

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 October 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor J Williams (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs J Roberts

D Brown

Mrs D Banks

G Banks

R McGlory

J Larner

Mrs G Fisher

Mrs J Hughes

Mrs E Harvey

M Williams

I Luke

Together with the Clerk.

PRAYERS:

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

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors Ms Braun and Owen. Councillor Holgate had also sent apologies for his absence. Councillor Holgate had forwarded a copy of his letter of resignation to Flintshire County Council taking immediate effect.

2.) **TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 17th September 2019 had been circulated to members. Councillor Luke proposed, seconded by Councillor Larner, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

3.) **TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PROPOSALS REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE:**

The draft proposals on the Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County of Flintshire had been received from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales. Councillor G Banks advised Members that other proposals had been submitted by Flintshire County Council, however

these appeared to be falling on deaf ears. Councillor McGlory asked whether the 5 councillors to be lost were all from rural areas, which would appear to be the case. Members agreed that the new ward to be covered by just two County Councillors would be a huge area, and would cause some logistical problems. There would be 5 primary schools and 8 community centres which all require representation. Councillor Luke advised that should these proposals be agreed, the two County Councillors would each have approximately 1100 residents to represent, which would be above the recommended figure. As a result it would be the electorate that would suffer. Any changes would not take effect until after the next county elections, which would be in 2022. Councillor M Williams asked whether the population calculations had taken into account the increased number of residents after the new residential developments had been completed, and Members were advised the calculations had been made prior to the new developments had been started.

Councillors agreed unanimously that we should write a letter in support of the 'status quo' of three Councillors covering the area.

The Clerk would draft the letter.

4.) CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- Flintshire County Council had written asking Town & Community Councils of their requirements for the provision of rock-salt and grit bins in preparation for the coming winter. County Council owned bins would be filled as usual. Residents should be reminded that the contents are for use on the highways and not for private use. If T&CCs require additional bins, to be paid for from their own funds, County would provide bins of a different colour (to distinguish from County owned bins) at a cost of £135 per bin and each refill would be charged at £60 per refill. Councillors discussed this item and the locations of grit bins throughout the community. Bagged rock-salt would also be provided at a cost of £5 per bag delivered. In addition, the County Council was offering information on local weather forecast and gritting actions, and Members agreed that the Clerk should receive such information to pass on to other interested parties within the community.
- Street-scene had confirmed the cost of the village signs for Gwespyr and Ffynnongroyw. It was asked whether Nigel Seaburg could be invited to the November meeting. The Clerk would send the invitation.
- email from Primary Care Supplies with a pro-forma invoice for the defibrillator equipment for Llanasa. (To be up-dated later on Agenda.)
- email from BT, Adopt-a-PhoneBox in Llanasa village. (To be up-dated later on Agenda.)
- an email from Flintshire County Council including a link to the FCC Recycling and Waste Consultation. There were several options being considered by the County Council and residents' opinions were being considered prior to any decisions being made.
- email from One Voice Wales requesting information on payments made to Councillors during 2017/18, which should be published on the Community Council website. This information was also required to be sent to the IRPW.
- email from Roger Seddon of Gronant advising a public meeting was to be held at the families Centre in Gronant on the 21/10/19 at 1600 hours to discuss the petition for a 20mph restriction on Abbey Drive, Gronant.
- email from HCI Data who host the Council website. The hosting service is due for renewal by the 28/11/19 at a cost of £72, plus VAT, for 2 years. Agreed unanimously.

- email from FCC acknowledging our email about the planning permission given to the dwelling at Holly Oak, Station Road, Talacre. FCC confirmed this would be treated as an alleged breach of planning control, and a site visit would take place by the investigating officer.

5.) **TO REPORT TO MEMBERS ON THE SALIX FUNDING APPLICATION AND THE STREET-LIGHTING UPGRADE.**

Members of the lighting committee had met Mr Gareth Jones, Managing Director of MEGA Electrical to discuss the street-lighting upgrade. Subject to confirmation of the Salix funding, work was scheduled to commence at the beginning of November. The contractors advised that they would expect to be able to replace approximately 20 lanterns per day, so would expect the work to be completed by the end of November to early December.

A draft funding application had been submitted to Salix and further information was required. The Clerk would obtain this information in support of the completed application.

