

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held virtually on Tuesday 16th March 2021.

PRESENT: Councillor J Williams (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs G Fisher
Mrs J Roberts
Ms S Braun
G Banks
M Williams
Together with the Clerk and Councillor T Roberts.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Councillors Luke, Mrs D Banks and Mrs E Harvey.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
None were received at this meeting.

3.) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Mr Graham Owen joined the meeting to ask Councillors questions concerning maintenance issues around the community. The first question asked whether there was an annual review of the benches and notice-boards that the Community Council was responsible for.

Response: the Council does not employ maintenance staff and any works are subject to engaging the services of sub-contractors to complete such works. An annual review has not as yet been determined however this is something that could be put in place for the future.

Mr Owen then asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the area known as Auntie May's Garden in Gronant.

Response: it was pointed out by the Chairman that this area passed to the ownership of the village in approximately 1974, and as such it was the responsibility of the residents of the village to maintain the area. Councillor Ms Braun suggested that the Community Council could consider adopting the area once it had been brought to order.

Mr Owen was thanked for his attendance.

3.) TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY 2021:

Copies of the minutes of the virtual meeting of the 16th February 2021 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Councillor Mrs Fisher proposed, seconded by Councillor J Williams that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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

062549 Proposed drop kerb to serve existing vehicular access at 10 Coed Mor, Penyffordd .

No objections were raised for this application.

062468 Extension to property to provide 'granny annex' at Tal-fryn, Berllan Lane, Gwespyr

No objections were raised for this application.

062565 Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval (057664) at proposed new dwelling adjacent to Seaward, Llanasa Road, Gronant.

Councillor Ms Braun requested time to review the details of this application.

062578 Application for approval of details reserved by condition nos. 4 (material samples) 5 (bird mitigation) 6 (photographic survey) attached to planning permission 059672 at Pant Glas, Llanasa

No objections were raised for this application.

062609 Application for approval of details reserved by condition nos. 3 (materials) 6 (illumination) 7 (foul drainage) attached to planning permission 061832 at School House, Llanasa Road, Gronant

No objections were raised for this application.

5.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

6.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £5156.49

7.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £1.53

8.) TO REVIEW THE FEES AND CHARGES AT PICTON CEMETERY FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

Copies of the schedule of proposed increases in fees and charges for the 2021/22 financial year had been circulated with the meeting papers for Councillors to consider, which the Clerk had provided.

Councillor Mrs Roberts asked if we were obliged to increase fees and charges each year, and the Clerk confirmed this was not the case, although fees and charges at cemeteries throughout Flintshire were much higher than those at Picton.

Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed that as the cemetery was for residents of the community, we should not increase our charges at this time.

Agreed Unanimously.

9.) TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

Due to illness, the Clerk had been unable to review the Model Financial Regulations and provide a summary and briefing for Councillors as indicated at the last meeting. Councillors requested a link be sent by email in order that they may review the regulations. The Clerk would send the email.

10.) TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) had issued information to Town & Community Councils to prepare for the possible return to face-to-face meetings after the 7th May 2021. At present, UK legislation allowed for Town & Community Councils to meet virtually. This legislation expires on the 7th May 2021, and unless the UK Government changes the legislation, meetings will be expected to return to face-to-face from that date.

Councillors discussed the possible return to physical meetings and agreed that the room at Ysgol Bryn Garth may prove to be too small for social distancing purposes. Members pointed out that there are larger premises throughout the community which could be used for our meetings. Rooms would be available in Trelogan, Llanasa, Ffynnongroyw, Llanasa and Talacre which would be big enough to accommodate full Council meetings under social distancing restrictions. Members agreed that we should look into this possibility for the meeting scheduled for May 2021. Further details would be provided as the restrictions are reviewed by the Welsh Assembly.

11.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised Members following the passing of Councillor J Owen, a casual vacancy for a Councillor had arisen in the Ffynnongroyw ward. This would need to be advertised and any interested parties should contact the Council accordingly. The Clerk would place an advert on the Council website and adverts would be placed around the ward.

Councillors discussed a donation in memory of Councillor J Owen. The family had requested any donations be made to St Kentigerns Hospice. Members agreed unanimously that a donation of £150 should be made to the hospice.

Councillor Ms Braun advised Members that there was no grit-bin on the higher roads of Gwespyr and the recent icy weather had indicated a need for such a facility. Members agreed that we should send a request to Flintshire County Council to proceed with this matter.

Councillor Ms Braun asked about two street-lights in Gronant and Lower Gronant that had not been up-graded. The light by the Institute was believed to be on private land and not Community Council responsibility. The light opposite the Beachcomber club in Lower Gronant was believed to be in Denbighshire and if so would also not be Community Council responsibility. The Clerk would look into both lights and report back to Council.

The Clerk advised Members that the Health & Safety review of headstones in Picton Cemetery had been completed, and there were 17 headstones that were considered unsafe. Mr Williams-Cooke had offered to make these headstones safe at a cost of £240.00. Councillors agreed that we should proceed with this, and messages should be placed on the headstones in question, advising of the measures taken.

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Chairman