

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Tuesday 17th May 2022, at Ysgol Bryn Garth, Penyffordd

PRESENT: Councillor D Brown (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs J Roberts
J Williams
G Banks
Ms E Charlton-Fleming
Mrs E Harvey
Mrs G Fisher
M Williams
Mrs J Hughes
J Larner
Ms S Braun
I Luke

Together with the Clerk, Mr S Darlington (FLVC) and 3 members of the public.

GUEST SPEAKER – MR S DARLINGTON, FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL (FLVC)

Mr Darlington of the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC) had been invited to attend the meeting to provide some background on the work carried out by the organisation

Mr Darlington advised that the FLVC was funded through the Welsh Government and had been set up to support local community groups from start to finish of projects, providing assistance on matters such as Governance, Volunteering and Funding. The FLVC does provide some grants, but also searches for sources of funding for groups. The main source of funding at the present time is coming from the Gwynt y Mor Windfarm, and grants are available in three tiers of up to £1000, up to £12000 for equipment and activities, and applications up to £50000. For grants of up to £1000, a turnaround within 10 days is expected. Gwynt y Mor has £750k per annum to distribute.

Councillors had recently discussed the topic of Food Banks, and Mr Darlington confirmed that funding was available for these activities. Mr Darlington advised that approximately 4% - 5% of food bank attendees were from this area, although this was expected to rise given the current cost of living crisis. The Citizens Advice Bureaus had received funding to provide advice on energy saving matters.

Several other activities were increasing their presence in this area, with the Wellfed Van, a mobile shop, making stops locally. Councillor G Banks advised the van was looking to make additional stops in

the area. In addition, Nanny Biscuits Pantry was also looking to extend its activities into the area. At present, Nanny Biscuits has a venue in the Connahs Quay area which is being used for a children's library.

Mr Darlington confirmed that funding and assistance was available if we wanted to proceed with this project.

Councillor Brown expressed thanks to the FLVC for their assistance at Llanasa Village Hall.

Councillor G Banks advised that the Nanny Biscuits Pantry were looking at an opening in Ffynnongroyw.

Councillor Mrs Fisher asked whether schools could apply for funding to Gwynt y Mor, however Mr Darlington advised that PTA groups or the Community Councils would be in a better position to apply.

Councillor G Banks advised Members that attempts were being made to get HyNet to put in place a Community Benefit Fund for localities affected by the proposed pipelines. It was understood that a fund of £285k per annum had been provided to the Deeside area.

Councillor G Banks advised that Platinum Jubilee Celebration events had been planned to take place in Trelogan, Penyffordd and Ffynnongroyw.

Mr Darlington advised that the Best Kept Community competition would re-commence this year. Villages of under 1000 residents and towns of over 1000 residents would be invited to enter. Judges would look at how well kept the villages were, together with duck-ponds and OAP estates. There would also be a volunteer award. There would be Platinum, Gold and Bronze awards and the ceremony would take place in September.

Councillors Mrs Harvey and Mrs Roberts commented that since the pandemic and the lockdowns, it was getting difficult to encourage residents to come out and attend outdoor events.

The Chairman thanked Mr Darlington for his attendance.

3 members of the public attended the meeting, and asked about the following;

Ms Lisa Hughes asked whether the Community Council would provide financial assistance to Trelogan Community Association to fund the costs of the Platinum Jubilee Celebration event taking place in the village.

2 members of the public wanted to draw the attention of the traffic problems affecting nursery children in Trelogan. The afterschool club was held in the community centre and the children had to walk from the school to the centre, along a dangerous road with no pathways. It was confirmed that a meeting had been arranged by the Community Council and the Highways department on the 14th June at 3.00pm to assess the problems encountered. Councillor G Banks advised that Safety Travel to School schemes were in place throughout Flintshire except Trelogan. Councillor M Williams advised that a pathway from the back of the school to Y Berthlog had been planned some 20 years ago, however the owner of the field had refused permission.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their attendance.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs D Banks. Prior to the meeting, the Chairman read out a letter received from Rob Roberts, MP, Member of Parliament for Delyn, congratulating all Councillors on their community council election results.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Ms Charlton-Fleming declared an interest in the matter of a funding request for Ffynnongroyw Community Association.

3.) **FOR COUNCILLORS TO SIGN DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Following the recent Town and Community Council elections, all Councillors signed their declarations of acceptance of office.

4.) **TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2022/23.**

Councillor G Banks proposed Councillor Mrs Harvey, seconded by Councillor Brown. Councillor Mrs Harvey confirmed her acceptance, and was elected Chairman for 2022/23. **Unanimous.**

5.) **TO ELECT THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2022/23.**

Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed Councillor Mrs Hughes for the position, however Councillor Mrs Hughes declined saying she felt she was not experienced enough at this time.

