson, a vacancy has arisen on the Finance and General Purposes Committee. It was proposed that Councillor Ms Braun be appointed, which was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Ms Braun be appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, together with the following who would be re-elected;

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

7. **TO DETERMINE THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2017/18.**

It was proposed that the Chairman's Allowance should remain at £680.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairman's Allowance for 2017/18 be fixed at £680.

8. **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk provided a schedule of all correspondence and emails received since the meeting on the 18th April 2017, and requested this method be used in future, as an environmental measure, and to save on copying costs. Councillors agreed to this proposal, however asked whether the schedule could be sent out with meeting papers, which was agreed. (Schedule attached.)

Councillors expressed comments on the following items of correspondence;

Blackwells Stonemasons Quotation - no evidence of contractor causing damage, so Council should not be held liable to cost of repairs.

Flintshire County Council new dog-fouling / dog control proposed measures - all children's play areas, football pitches, school playing fields and footpaths.

Enquiry from Flintshire CAB re funding - to be included on the Council 2017/18 list for grant consideration.

Bagillt Web-Design continued website maintenance - agreed and Councillor M Williams to provide pictures of the area for website up-grade.

North Wales Energy Advice Centre - road-show launch event to be held in Trelogan on 19th May commencing at 1.00pm.

AON Insurance re Council Insurance - Clerk to obtain quotation for comparison purposes.

Email from retired Councillor Fred Gilmore - letter of thanks to be written to Councillors Gilmore, Thompson and Steele-Mortimer for their service to Community.

Natural Resources Wales Flood Plan for Talacre - details to be forwarded to all Ffynnongroyw ward Councillors.

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

056806 Erection of four (4) dwellings on land at the top of Yr Allt, Llinegr Hill, Penyffordd.

A Declaration of Interest form was submitted prior to the start of the meeting by Councillor Mrs E J Roberts.

056780 Removal and replacement of uPVC windows at Y Beudy, Gwespyr.

056691 Provision of new uPVC windows, brick paving to parking and turning area, formation of vehicle crossing and dropped kerb, removal of conifer and replacement with native shrub and making good to existing timber entrance gate and fence to side of dwelling at St Andrews, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw.

056950 Application for non-material amendment to planning permission at Warren farm, Berthengham.

There was some discussion in respect of planning application number 056806 as residents had expressed objections to the proposal. Councillors agreed that we should submit an objection against this application on the grounds that the proposal was outside the village envelope, and would create access difficulties.

10) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

11) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £4078.35

12) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £353.82

13). **AOB:**

Councillor Mrs Banks expressed concerns at the trend of 'decorations' adorning graves in Picton Cemetery. While Council does not wish to dictate terms to grieving families, there does need to be some control exercised. We should erect a new sign close to the water tap advising of terms and conditions. In addition, we should obtain further guidance from other local churches and Flintshire County Council policy on this matter.

As Mrs S Williams had failed to attend the meeting to sign her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, there was now a vacancy in the Gronant ward, and the Clerk confirmed he would contact Flintshire

County Council to determine whether this vacancy could be filled by co-option, or whether a casual vacancy should be advertised.

Councillor Fisher reminded all Members of the Walk for Life event, to be held on Saturday, 3rd June 2017 at 10.00am, at Talacre Community Centre.

Councillor M Williams advised members of the situation regarding former Councillor, Mrs J Redford, who was very unwell after suffering a nervous breakdown. Councillor M Williams had now taken over as Chair of Trelogan Community Centre. Councillors agreed we should send a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Redford on behalf of the Council.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that Station Road, Talacre would now be included as an 'Arrive Alive' vehicle speeding camera site.

Councillor Chilton raised the matter of fly-tipping on Garden Lane in Gronant. While it was accepted that this land was privately owned, Council should write requesting some action be taken to prevent fly-tipping in a Conservation Area.

Councillor J Williams raised the situation of parking on Llanasa Road, Gronant which now a serious problem. This should be reported to the North Wales Police as a Road Safety issue.

Councillors asked when we would have attendance at meetings from the local PCSO, as it had been some months since last attending. The Clerk would contact the PCSO with details of our next meeting.

Councillor J Williams advised Members that Gronant was the last village in the west of Flintshire, and village signs had been stolen some 10 years ago. Could we look into purchasing replacements? The Clerk had a brochure and would bring it to the next meeting.

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

Councillor Mrs E J Roberts provided a Declaration of Interest form in respect of Planning Application number 056806.

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Chairman