

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 18th July 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor D M Brown (Chairman)

Councillors: Ms S Braun

J Owen

R Waraich

J Larner

J Williams

G Banks

Mrs D S Banks

Mrs E J Roberts

A Chilton

J Cartledge

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 and M Williams. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Cartledge to his first meeting, and the new Councillor signed his declaration of acceptance of office, which was countersigned by the Clerk.

- 2.) **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 20th June 2017 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

- 3.) **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Helen Jones of Flintshire County Council, Older People's Strategy, and Karen Crane of Age Connect attended the meeting to provide Members with details of the partnership strategy supporting older people within the community.

Priorities have been identified in supporting older people with emphasis being placed on combating 'loneliness and isolation'. These two have been identified as the primary causes of health issues for

the elderly, creating pressures on the health services. Flintshire County Council has focused its strategy on the rural areas, where there are less services and poorer transport links.

Data has identified 9 rural communities including Penyffordd and Gronant as 'higher risk' areas, although Councillors questioned this assumption on the basis of personal knowledge of the areas. Councillors requested details of the data in order that they could obtain further insight.

Events had been scheduled for older people, at Gronant Institute on the 18th July, to ascertain what is needed for the elderly to retain their independence.

Karen Crane from Age Connect, a registered charity based in North East Wales, provided details of the aims of the charity, to help people remain in their own homes and live independently. She acknowledged that not as much support was being provided to this end of Flintshire, and the charity are looking to appoint a Development Officer for the area. This would ideally be someone living in the area with knowledge of the communities. This appointment will of course, be dependent on funding and a decision will not likely be until early autumn.

Cllr Mrs Roberts asked how we can help. It was pointed out that it was not the people who are members of the local OAP groups that the strategy was aimed at, but rather the people who stay indoors.

The Chairman thanked both for their attendance.

Noela Jones of Grwp Cynefin, house builders, also attended the meeting to provide some information on a further proposed development of houses in Penyffordd. A small development was constructed in the village and these properties have been successfully let. Phase 2 is now being considered, and the builders are seeking the communities views on what sort of development would be preferred. It was pointed out that the size of the development had not yet been decided upon, although it was confirmed that one bungalow with facilities for special needs had been identified.

Ms Jones agreed to return to our October meeting to provide further information.

4.) **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.
- Email from Flintshire County Council regarding large ceramic poppies being provided for the Remembrance Commemorations in November. After discussions, Members we should request 12 poppies to be provided to local schools and churches.
- Email from Flintshire County Council providing details of a training event being held for new Town and Community Councillors on the 14th September 2017 in Mold.
- Email from SP Energy Networks asking to explore how we can work together to promote a new hotline number within our area.
- Email from Cllr Mrs Roberts advising fly-tipping in the car-park outside Picton Cemetery. Street-scene advised immediately.

- Email from Flintshire County Council attaching the One Voice Wales Local Resolution Procedure, for Councillors to consider whether to adopt.
- The posters for the Flintshire Summer Play-schemes to be held in Trelogan, Gronant and Ffynngroyw had been received from The Flintshire Play Unit. The schemes at each venue would commence on Monday, 24th July and run until Friday, 11th August.
- Copies of email correspondence between Councillor Holgate and BT regarding two telephone boxes which required re-painting. Bt have advised that the two boxes identified were to be decommissioned, and BT was putting both for sale at £1 each. After discussion, Councillors expressed these could be sites for defibrillator equipment sites, and it was proposed and seconded we should purchase both.

RESOLVED

The Council should contact BT with a view to purchase the two telephone boxes.

CARRIED

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

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

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

057237 Application for approval of details reserved by condition no 7 (ground contamination) attached to planning permission 053757 at former woodlands, Gwespyr Hill, Gwespyr.

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

6.) **TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2017/18**

The Clerk had circulated members with copies of a schedule of Financial Assistance Grants made during the previous year. After consideration, it was proposed that the Council would provide financial assistance to the organisations as per the schedule.

RESOLVED

The Council would provide financial assistance grants as per the attached schedule.

Approved Unanimously.

7.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

The Clerk also provided Members with a copy of the bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2017 together with the up-dated budget monitoring schedule.

8.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £8582.64

9.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £293.82

10.) **AOB:**

Councillor Mrs Banks advised the hedges at Gwynfa Chapel had become overgrown and required attention. Members also advised hedges at Gell y Bont, and in Gwespyr near Picton School were also overgrown and required attention. The Clerk would report these to Street-scene.

Councillor G Banks questioned whether there had been any progress on the moving and replacement of the bus-shelters. The Clerk would contact Katie Wilby of Flintshire County Council.

Councillor J Williams reported a property in Gronant, (Bryn y Mor, Llanasa Road) on which a sycamore tree had grown approximately 20 feet high and had spread the length of four houses, which was now considered a fire hazard. It was believed the property was now abandoned. The Clerk would contact Street-scene and the Tree Officer.

Councillor Braun reported pot-holes on Shore Road, Gronant opposite Bethesda Street. Councillor Mrs Banks reported a pot-hole on Llinegr Hill below the nursing home. Both these incidents would be reported to Street-scene.

Councillor Chilton reported on the apparent lack of any police presence in Gronant, and there have been incidents of a van racing through the village. The Clerk would send an invitation for the PCSO to attend the September meeting.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that the local doctors surgery and the surgery in Mostyn was to close, and Councillor Heesom of Mostyn Community Council has suggested a 'joint effort' to save the surgeries. The Clerk would make contact with the Clerk for Mostyn Community Council.

Councillor G Banks reported on the pot-hole and overgrown hedges on the Rhiw footpath. Councillor G Banks stated that this footpath requires regular inspection and cleaning. The Clerk would contact Street-scene.

The Clerk advised Members he had been contacted by Mr Luke of Trelogan, a member of the family of a deceased couple buried in Picton Cemetery. The headstone of the grave had been damaged at the time of the drainage works recently carried out, and photographs provided would suggest the damage MAY have been caused by the contractors. After discussions, Councillors agreed that although it would be impossible to prove either way who had caused the damage, the Council would - as a gesture of goodwill - pay the stonemason's bill. The Clerk would also write to the contractors to see if they would make a contribution towards the costs.

A quotation had been received from G Maelor & Sons in respect of the supply of two notice-boards as requested. Councillors discussed the quotation, and although the quote was acceptable, Councillors questioned whether the timber to be used would be treated, and whether the notice-boards would be installed. Councillor G Banks would contact the suppliers for a revised quotation to include treatment and installation.

The Clerk reported to Members that in light of Mr Peter Cross having advised of his retirement from cutting the grass at Picton Cemetery at the end of the current season, we would need to appoint a replacement. After discussion, it was suggested that the Council should put the service out for Tender, however the Clerk advised that the amount to be paid over a season would be below the 'Tender level' set in Standing Orders. The Clerk would look into the matter and report to Members as soon as possible.

The Clerk had received photographs of the area from Councillor M Williams in connection with the proposed website up-grade. Councillors reviewed the photographs and made selections, which the Clerk would pass on to the website administrator, together with contact details of the new Councillor.

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

None at this meeting.

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Chairman