

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 March 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs E J Roberts (Chairman)
Councillors: R Waraich
J Williams
M Williams
Mrs G Fisher
I Luke
J Owen
D Brown
R McGlory
Together with the Clerk and Councillor Holgate.

PRAYERS:

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

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Banks, Ms Braun, G Banks and J Lerner.

2.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 19TH FEBRUARY 2019.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on the 19th February had been circulated to Members with the Agenda. Councillors Brown and McGlory pointed out they had both been in attendance but had not been recorded. Councillor Mrs Roberts advised that when Members discussed the County Council proposal to consult on the provision of school transport for post 16 children, item 11, it had been agreed that this Council should write opposing the proposal. Subject to the above amendments, Councillor Owen proposed, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, and were signed by the Chairman.

3.) **TO REVIEW ANY APPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILLOR VACANCY IN GRONANT WARD:**

A gentleman from Gwespyr had expressed an interest in the vacancy, and the Clerk had sent an invitation for him to attend this meeting, but unfortunately he had not attended.

The vacancy would need to be re-advertised.

4.) 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 links to the consultation on Proposed Options to Amend the Discretionary Transport Policy for post 16 and benefits entitlement. Councillors were encouraged to provide feedback on this consultation.
- an SLCC email advising on new regulations introduced, The Public Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) No2, Accessibility Regulations 2018. The new regulations relate to new websites but all websites would need to comply by September 2020.
- the Clerk had received an email and telephone call from Utility Aid Charity who offer a free and no obligation service to provide an energy price comparison. This relates to the costs of energy used on the street-lights throughout the community. Members discussed this and agreed that we should proceed with a request for a price comparison. Councillors discussed the energy charges for the Council, and Councillor McGlory advised of a scheme (Salex Scheme) provided in which this Council could borrow the amount required to fund the costs of changing all street-lights to led bulbs. The savings in energy costs and maintenance charges would off-set the costs of the new equipment over a short period of time. The Clerk would make enquiries and obtain details of the scheme.
- an email from Holywell Town Council advising the next Police Liaison meeting was to be held on the 20th March at the Connects Building, High Street, Holywell, commencing at 10.30am. The Clerk confirmed he would be attending.
- an email from a local resident asking for details of the Council maintenance program for benches and notice-boards. Members advised Councillor G Banks would review this on his return.
- copies of emails between the Clerk and Councillor G Banks relating to arrangements for defibrillator training sessions within the community. The following sessions had been arranged; Talacre Community Centre, 23rd March at 10.30am, Penyffordd Community Centre, 28th March at 6.00pm, Canolfan Ffynngroyw, 28th March at 7.30pm. A further session was being arranged at Ysgol Mornant, to be delivered in the Welsh language, on the 10th April at 6.30pm.
- an SLCC email providing the new pay-scales with effect from 1st April 2019. Members agreed to the new rates.
- an email from the Information Commissioner's Office with details of the renewal fee payable in respect of the Council's Data Protection Registration, which expires on the 22nd April. The renewal fee is £40 if paid by cheque, or £35 if paid by direct debit. Members agreed we should make arrangements for this annual payment to be paid by direct debit.

Other Correspondence:

- a letter had been received from the 1st Llanasa Rainbows and Brownies requesting financial assistance. Members discussed this item and agreed to include this request on the schedule of grants and donations to be reviewed at the June meeting. In addition, Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed, seconded by Councillor Brown that we send a donation of £50 immediately.

Agreed Unanimously.

- the Wales Audit Office have advised that the contract for external audit of Town & Community Councils will not be renewed when the current contracts end in 2020. This work will be carried out by the Wales Audit Office from that date.
- the Clerk advised that the annual One Voice Wales / SLCC Conference for 2019 was to be held in Swansea on the 15th May. The Clerk confirmed he would attend and asked whether the Council would pay accommodation costs for the previous night, as the conference commenced at 9.30am. Members agreed to cover these costs.

5.) **TO REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENT, INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS.**

The Clerk had circulated copies of the Risk Assessment, Investment Strategy and Internal Financial Controls to Councillors together with the meeting papers, to consider whether any additional items needed to be added or any amendments were required to be made. Members discussed the Risk Assessment, and whether the defibrillator equipment needed to be added. After discussions, the Clerk confirmed that the equipment had been added to the Schedule of Fixed Assets, and would be included on the insurance schedule. The Clerk would make enquiries to ascertain whether the equipment should be included as a risk.

Subject to the above, Councillors agreed that the Risk Assessment, Investment Strategy and Internal Financial Controls should be approved as they are.

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

059460 Amendments had been submitted to the following application.

Alterations and extensions to existing dwellings at Upper Maes Cottage, Gwespwr

Councillors discussed this application and no objections were raised.

Applications Determined by Flintshire County Council:

No applications affecting the Community have been determined.

7.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

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

8.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £3486.04

9.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £134.99

10.) **AOB:**

Councillor Brown asked who was responsible for the ditches alongside the field in Llanasa where the car-boot sales are held. The ditches were at present full of debris, and the plastic reflective posts have been destroyed and are believed to be in the ditches. Clearing of the ditches and replacement of the reflective posts was required.

The Clerk would advise Street-scene.

Councillor J Williams advised Members of the pot-hole problems on Llanasa Road, Gronant from the Institute to the top of the hill, mostly at the traffic calming bumps. Councillor Williams acknowledged that no work would be carried out on Gronant Hill due to the housing development off Nant y Gro, but felt the pot-holes on this major route through the village should be attended to.

The Clerk would advise Street-scene.

Councillor Mrs Roberts advised Members that the bottom of Llinegr Hill was also a problem, with some major pot-holes causing motorists problems.

The Clerk would advise Street-scene.

Councillor J Williams advised Members that the road-markings at Gwespyr Cross-roads had disappeared and require re-painting.

The Clerk would advise Street-scene.

Councillor Holgate advised Members that the free Park and Ride service to Glan Clwyd Hospital, Bodelwyddan was to cease on the 31st March. It was felt that this would cause problems for elderly patients in particular, but the problems of parking at the hospital would be increased as a result of this action. It was agreed that we should write a letter in support of older patients.

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

None at this meeting.

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Chairman