

## **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 20th March 2018.

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Chilton (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs D Banks

J Larner

J Williams

M Williams

G Banks

Mrs G Fisher

R Waraich

J Owen

I Luke

Together with the Clerk and Councillor A Holgate.

### **PRAYERS:**

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

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors Brown and Mrs Roberts.

2.) **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 20th February 2018 were reviewed. Councillor Ms Braun advised that the spokesperson for the Gronant residents, 200218/3, was not Sally Roberts but Jacky Owen-Jones. Subject to this amendment, the minutes were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

3.) **GUEST SPEAKERS.**

Mr Steve Evans attended the Meeting to address Members on the provision of defibrillator equipment for Pen-y-Ffordd. Mr Evans represents a fund-raising group from Rhyl who have been raising funds to provide such equipment throughout the area, and had approached Councillor Waraich with a proposal to install equipment in Pen-y-Ffordd. Councillor Mrs Banks advised that the Community Council had already agreed to provide three sets of this equipment in villages in the Community. Mr Evans was asked whether he would be able to install his equipment elsewhere, but advised he would need to obtain confirmation from his organisation before committing to such.

Mr Evans was thanked for his attendance.

Councillors discussed the provision of defibrillator equipment, and it was agreed that we would put this item on the Agenda for the April meeting to progress matters.

Nigel Seaburg of the Street-scene department of Flintshire County Council attended the meeting to provide Members with the latest information on the highways throughout the area.

Mr Seaburg initially reported on the items reported from his last visit at our September 2017 meeting;

bowling green hedge - work still not done

lay-bye outside Picton Cemetery - work listed as outstanding

pathway to Abbey Drive - work still not done

pathway at the back of the Bells of St Marys - work listed as outstanding

Afan Goch cross-roads - work listed as outstanding

Mr Seaburg stated that as everyone was aware, the County Council were struggling with their finances, and as a result of the harsh winter weather we had all experienced, pot-holes had appeared everywhere, which were being prioritised. The Welsh Government had provided additional funding to assist with this, and a two-man team had been appointed to carry out the work. Mr Seaburg had visited Llinegr Hill during day-light, and agreed that it was in very poor condition, requiring three different treatments to bring it back to standard. Councillor Chilton advised that Llanasa Road in Gronant was in a similar condition. Councillors asked whether the harsh winter, or lack of funding had created the pot-hole problems. Mr Seaburg advised that the department was running on a budget of £15m less than ten years ago, and work was being carried out by a significantly reduced workforce.

Councillor J Williams asked what was happening about Gronant Crossroads. Mr Seaburg advised that there were three options open to the County Council;

- a) carry out another camera survey, costing approximately £1500
- b) remove the roots causing the problem, costing approximately £10,000
- c) replace the pipe completely, costing approximately £30,000

Councillor Mrs Banks asked whether a gate could be installed at the entrance to Point of Ayr Road as the road-sides were being used for fly-tipping. Mr Seaburg advised that unless agreement was received from all people or businesses using the road, it was not possible to install such a gate. Councillor G Banks advised he would try to arrange a meeting of all people using the road to find a way forward.

Councillor Chilton asked Mr Seaburg what was happening at Garden Lane, Gronant. Mr Seaburg advised that Street-scene had been attending to this site for many years at no charge to the landowners. Responsibility had now been passed to the Rights of Way department and any queries should be addressed to them. Councillors believe this is now a Health and Safety issue, and it was suggested that we should write to the Chief Executive. Councillor Chilton advised he would follow this matter up.

Councillor G Banks stated that he felt Street-scene had been fantastic over the recent winter months considering the restrictions they have been working under. Councillors agreed that fly-tipping was

becoming an increasing problem, and believed there may be more incidents of this this following the County Council's introduction of charges for garden waste collections.

Mr Seaburg brought up the question of village signs for Gronant village, advising these would be the responsibility of the Community Council. After some general discussion on the style of the signs, it was agreed that we should write to the County Council for a 'supply and fit' price for the signs.

