

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 17th April 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor D Brown (Chairman)
Councillors: A Chilton
S Braun
J Larner
J Williams
Mrs E J Roberts
M Williams
G Banks
Mrs G Fisher
R Waraich
J Owen
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 Mrs Banks and Luke.

2.) **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Council held on the 20th March 2018 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

Councillor G Banks advised that since the March meeting, there had been comments directed to Councillor Mrs Banks, from residents, in connection with the Council's decision not to accept the offer of financial assistance from Mr Steve Evans to purchase defibrillator equipment. Councillors agreed unanimously that Councillor Mrs Banks had been correct in reminding Council that funds have been set aside within the Council budget to provide this equipment.

Councillor G Banks also commented on the suggestion that the 'Monthly Newsletter' could be re-introduced, however all Members agreed that could not recall such a document being produced.

3.) **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;

- Councillor M Williams had attended Picton Cemetery to look at the wooden surrounding at the water-tap. Repairs had been carried out and pictures of the new surrounding were provided, which received unanimous approval. Cllr M Williams advised that the tap itself may require some attention in the future, but seemed sound at present.
- The Clerk advised that in light of the current discussions surrounding General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), arrangements had been made to register the Council with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO), and a cheque in payment of the registration fees had been prepared for signature.
- A further email from Mrs Owen of Trelogan had been received. Councillor M Williams reminded Councillors of the events surrounding the series of emails being sent. Members discussed the situation, and agreed unanimously that although Councillor M Williams had been involved in the original events, this was not a matter for the Community Council to be involved in. The Clerk would contact Mrs Owen and advise her of this, and if she was still not satisfied, she should contact the Monitoring Officer at Flintshire County Council.
- Email received from Mr Hugh Jones regarding the erection of a commemorative plaque for striking miners from the Point of Ayr Colliery. Various sites had been suggested for the plaque including on the original mine workings, however Councillors believe the site is now the responsibility of Historic Wales, and they would need to give permission. Councillor G Banks advised he had offered to assist Mr Jones on this matter.
- Email from Michele at NWEAC advising a Health, Fitness and Wellbeing event being held at the Community Centre, Gamfa Wen, Talacre on the 24th April from 1.30pm - 4.30pm, and requested assistance of the Council to promote the event. There would also be an event on the 1st May in connection with the supply of natural gas for the area.
- An email from Nigel Seaburg, Street-scene, providing a quotation for the supply and fit of Gronant Village signs. Councillors discussed this item and Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Braun, that we should accept the quotation, and ask Street-scene to proceed.
Agreed Unanimously.

The Clerk would contact Street-scene accordingly.

4.) **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.

5.) **TO REVIEW THE LOCATIONS FOR DEFIBRILLATOR EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.**

Councillors discussed locations for defibrillator equipment to be purchased by Council. The villages of Gronant and Trelogan already have such equipment, and Councillors agreed that we should look at

locations where no equipment existed. The village of Penyffordd was agreed for one set, and Talacre was agreed as a second. Councillors agreed we should ask the doctors surgery in Ffynnongroyw if they would agree to a secure box being placed on the wall outside the surgery to accommodate the equipment. Councillors agreed we should ask the owners of the camping and caravan site in Talacre for similar permission.

Approved Unanimously.

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

058194 Construction of agricultural building for storage of farm machinery, implements, feed, straw and hay etc at Berth y Bwl Farm, Trelogan.

No Objections were raised to this application.

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

No objections were raised to this application.

057948 Erection of pitched roof garage to front of dwelling and pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access at Ty Brenin, Trelogan.

No Objections were raised to this application.

058220 Change of use of 35m² of agricultural field adjacent to caravan park to facilitate construction of electrical switchgear building at Treetops Caravan Park, Tanlan Hill, Ffynnongroyw.

Councillors discussed this application, and suggested the area used for the construction should be on the other side of the hedge.

The Clerk would suggest this amendment to the Planning Department.

057958 Removal of existing barn and replace with new American Barn timber cladded on existing footprint, to be used as stables, storage and tack room. Construction of 30m x 20m all weather riding area at 1-2 New Road, Gwespyr.

Councillors discussed this application and were advised that there is no existing barn. It was also advised that there was to be a site visit by Planning Officer Officers on the following day.

No planning applications within the Community have been determined.

Councillor Owen asked what was happening with the planning application on the Railway Inn, Ffynnongroyw. It would appear that no decision has yet been made.

8.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

The Clerk advised that arrangements had been made for the internal audit, and the books and records for the Council would be passed to JDH Business Services on the 3rd May. Copies of the receipts and payments summary for the year ended 31st March 2018 had been circulated with the agenda and meeting papers, which would be presented to the internal auditors.

8.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £7702.44

7.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £94.83

8.) **AOB:**

Councillors M Williams and Holgate reported on several streetlight faults in the Trelogan area which the Clerk would report to Deeco.

Councillor Chilton reported on 3 potholes on Llanasa Road, Gronant which he considered were now a danger to vehicles and pedestrians. Vehicles were moving across the road to avoid the potholes and were putting pedestrians in danger.

The Clerk would report the potholes to Street-scene.

Councillor Chilton also advised Members of the imminent closure of the Gronant Institute, and it would appear financial irregularities are being investigated. The Community Council has provided grant funding in the past and Councillor Chilton proposed that we should invite members of the owning family in order that plans for the future of the hall can be explained. Approved.

Councillor G Banks advised that all Members were to be invited to a public workshop being held at Talacre Community Centre by Ruth Cartwright in connection with the Bus Network Review Consultation. Ms Cartwright had also volunteered to attend our next meeting to advise Members of the scheme details. Cllr G Banks would confirm Ms Cartwright's attendance.

Councillor Mrs Roberts asked whether further drainage works were planned for Picton Cemetery. The works carried out at the beginning of 2017 were now carrying rainwater from the area, however the other side of the cemetery was suffering and water-logged. Further discussions would be held once the winter weather had ceased.

Councillor Mrs Roberts also asked whether Llinegr Hill was to be re-surfaced as indicated by Nigel Seaburg at the March meeting. It was suggested at the March meeting that Llinegr Hill was first on the list of scheduled works, although no confirmation of the proposed works had been received.

Councillor Holgate advised he had received a number of complaints about the service provided by Deeco, the street-light contractors. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the contract for the maintenance of the street-lights within the Community was to be put out to tender.

Councillor Owen asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the statue at the Talacre roundabout on the A548 coast road. It would appear this is the responsibility of Flintshire County Council.

Councillor M Williams advised there was a fountain of water near the Animal Rescue centre, which would be reported to Street-scene.

The Clerk provided Members with proposed price increases for graves and inscription fees at Picton Cemetery. The Clerk had based the proposals on increases of approximately 2.5%, however after discussion, Councillors agreed unanimously that we should increase prices by approximately 5%.

The Clerk would prepare the amended schedule of prices accordingly.

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

None at this Meeting.

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Chairman