

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 15th May 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor D Brown (Chairman)

 Councillors: A Chilton

 Ms S Braun

 I Luke

 Mrs D Banks

 J Larner

 J Williams

 Mrs E J Roberts

 M Williams

 G Banks

 Mrs G Fisher

 J Owen

 Together with the Clerk and Councillor A Holgate, and 4 members of the public.

PRAYERS:

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

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillor Waraich.

2.) **TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2018/19.**

Councillor G Banks proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Fisher, that Councillor Mrs Roberts should be elected as Chairman. Mrs Roberts confirmed she would accept.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Mrs Roberts be appointed Chairman of the Council for 2018/19.

Councillor Brown relinquished the Chair, and Councillor Mrs Roberts was invested with the Badge of Office. The new Chairman then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was counter-signed by the Clerk.

3.) **TO ELECT THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2018/19.**

Councillor G Banks proposed, seconded by Councillor Ms Braun, that Councillor J Williams be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council. Councillor Williams confirmed he would accept.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor J Williams be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2018/19.

4.) **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.**

Following the resignation of Councillor Chilton, a vacancy had arisen on the Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Luke and seconded by the Chairman that Councillor G Banks be appointed, which was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor G Banks be appointed to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, together with the following who would be re-elected;

Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with Cllrs Luke and Braun.

5.) **TO DETERMINE THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2018/19.**

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairman's Allowance for 2018/19 be fixed at £680.

6.) **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 17th April 2018 had been circulated to Members. Cllr Braun pointed out that Cllr Mrs Roberts name had been omitted from those present. Subject to this amendment, the minutes were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

7.) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ruth Cartwright of Flintshire County Council attended the meeting to provide Members with details of the Bus Network Review Consultation.

Flintshire County Council has been consulting with residents of all communities throughout the County to ascertain the needs of those using the bus services. The County Council and the Welsh

Government at present provide a subsidy in excess of £1m, and all Town and Community Councils have been asked to consider the following four options which are available to the County Council;

- No change, which would indicate the present service is adequate
- No subsidies at all
- FCC to maintain key links, as indicated in red on the diagrams provided.
- Create a demand responsive service.

The consultation period had been designed to finish early-June, however the County Council will accept responses from Town & Community Councils following their June meetings. Following all responses, Flintshire County Council would engage with as many stakeholders as possible to determine a better picture of what kind of service is required. Councillors were invited to ask questions which Ruth Cartwright would answer.

Councillor Chilton advised he had concerns over elderly residents using bus services to obtain health services in Denbighshire if there were reductions in the bus services provided. Ms Cartwright advised that Flintshire County Council would continue to work with neighbouring authorities to provide access to the hospital services. It was also pointed out that there was at present a Community Ring-and-Ride Service which could be used for medical appointments. There was a £10 registration fee for this service, and a 45p per mile cost.

Councillor G Banks expressed his thanks to Ruth Cartwright, who had been in attendance at Talacre Community Centre for the day with the presentation for residents to view and ask any questions, and her subsequent attendance at this meeting. Councillor G Banks advised that many towns and villages on the coastal routes were dependent on bus services, and felt the status quo would be the best option for those communities.

Councillor J Williams advised the Friends of Glan Clwyd Hospital offer transport via a 'dial-a-ride' service.

Councillor Ms Braun advised that many elderly residents of Gronant use the present service to get to Coed Bel Cemetery, which may not be included in a future service. In addition, the present service does not provide a good service for working people, as the last bus back is at 1.30pm.

Councillor Luke asked how the decision on which option to pursue would be made. Ms Cartwright advised that once all feedback had been received and collated, the preferred options would be identified. Officers from Flintshire County Council would be travelling on the existing services as the County does not, at present, know where the demand exists.

Councillor Brown asked whether different options could be used in different areas. Ms Cartwright indicated that a uniform approach may need to be adopted across the County.

In conclusion, Ms Cartwright asked for feedback from all Town and Community Councils providing both positive and negative comments.

