

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 19th February 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs E J Roberts (Chairman)

 Councillors: R Waraich

 Mrs D Banks

 J Larner

 J Williams

 M Williams

 G Banks

 J Owen

 D Brown

 R McGlory

 Together with the Clerk.

PRAYERS:

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

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors Luke, Ms Braun, Mrs Fisher and Councillor Holgate.

2.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 15TH JANUARY 2019.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on the 15th January had been circulated to Members with the Agenda, and Councillor Mrs Banks proposed, seconded by Councillor Larner, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, and were signed by the Chairman.

3.) **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

North Wales Police. Kelly French and Mathew Griffiths of the North Wales Police attended the meeting, and advised Councillors of a number of reports that the elderly and vulnerable were currently being targeted by scams. The Police have produced a leaflet with details of some of the scams and what to do, and were asking Town & Community Councils to assist in its distribution. The leaflet would be sent through to the Council for circulation. In addition, the County Council were offering a free service for alarms and door-chains to be installed in Council properties as a preventative measure. The Police Officers advised of Action Fraud, an online service, which gives details of all known scams and which is up-dated on a daily basis.

The Officers advised Members of reported incidents of a white transit van, driven by three gentlemen, registration number unknown, travelling around the area looking for scrap metal. The Police would like to speak with the gentlemen and if anyone sees this van, try to obtain details of the registration number and contact the Police with details.

Councillor M Williams asked whether 'cold caller stickers' were useful. The Officers advised the Police will distribute information on cold callers if requested. The Police had produced a Cold Callers leaflet, with the message 'if in doubt - keep them out' Ms French advised that OWL Messaging alerts were sent to all Town & Community Councils by email and details also posted on Face-book.

Councillor G Banks asked whether the Police held a database of defibrillator equipment around the area. Ms French confirmed the database was held and asked whether the details and locations of such equipment could be made available to the Police to be included.

Councillor Owen asked about incidents of fly-tipping on Old Colliery Road and outside Picton Cemetery. The Officers confirmed the police do patrol the area, and cameras could be erected but a power source was required. Councillor M Williams asked what we should do if incidents of fly-tipping were discovered. The Officers confirmed these incidents should be reported to Street-scene. Councillor Waraich advised he had recently been notified of a fridge and tv left in the cemetery car-park. The incident had been reported, and both items had been removed quickly.

Councillor J Williams advised that the local County Councils would collect fridges at for free, but other items of furniture were chargeable.

The Police Officers advised of reports of youths on Main Road, Ffynnongroyw targeting one particular property. Photographs were available and the Police would like to speak to the youths.

In conclusion, the Officers advised that due to staff cut-backs, they would not be able to attend every meeting, however if the Community Council had any pressing issues, details could be sent by email. Any urgent matters would be dealt with by Response Officers based in Flint and Deeside. Mr Griffiths also advised that the Police were now in possession of a speed gun, and asked for suggestions of any roads where vehicles were speeding.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

Nigel Seaburg, Street-scene. Nigel Seaburg of Street-scene department also attended the meeting and advised Members that re-surfacing works were to be carried out at the following locations;

Afon Goch Crossroads, Trelogan

Tyn y Kia Lane, Llanasa

Llanasa to Gwaenysgor Road

Station Road, Talacre had been completed.

There were still some complaints being received regarding Llinegr Hill however the installation of the gas mains was still ongoing, so any pot-holes would be patched for the time being.

Councillor J Williams advised he understood the re-surfacing at the bottom of Gronant Hill had been put on hold as a result of the housing development on Nant y Gro.

Councillor Mrs Roberts asked whether claims for pothole damage to the County Council were successful. Mr Seaburg advised that strong evidence was required in support of any claims.

Councillor Mrs Banks advised of the dog waste bin next to her residence. Most dog walkers dropped their waste bags on the floor next to the bin. Mr Seaburg confirmed Street-scene would review the situation and he would also ask the Enforcement Team to look into the matter.

Councillor G Banks advised that there was a county-wide problem with dog waste but it was almost impossible to police. Councillor G Banks suggested that the Council should publicise incidents of people being caught and fined.

The Chairman thanked Mr Seaburg for his attendance.