Discussions then followed regarding the introduction of charges by the County Council for the collection of garden waste. Councillors questioned how this will be monitored as there are rumours that there have been incidents of theft of the stickers and of the actual bins, resulting in charges for replacements. Mr Seaburg advised that he believed if a bin was put out for collection without a sticker, the bin would be taken away.

The Chairman thanked Mr Seaburg for his attendance, and Councillors agreed we should send a letter of thanks to the Street-scene department.

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;

- Email from Flintshire County Council requesting details of when Councillors had received Code of Conduct training. Councillors advised that in the majority of cases, this had been a considerable time ago, with newly appointed Councillors Waraich and M Williams not having taken such training as yet.

Councillors agreed we should request a 'refresher course' be arranged in the area.

- Email request from Wales Air Ambulance for financial assistance. Councillors agreed that this request would be included in our list to be reviewed in June 2018.
- Email from Michele at the NWEAC advising a meeting of the Oil Buyers Club on the 20th March in Llanasa. It was advised there had already been 66 expressions of interest for the club.
- A further email from Mrs Owen of Trelogan advising she felt her original email had not been fairly represented in the minutes in the Community Council's minutes. Councillors G Banks and M Williams would arrange to meet Mrs Owen in an attempt to finalise this matter.

5.) **TO CONSIDER ANY LETTERS OF INTEREST IN THE COUNCILLOR VACANCY IN GRONANT.**

The Clerk advised he had received no letters of interest in the vacancy, and Councillors agreed we should re-advertise the vacancy.

6.) **TO REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENT, INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL.**

The Clerk had circulated to Councillors copies of the Risk Assessment, Investment Strategy and Internal Financial Control documents to consider whether any additional items need to be included or any amendments need to be made.

After discussion, Councillor Luke proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Banks, that each document should be approved as they are.

**Approved Unanimously.**

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

058043 Construction of log cabin to act as living accommodation auxiliary to the main dwelling at the Railway Inn, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw.

Councillors discussed this application in detail, with Cllr Mrs Banks feeling the development would be out of character with the surrounding dwellings, and that the proposed structure being erected on the car-park of the Railway Inn would be over-development, and also being built in a conservation area. Councillor G Banks agreed to obtain further details from the Planning Officer dealing with the case.

058065 Construction of new 3-bedroomed dwelling and detached garage at land at the side of Ty Bryn, Gwespyr Hill, Gwespyr.

No objections were raised to this application.

The following planning applications have been determined as follows;

057920 Erection of single-storey flat roof extension to rear of dwelling at Sandbrook, Moel View Road, Gronant. **Approved.**

057949 Erection of one new single dwelling on the site of Tan y Fron, Llanasa Road, Gronant. **Approved.**

057664 Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling at land to the side of Seaward, Llanasa Road, Gronant. **Approved.**

057892 Change of use from a former doctor's surgery to 2no. flats at former Doctor's Surgery, Haulfryn, Ffynnongroyw Road, Pen-y-Ffordd. **Approved.**

Councillor Luke asked what was happening with the ongoing construction at the Crown Inn, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw. It would appear that the local builder has commenced work but the site has been left in an unkempt state, and is an eyesore.

The Clerk would take up this matter with the Planning Department.

8.) **ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED**

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

8.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £6680.40

7.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £124.83

8.) **AOB:**

Councillors M Williams and Holgate reported on several streetlight faults in the Trelogan area as follows;

The light at the bottom of Y Berthlog

The light outside the garages

The light opposite the school appears to be broken

The light at Afan Goch crossroads.

The Clerk would report these faults to Deeco.

Councillor Mrs Banks reported that the wooden surround at the water tap in Picton Cemetery was now broken. Councillor M Williams agreed to look at the surround and make repairs if possible.

Councillor Mrs Banks also reported that the padlock on the gate at Picton Cemetery had been left unlocked.

The Clerk would check if it was seized and needed replacing.

Councillor Waraich asked whether it would be possible to obtain an additional dog-waste bin. It was pointed out that Flintshire County Council provided these bins. Prices for the bins were available but we should ascertain whether any were available from the County.

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

None at this Meeting.

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Chairman