

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 18th February 2020.

PRESENT: Councillor J Williams (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs J Roberts
I Luke
J Owen
G Banks
J Larner
Mrs G Fisher
Mrs J Hughes
Together with the Clerk and Councillor T Roberts.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a member of the public addressed Councillors about incidents of dog-fouling in the village of Penyffordd. The member of the public felt this had become a problem since the new development in the village had been completed, and the houses had been inhabited.

The Clerk advised the number at the County Council for the dog control warden, and the Community Council would report the problem also.

- 1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors McGlory, Brown, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Banks and Ms Braun.
- 2.) **GUEST SPEAKER:** Sheila Powell, the Older People's Engagement Worker of Flintshire County Council attended the meeting to advise Members of the program to help older members the community.

Mrs Powell advised Members that the program, aimed at anyone over the age of 50, did not appear to have reached this end of Flintshire, and was her remit to raise awareness of the services of the scheme that could be accessed, by providing information of Support Groups in the area and the Laws and Regulations affecting the elderly. Mrs Powell provided some facts and figures;

51% of over 75's in Flintshire live alone

1 in 5 doctor's appointments are made because of loneliness

Many without motor vehicles experience transport problems

Only 39 transport surveys were returned from this area to the Welsh Government

Only 600 transport surveys were completed from the whole of Wales

Councillor Mrs Roberts asked whether it was down to Town & Community Councils to identify those members of the community feeling lonely and isolated. Mrs Powell suggested that local Councillors may have more knowledge of those members of the public in this situation, however individual or group meetings could be arranged where introductions to Support Groups could be made.

Mrs Powell advised that Flintshire County Council was the only county in Wales to offer a free driving assessment for the elderly. The County Council had carried out in excess of 20 assessments over the last few months.

The County Council is also providing a Power of Attorney Service at just £87.00, which covers both Health & Welfare, and Finance.

Mrs Powell also advised the Welsh Government is planning to speak to shops etc requesting them to show signs that they are 'age' and 'condition' friendly. This would indicate to the elderly and those suffering from dementia that the shops have staff who will assist.

Finally, Mrs Powell provided copies of the booklet, An Easy Guide to Lasting Powers of Attorney and Aging Well Cards provided by the Older People's Commissioner for Wales.

Mrs Powell was thanked for her attendance.

3.) TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 18TH FEBRUARY 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th February 2020 had been circulated to members. Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Fisher, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

4.) CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- One Voice Wales email providing details of training events scheduled to be held at the Town Hall, Mold
- One Voice Wales email providing links to the consultation on future audit arrangements for Town & Community Councils in Wales. The deadline for responses is the 17th March 2020.
- an email from Flintshire County Council, providing the Agenda and meeting paperwork for the next County Forum meeting to take place on the 13th February at County Hall, Mold.
- email from Flintshire County Council, Janet Roberts, with details of the Town & Community Councils Summer Play-scheme Program 2020, which would cost £1428.90 for each three-week session. Councillors discussed this item, and **agreed unanimously** to support the scheme at the three locations as last year, although the scheme in Trelogan would be held at the newly refurbished Community Centre. Additional weeks could be provided at a cost of £476.30 per location, per week. At this stage, Councillors agreed to commit to the basic three-week sessions.
- email from Flintshire County Council promoting the Regional Homeless Strategy to identify Rough Sleeping as a priority area of work. The new Streetlink App is available to alert the

Local Authority Homeless and Outreach Services to help the authority find the rough sleepers and connect them to support.

- email from JDH Business Services Limited providing details of their Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20, together with details of arrangements for collection of records after the end of the financial year.
- The Clerk had received a letter from HSBC Bank regarding a safeguarding audit. The bank have requested a telephone interview with the Clerk to provide detailed information on the financial activities of the Council. HSBC Bank have indicated to interview will take approximately 60 minutes.

5.) TO REPORT TO MEMBERS ON THE STREET-LIGHTING UPGRADE.

The Clerk reported that the project has been progressed well, and MEGA Electrical have completed the installation of over two hundred new led lamps. They have identified a number of street-lights that require attention from Scottish Power and details of these were provided to Councillors. MEGA are in the process of reporting a number at a time to Scottish Power who will send a team out to install new cut-out switches, following which MEGA will replace the new led lamps.

MEGA Electrical have sent their interim invoice for 200 new lamps, and the Clerk has contacted Salix Finance to obtain funding to pay this invoice. The Clerk advised MEGA Electrical that the interim funding was expected to be received in the first week of March, and our cheque in payment of their invoice would be authorised at our March meeting.

The Clerk had spoken to MEGA Electrical regarding the lighting situation at the car-park at Trelogan Community Centre. A new street-light could be installed, which would cost an estimated £2000 - £2500. An alternative would be to put photocell lights along the Community Centre, which would cost an estimated £300 per point. Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed that the Council should fund the installation of two photocell lighting points, however this was withdrawn pending clarification of who was responsible, Flintshire County Council or Llanasa Community Council, for the lighting of the car-park at the Community Centre. The Clerk would contact the lighting department of the County Council.

6.) TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LLANASA.

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator equipment had been received and was ready to be installed. The site for the equipment had not yet been clarified as it had not been confirmed whether the Village Hall in Llanasa was also a listed building.

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

060647 Proposed outline for 3no. detached dwellings at land off Maes Gwynfryn, Tanrallt Road, Gwespyr.

060853 Proposed first floor over existing side extension at Plas Gwyn, Axton

Applications Determined by Flintshire County Council:

060664 Retrospective application for the Change of Use of the former Post Office into additional residential accommodation at Penyffordd Post Office, 1 Maes y Wennol, Penyffordd

Approved

060681 Garden room extension to the rear of the property at Talfryn, Berllan Lane, Gwespyr

Approved

060031 Application for a non-material amendment to application 054984 at Delfryn, Axton

Approved

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, together with a copy of the petty cash reconciliation as at 7th February 2020.

9.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £4691.95

10.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £336.12

11.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mrs Hughes advised members that there was a problem with vehicles parking in Gwel-y-Mor, Gronant. The situation had now escalated to the stage where re-cycling vehicles had been unable to get into the road to collect household rubbish.

The Clerk would contact Street-scene accordingly.

Councillor G Banks reported to Members that vehicles had been seen travelling at excessive speeds into the new development in Penyffordd, which were a danger to children attending the primary school. It was asked whether there were any traffic calming measures that could be installed to prevent accidents.

The Clerk would contact Street-scene accordingly.

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

None at this meeting.

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Chairman