4.) TO REVIEW THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR PICTON CEMETERY FOR 2019/20.

The Clerk had circulated copies of the proposed increases in fees and charges to take effect from 1st April 2019 for the following year. Councillors discussed the proposed increases and Councillor Mrs Banks proposed, seconded by Councillor J Williams, that the proposed increases be confirmed.

Approved Unanimously.

5.) TO REVIEW ANY APPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILLOR VACANCY IN THE GRONANT WARD.

Two expressions of interest had been made by Mr Stephen Hooper of Gronant and Mr Ian Molesworth of Gwespyr. Mr Hooper had attended the meeting as a member of the public, but later withdrew his expression of interest. The Clerk would invite Mr Molesworth to the March meeting.

6.) CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- an email from Flintshire County Council with details of the Summer Play-scheme for 2019. Councillors discussed the scheme, and asked whether the grant funding would again be available. The email indicated that discussions were ongoing between the Welsh Government and the County Council. In addition, discussions were ongoing regarding the food poverty programme in Flintshire. This had proved a great success in 2018, and Councillors hoped to see the scheme continue. After discussions, it was proposed that the Community Council continue with the three locations of Gronant, Trelogan and Penyffordd for the Summer Play-scheme 2019. **Approved Unanimously.** The cost of the basic scheme (3 weeks x 15 sessions) is £1373.95 for each site location. Additional weeks could be provided at the cost of £355.00 per week. Councillors would consider the provision of additional weeks. The location of the Trelogan scheme would be dependent on the Community Centre refurbishment being completed in time.
- One Voice Wales had sent an invitation for the Community Council to become Members for 2019/20 at a 50% reduced rate of £343. Councillors discussed the invitation but agreed not to take up this offer at this time.
- a funding request from the 50+ in Flintshire Advisory Group. Councillors agreed to include this request when determining the offers of financial support at the June meeting.
- details of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 - Part 8 - Provision of Toilets were received from Flintshire County Council. The strategy is now open for consultation until April 2019, and the County Council would like to identify the provision of existing facilities, facilities provided, frequency of use and quality of existing sites.
- email from JDH Business Services providing information concerning the internal audit for 2018/19.

- a fund-raising letter from St Kentigerns Hospice. This would be included when determining the offers of financial support at the June meeting.
- the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, Annual Report for 2019/20 had been received. Details of the remuneration framework in respect of Town & Community Councils are set out in the report. The report expresses concern that a number of community councillors have suggested they will not take payments and that the council should donate these amounts to charity. The remuneration determined in report is personal to each member who individually can decide not to take some or all by going through the proper procedure. Once received it is also a personal decision on the use of the payments from their council. Councillors discussed the report, and agreed that it would be a personal choice for each Councillor and claim forms would be distributed prior to the May meeting.

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

059395 Installation of a ground-mounted solar array and associated infra-structure at Llanasa Waste Water Treatment works

059131 Erection of a two-storey rear extension at 8 Francis Row, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw.

Councillors discussed these applications and no objections were raised.

Applications Determined by Flintshire County Council:

059439 Application for approval of details reserved by condition No 3 (Materials) and No 5 (fencing and planting) attached to permission 058667 at The Haven, Station Road, Talacre.

Approved.

059131 Proposed extension and alterations at Islwyn, Trelogan.

Refused.

8.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

The Clerk provided Members with a copy of the latest budget monitoring report.

9.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £2920.31

10.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £244.48

11.) **AOB:**

Councillor Owen asked about the ongoing works at Westbury Castle. Councillors had received details of the planning application to replace the entrance to the site, and had agreed that there were no objections to the application but this was subject to the agreement of the Highways Department being satisfied by the proposal for vehicles to access the A548 Coast Road from the new access road.

Councillor G Banks advised that the County Council were consulting on the provision of school transport for post 16 children. The proposal was for Flintshire County Council to take away free transport, and for parents to be responsible for payment. Councillor G Banks asked all Councillors to access this consultation and submit opposition to this proposal. Councillors agreed that this Council should write a letter to Flintshire County Council opposing the proposal.

The Clerk would write the letter.

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

None at this meeting.

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Chairman