

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday 19th October 2021, at Ffynnongroyw Community Centre.

PRESENT: Councillor D Brown (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs G Fisher
Mrs E Harvey
J Williams
Mrs J Roberts
G Banks
M Williams
J Larner
Ms E Charlton-Fleming
Together with the Clerk and Councillor T Roberts.

- 1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received from Councillors Ms Braun and Mrs D Banks. Councillor Ms Braun had advised the Clerk that she had tested positive for Covid 19, and would be unable to attend the meeting. This would be the 6th meeting Councillor Ms Braun has been unable to attend, however the Chairman proposed a leave of absence in view of the current circumstances. **Agreed.**

- 2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
Councillor Mrs Harvey had presented the Clerk with a letter from Dangerpoint requesting financial assistance. Councillor Mrs Harvey works as a Ranger for the company, and declared a personal interest in this item.

- 3.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021.**
Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Trelogan Community Centre had been circulated with the meeting papers. Councillor Mrs Harvey proposed, seconded by Councillor J Williams, that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

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

063580 Proposed construction of a garage and workshop at The Poplars, Station Road, Talacre.

No Objections

063570 Erection of a rear extension at 23 Maes y Bryn, Berthengham.

No Objections

063595 To replace rear entry door with a more in-keeping style of door to include a cat-flap at Hendy Groes, Llanasa.

No Objections

063489 Application for the removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission reference 055398 at land north of Coed Mor, Rhewl Fawr Road, Penyffordd.

This application had originally been submitted in 2016, and permission for the proposal had been granted in December 2016, with many conditions to be met prior to any development work being commenced. It had been reported to the Clerk that works had commenced without any or all of the conditions being met, and the events had been reported to Flintshire County Council, Enforcement department, for them to take any necessary action.

5.) **TO CONSIDER THE DONATIONS AND GRANTS TO BE MADE BY THE COUNCIL FOR 2021/22.**

The Clerk had circulated copies of the schedule of grants and donations made by the Council for 2020/21 with the meeting papers. The Clerk advised Members that two of the cheques issued in the previous year, to Ysgol Gronant After-school Club and Llanasa Brownies had not been presented for payment. In addition, the Council had received requests for financial assistance from Dangerpoint and the Samaritans.

Councillors discussed the list, and the new requests and Councillor Mrs Harvey advised Members that the request from Dangerpoint, if successful, was to assist with the costs of CCTV to be installed at the centre in Talacre, as there had been several incidents of vandalism recently. Following discussion, Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed a one-off donation of £500. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Brown.

Agreed Unanimously.

Councillors agreed that the Samaritans provide a helpful service throughout the area, and Councillor J Williams proposed a donation of £150, seconded by Councillor Brown.

Agreed Unanimously.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that the Welsh Border Community Transport provided a low-cost service to local residents when bus services were being reduced. Councillor G Banks proposed that the donation to WBCT be increased to £100, seconded by Councillor Mrs Fisher.

Agreed Unanimously.

Members agreed that all other grants and donations on the schedule remain as last year.

6.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Mrs Fisher asked whether the Council should look at the possibility of online banking for payment of Council expenses. The Clerk would speak with the bank and report back to Council.

The Clerk had circulated copies of the latest budget monitoring statement, together with copies of the latest bank reconciliation to the 30th September 2021.

7.) CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £3891.26

8.) PETTY CASH

As per Cash-book - £1.53

9.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Trista Edwards-Hulme had written to the Council requesting assistance in erecting a headstone at the grave of her late father, buried in Picton Cemetery. It would appear that Mrs Edwards-Hulme and her sister wanted to erect a headstone, however her mother, who had received the deed to the grave had not provided permission. After discussion, Members agreed that while Council had sympathy with Mrs Edwards-Hulme and her sister, the law appeared to indicate that 'only with the consent of the owner of the right to place and maintain such memorial' and therefore, Council could not allow at this time. The Clerk would write to Mrs Edwards-Hulme.

The Clerk reported on the grant available from Cymru Hearts in connection with the provision of defibrillator equipment. It would appear that Cymru Hearts do not send funds which can be used to purchase equipment, but discount the price of their own equipment. Despite this discount, the price would not be much less than Council has paid for equipment purchased previously. The location for any equipment had also to be determined in Gwespyr. Councillor Larner would investigate and report back to Council.

Flintshire County Council had written to all Town & Community Councils in connection with preparations for the forthcoming winter. As previously, the County Council would soon be filling the salt bins, and this would be repeated (if necessary) in January 2022. Prior to re-filling however, each location would be assessed to ensure it meets the County Council's criteria for the provision of salt-bins. Any that do not meet the criteria will be removed. Town & Community Councils are requested to remind residents that the material in the bins is for use on the highways only and not for private use. If Town & Community Councils wish to purchase additional salt-bins, they can be purchased from the

County Council at £140.00 each, and subject to the availability of rock-salt, filled at the same frequency as the County Council owned bins. The bins will be of a different colour to County Council owned bins, and each re-fill will be charged at £60.00.

Mr Nigel Seaburg of Flintshire County Council, Street-scene department had written to the Clerk advising a site meeting had taken place at the Rhiw footpath, and operatives had pressure washed the pathway and cleared the steps of debris. Additional visits would be made to blow off leaf-fall as winter gets nearer. Plans were also in hand to carry out repairs to the channel that has been undermined by surface water at the sharp turn half-way down the footpath. Councillor G Banks had provided the hedge owners details and Street-scene would be making contact to request cutting back to take place.

Councillor Mrs Roberts asked whether we could do anything re the wall damaged in the recent road accident in Gwespyr. Councillors agreed that the van insurance would be liable for the repair costs.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised that there were three street-lights not working on Station Road, Talacre. All three lights were close to the railway bridge, with one light out, one mis-directed and one old yellow light. The Clerk would contact MEGA Electrical.

Councillor Mrs Harvey also advised that the car-park on Gamfa Wen was not being closed as expected. The signs indicate the car-park will close at 7.00pm each night, however this is not happening every night. Councillors agreed that the contract is between Flintshire County Council and the company closing the gates.

Councillor M Williams advised that the glass front of the defibrillator box in Trelogan had been broken. Councillor G Banks advised that when the box in Ffynnongroyw had been broken, it had been replaced with Perspex. Councillor Banks and M Williams would liaise to effect repairs.

Councillor M Williams also advised that the hedges and grass between the council houses and the Old Post Office had still not been cut back. The Clerk would remind Street-scene.

Councillors discussed the venue for the November meeting. This had been scheduled to be held at the Gronant Institute, however it would now appear that this venue has been sold. Following discussions, it was agreed that the November meeting would be held at Talacre Community Centre, subject to availability.

Councillor G Banks reported that the Boundaries Commission for Wales had produced its draft report, and had recommended that our area should be covered by two County Councillors, a reduction of one from the current three. Councillors felt that this was too big an area for just two, and would be bad for democracy. Councillors were encouraged to express their feelings to the Boundaries Commission.

Councillor G Banks also reported that the next Dementia Friendly event was to take place at Ffynnongroyw Community Centre on the 20th October, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Councillor M Williams said he had been disappointed with the turn-out at the event held in Trelogan, where members of the local Police and Fire Brigade services had been present to provide advice.

Members asked if we could send an invitation to the local Police to attend the November meeting in Talacre. The Clerk would send an invitation.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Chairman