

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the virtual meeting of Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

PRESENT: Councillor J Williams (Chairman)
Councillors D Brown
Mrs G Fisher
G Banks
Mrs J Roberts
M Williams

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Banks and Councillors Luke and Owen.

2.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 15TH OCTOBER 2020.**

Councillor G Banks proposed, seconded by Councillor J Williams, that the minutes be approved, and signed by the Chairman. **Agreed Unanimously.**

3.) **TO CONSIDER THE DONATIONS AND GRANTS TO BE MADE BY THE COUNCIL FOR 2020/21 .**

The Clerk had forwarded a copy of the schedule of donations and grants paid during the 2019/20 financial year with the meeting papers. Before asking Councillors to consider the list, the Clerk advised Members that the cheque in respect of a donation made to Ysgol Gronant Afterschool Club had not been cashed. Councillor Mrs Fisher indicated she would contact the Head-teacher to find out what had happened to this payment.

Subject to confirmation of the above, Councillors **agreed unanimously** that we should make the same payments for 2020/21.

4.) **TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING AT PICTON CEMETERY.**

Mr Arfon Williams-Cooke has been cutting the grass at Picton Cemetery for two years, and has indicated he is willing to extend this work for a further period of two years at the same price. Councillors discussed this proposal and **agreed unanimously** to extend the contract with Mr Williams-Cooke.

The Clerk would advise Mr Williams-Cooke accordingly.

The Clerk advised Members that some of the memorial stones on graves in the cemetery required attention as a matter of health and safety. Mr Williams-Cooke was qualified to carry out such an assessment and had offered to provide Council with a report on the state of memorial stones.

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

061832 Siting of 3no. glamping pods and associated parking at School House, Llanasa Road, Gronant.

061850 Application for removal of condition no 3 following grant of planning permission ref. 28/81 at Erw Las, Picton Road, Penyffordd

061672 Proposed workshop and store at Brig yr Haul, Rhewl Fawr Road, Penyffordd

061639 Erection of extension to rear of dwelling at Glasmor House, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw

061631 Erection of a detached dwelling and garage at land adjacent to Dderwen Aur House, Picton Road, Penyffordd.

Councillors discussed the applications and Councillor J Williams pointed out in reference to 061832, that access to properties along Llanasa Road, Gronant was a continual problem, and additional leisure facilities would only increase the problems.

Residents of Picton Road, Penyffordd had submitted objections to application 061631 which had been forwarded to Flintshire County Council for consideration.

Councillors were advised that application 061672 was a retrospective application as it was understood the workshop and store had already been erected.

6.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

The Clerk had provided Members with a copy of the latest budget monitoring report, together with a copy of the bank reconciliation as at the 30th September 2020.

7.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £13061.58

The Clerk advised that the finance list included a cheque for £1032.17 to Scottish Power in respect of street-lighting energy costs for the month. As a result of the upgrade to the street-lights to LED lamps, this invoice had subsequently been cancelled and a new invoice issued in the amount of £302.56. This was forecast to be the ongoing monthly costs for street-lighting energy, a saving to the Council of approximately 70%. Councillor G Banks pointed out that the street-lights at Tyn-y-Morfa and Well Lane, Ffynnongroyw had not yet been upgraded despite being reported to the Clerk. The Clerk would contact MEGA Electrical for an update on the current position and to obtain details of when the project was expected to be complete.

8.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £21.13

9.) TO CONSIDER THE VALUES AND NUMBER OF PRIZES FOR THE SCARECROW COMPETITION.

Council has initiated a Scarecrow Competition for all residents of the community, which will be judged at the November meeting of the Council. Residents have been requested to send pictures of their entries to the Clerk, which Councillors would review before deciding on the winning entries. Councillors discussed how many prizes would be provided and the levels of the prizes to be offered, and agreed unanimously that 3 prizes would be provided, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with prize monies of £75, £50 and £25 respectively.

Councillor G Banks advised that the poster for the competition had been produced voluntarily, and Council should send a thanks for this. **Agreed Unanimously.**

10.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor G Banks advised Members he had reservations as to the snacks offered to children attending the Summer Play-schemes. Council had been charged £3 per lunch provided and Councillor Banks felt this was not value for money. Councillor Banks asked whether Council would consider providing our own lunches at play-schemes in summer 2021. This was not a decision to be made at this time but would be raised when next year's schemes were being arranged.

Councillor G Banks asked how often the Council reclaimed VAT it had been charged. The Clerk advised that this was historically done on an annual basis following the end of the financial year. H M Revenue and Customs would however accept claims exceeding £100 on a monthly basis.

The Clerk had asked Members to consider arranging a Zoom Premium account in order that future meetings could be extended beyond the current 40 minutes. If agreeable, the Clerk would set up the account, and claim back the monthly charges of £11.99. In view of the current pandemic situation, and the likelihood we will be unable to hold physical meetings for the foreseeable future, Councillors **agreed unanimously** to proceed with this request.

The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

Councillor G Banks proposed that Council should make representations to Flintshire County Council regarding the unacceptable delays in making decisions on 3 planning applications submitted within the area. The 3 applications in question are as follows;

060591 Change of use of land for 4no Gypsy / Traveller pitches and 1no. communal Amenity Block / Dayroom at land adjacent to Ty Dwr Bungalow, Tanlan. **Date submitted 22-10-2019**

060729 Change of use of previously developed land (850m2) to provide family traveller site accommodation comprising 2 static homes, 2 trailer caravans, 1 day room, along with the formation of a new access from the site onto the Coast Road at land adjacent to Nationwide Caravan Rental Services, Coast Road, Tanlan. **Date submitted 16-11-2019**

061322 Proposed replacement dwelling at Melvilla, Fourth Avenue, Talacre
Date submitted 04-06-2020

Councillor Banks indicated that local residents had been subject to verbal threats and abuse, which had been reported to the police but no action had been taken. In addition to this, travellers were now living on site, and the development in Talacre was almost complete. Councillor Banks expressed this was an affront to democracy and the County Council should be making decisions in a timely manner.

Councillors agreed that we should extend an invitation to Nigel Seaburg of Flintshire County Council to attend our virtual meeting in November. The Clerk would extend the invitation.

Councillor Brown advised Members the defibrillator equipment in Llanasa was now operative, and the village hall committee had provided hand sanitizer and a face-mask to the cabinet. In view of the current pandemic situation, it was proposed that these items should be provided for all cabinets within the community. **Agreed Unanimously.**

Councillor M Williams had been approached by residents of Trelogan asking if Llanasa Community Council would consider adopting a triangle of land at the Afan Goch junction on the edge of the village. It was proposed that the land would be made tidy and planters erected. Members commented that this land may belong to the County Council and further information should be obtained.

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

None at this meeting.

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Chairman