Councillor M Williams asked whether a new lighting column could be erected at Trelogan Community Centre, as the car-park was not lit. Members agreed that this was the responsibility of the County Council who should be contacted initially.

6.) **TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LLANASA, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE TELEPHONE BOX TO ACCOMODATE THIS EQUIPMENT.**

Councillor Brown advised Members that the phone box in Llanasa village, where the equipment had been identified to be sited, was a Grade II listed building, which required consultation to determine whether it could be used for the equipment. In addition, it would appear that the phone box still had a working phone line, and as mobile phone signals were not reliable in the area, it would be better to retain the phone box with working telephone equipment.

With this in mind, an alternative location for the defibrillator equipment was being sought, and Councillor Brown would report back to Council in due course.

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

060379 Erection of rear single storey kitchen extension at Fairlawn, Trelogan.

060031 Application for the approval of details reserved by condition no.3 (site investigation) attached to planning application no. 057419 at Kelston Farm, Gwespyr.

060407 Alterations and extensions to dwelling at Halfryn, Berllan Lane, Gwespyr.

Councillors discussed these applications, and were advised that 060031 had been withdrawn as not enough information was available. No objections were raised to applications 060379 or 060407.

Applications Determined by Flintshire County Council:

060243 Variation of condition 2 attached to planning application 058304 for the increase of levels to blocks 3 & 4 at land at Nant y Gro, Gronant. **Approved**

059581 Application for approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 057949 at Tan Y Fron, Llanasa Road, Gronant. **Part Permitted / Part Refused**

059154 Proposed domestic annex accommodation constructed of stone under a slate roof at the Railway Inn, Main Road, Ffynongroyw. **Refused.**

059996 Residential development of three dwellings (one detached, two semi-detached) with parking, turning area and new access at land adjacent to Rose Gardens, Coast Road, Gwespyr **Refused.**

8.) TO REVIEW THE FINDING OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019.

The external audit for the year ended 31st March 2019 had been completed by the auditors, BDO, who had reported the following items;

- the Council has not entered the minute reference and date for the approval of the accounting statements and annual governance statement.

The external auditors also referred to the recommendations of the internal auditors, which had been reported to Council at the meeting in May 2019.

Response:

- Council would implement the recommendations raised by the internal auditor, and ensure that all relevant boxes of the Annual Return are fully completed before submission.

The Clerk confirmed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and a summary of the Accounting Statements had been posted onto the Council website.

9.) TO CONSIDER THE FIXED ASSET TRANSFER OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN TALACRE.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that he had been in discussions with Flintshire County Council regarding the public toilets in Talacre. It would appear that the County Council, who are at present responsible for the toilets, may be agreeable to passing responsibility of the toilets to the Community Council under the Fixed Asset Transfer Scheme.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised Members that during the busy summer months, the toilets were in constant demand, and generally not sufficient. It was felt that although Talacre was promoted on the County website as the only beach in Flintshire, the provision of 3 toilets - with one generally not working, and all three not cleaned regularly - was not good enough.

Councillor G Banks advised that he felt the existing block should be demolished, and replaced with a modern, built for purpose facility.

Councillors agreed unanimously that Councillor G Banks should proceed to ascertain what the County Council would offer for Llanasa Community Council to take responsibility for the toilets.

10.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

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

11.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £9076.89

12.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £157.92

13.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor G Banks advised Members that during the current works ongoing in Ffynnongroyw, the contractors were holding information events every Thursday morning in the Community Centre to provide residents with the latest details of the works.

Councillor Mrs Banks advised that the padlock on the cemetery gates was stuck open. The Clerk would attend to this matter.

Councillor Mrs Harvey asked why there were no litter bins in Talacre. The Clerk would contact Street-scene accordingly.

Councillor J Williams advised Members that a wall had collapsed outside the Institute in Gronant approximately two weeks ago, and although the area had been cordoned off, the rubble was still lying in the road, causing a danger to pedestrians. The Clerk would contact Street-scene.

Councillor Mrs Banks asked what was happening with the post box in Penyffordd. This was previously outside the convenience shop, but the garden at the property had now been fenced off, preventing access to the post-box.

Councillor G Banks advised when the convenience shop had closed, the post office had promised other arrangements would be put in place. Agreement had been made to have access to the

Community Centre, but nothing further has been forthcoming. The Clerk would contact the Post Office.

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

None at this meeting.

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Chairman