Councillor G Banks proposed Councillor Ms Braun. Councillor Ms Braun confirmed her acceptance, and was elected Vice Chairman for 2022/23. **Unanimous.**

6.) **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.**

Councillor Brown proposed to re-elect those Members presently on the Committee, with the addition of Councillor J Williams. **Unanimous.**

Councillors agreed that we should arrange for Online Banking as a matter of urgency. The Clerk would make these arrangements.

7.) **TO DETERMINE THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2022/23.**

Councillors discussed the allowance paid to the Chairman, and Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed that the allowance should remain unchanged at £680 for 2022/23. **Agreed Unanimously.**

Councillor G Banks advised Members that the Councillors Allowance of £150 had been included in the budget calculations for 2022/23, and should be taken by all Councillors for the year. If Councillors then wished to donate the funds to a community group, that was their choice.

8.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH APRIL 2022.**

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th April 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Councillor Ms Braun pointed out that at item 6, she had proposed that Llanasa Community Council should set up a fund for grants payable to local organisations. Councillors agreed that the minutes should be amended accordingly.

9.) **TO REVIEW THE FEES AND CHARGES PAYABLE AT PICTON CEMETERY FOR 2022/23.**

Copies of the current fees and charges payable at Picton Cemetery had been circulated with the meeting papers for consideration. The Clerk advised Members that fees and charges payable at other cemeteries throughout Flintshire had increased during recent years, and the charges at Picton Cemetery had not been increased last year. In addition, fees charged by grave-diggers had increased during recent months to take account of increased fuel costs.

Councillor J Williams proposed an increase of 10% on all fees and charges, however Councillor Mrs Roberts proposed no increase. On a vote by a show of hands, the proposal for no increase was **Carried**.

10.) **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY FLINTSHIRE CC.**

064234 Change of use of former overflow car-park to a lorry and car-park with steel storage containers at Old Goods Yard, Station Road, Talacre

No Objections

064275 Proposed conversion of garage and 1st floor bedroom extension at 4 Fyecroft, Llanasa Road, Gronant

No Objections

064406 Alterations, partial demolition and extension of dwelling at Ivy Cottage, Gwespyr

No Objections

063910 Change of use of land for the siting of holiday caravans at land adjoining Woodbank, Coast Road, Gronant.

This application was discussed and Councillors agreed to submit objections on the following grounds; the site is flooded for approximately 8 months of the year and the construction of caravan bases would increase the possibility of flooding. Access to the site would be via the lay-bye on the Coast Road, which Members feel would cause a traffic hazard.

066442 Erection of an extension to side / rear. Extension to existing pitched roof and formation of new dormer to rear of dwelling at Fourwinds, Llanasa Road, Gronant.

No Objections – although it was pointed out that scaffolding was already up and work had commenced.

11.) **ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED

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

12.) **CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**

As per finance list - £3267.30. In addition, direct debit payments amounting to £9.40 were due for payment, making a total of £3276.70.

The Clerk pointed out that the bills from Scottish Power since April had increased by almost 300%, which was considered excessive. The Clerk had written to Scottish Power to request a review of the charges.

13.) **PETTY CASH**

As per Cash-book - £1.53 (Not being used at this time.)

14.) **TO CONSIDER DONATIONS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS TO ASSIST WITH QUEEN'S JUBILEE EVENTS**

A request had been received from Trelogan Community Association for £200 towards the costs of the village's Jubilee Celebrations. Councillor Ms Braun proposed we should make the donation, seconded by Councillor Luke. **Agreed Unanimously.**

A request was also submitted by Ffynnongroyw Community Association for financial assistance. Councillor Ms Braun proposed the same donation, seconded by Councillor Brown. **Agreed Unanimously.**

15.) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor J Williams asked whether there had been any progress on the request for identification discs to be attached to street-lights. We had asked MEGA Electrical for a sample but nothing had been forthcoming. Councillors asked we should identify a disc for approval at the next meeting.

Councillor Luke advised Members that the grass in the middle of the Tan Lan dual carriage-way was overgrown and needed cutting. The Clerk would contact Street-scene.

Councillor Mrs Harvey requested we should contact the North Wales Police with an invitation to all meetings in 2022, providing all dates. The Clerk would send the invitation.

Councillor J Williams asked whether there had been any progress with the defibrillator equipment to be installed in Gwespyr. Councillor Lerner advised that there had been no progress with the electricity connection.

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

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