8.) CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- the Clerk advised that the Society of Local Council Clerks had agreed new pay scales for Clerks from 2018 - 2020. Councillors agreed the new rates which would be implemented from next month.
- an email from Gronant resident, Mrs Jackie Owen-Jones regarding the proposed housing development in Gronant. The Clerk had confirmed that the planning application would be discussed at this meeting.
- an email from the Welsh Government asking Town & Community Councils across Wales to open their doors and hold 'pop-in' sessions for residents.
- email from SLCC advising the latest news on the GDPR regulations. The UK Government has tabled an amendment to its Data Protection Bill to exempt all Town & Community Councils in Wales from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) under the GDPR.
- email from Cllr Ms Braun re appointment of Minor Authority Governor for Point of Ayr School Federation. Councillors discussed this and agreed unanimously to appoint the following to the positions;

School Community Governor	-	Councillor Larner
Minor Authority Governor	-	Councillor Mrs Fisher

- email from Fran Hughes, Wellbeing Development Officer requesting if a 'what's-on' page could be included on the Community Council's website.
- email from Flintshire County Council asking whether we could provide a venue for a 'Code of Conduct' Training event for Councillors in September 2018. Councillors discussed this and various suggestions were made, including Llanasa Village Hall and Gronant Children's Centre. Further discussions would be made to determine a venue to be offered to FCC.
- email from local resident, Peter York, asking whether the Community Council had discussed the plans for a gas main in Ffynnongroyw. The Clerk had advised Mr York of the contact details of the NWEAC who may be able to provide further information. Councillors also pointed out that there had been two consultation events in the Ffynnongroyw Community Centre to discuss this matter.
- email from Councillor Chilton advising he would be resigning as a Councillor. This item was discussed, and Councillor Chilton advised Members he would shortly be re-locating nearer to his family in Lancashire. He expressed his thanks to all Councillors of Llanasa Community Council who he felt had helped the Council to work together for the benefit of local communities. Councillor G Banks expressed best wishes for the future from all Members to Councillor Chilton and his family, and presented him with small gifts of appreciation.

9.) **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. There were now vacancies for two Councillors in the Gronant ward.

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

058304 Residential development of 41 No. dwellings and associated gardens and car parking at land at Nant y Gro, Gronant.

Councillors discussed this application and representations made by residents of Gronant. Councillor Ms Braun advised Members that the development would provide affordable

housing for local people, and in particular younger families presently in private rented accommodation. In addition, representations had been made for additional traffic calming measures to be installed in the village, including rumble strips and flashing signs. Residents have been led to believe that further developments would follow, but advised this rumour to be untrue. After a vote by a show of hands, it was decided to submit objections to the development on the following grounds; over-development, noise pollution, lack of infrastructure in village, unsuitable roadways through village.

058317 Proposed replacement dwelling at Morfa Farm, Station Road, Talacre.

No objections were raised to this application.

The following planning applications within the Community have been determined.

058143 Proposed rear kitchen and bedroom extension within loft at Windcrest, Picton Road, Penyffordd. **Approved.**

057948 Erection of pitched roof garage to front of dwelling and pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access. **Approved.**

057971 Residential development of 27 No dwellings and associated gardens and car parking at land off Llys Dewi, Penyffordd. **Approved.**

11.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

12.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £4050.09

13.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £64.83

14.) **AOB:**

The Clerk advised that following an accident, Rav Waraich was unable to continue with the grass cutting at Picton Cemetery for the foreseeable future. The Clerk requested authority to approach Arfon Williams-Cooke, who had carried out some work at the cemetery over the previous winter, to see if he was available to step in during the absence of Rav.

Resolved

The Clerk should approach Mr Williams-Cooke.

Councillors reported that Llinegr Hill had been scheduled for re-surfacing. While Members agreed this was long overdue, it was advised that the long awaited gas main for the village was shortly to be installed. This would need careful scheduling.

The Clerk would contact Street-scene accordingly.

Councillor J Williams suggested we should request a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph on Shore Road, Gronant. He advised Members that there had been incidents of buses mounting pavements to pass parked vehicles. Councillor G Banks added that this suggestion should also apply to the roads towards the beach in Talacre, especially during the busy summer months when there were significant numbers of visitors.

The Clerk would contact Flintshire County Council transport department.

Councillor G Banks commented that it would appear that Deeco have 'given-up' on the street-lighting repairs in Talacre, and suggested that we should write to Deeco. The Clerk advised that Councillors had agreed to put the street-lighting contract out to tender, and procedures were now being put in place to carry this out.

Councillor Mrs Banks requested we write to the Chief Inspector of Police to arrange for a PCSO to attend future meetings.

The Clerk would contact the Chief Inspector.

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

None at this Meeting.

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Chairman