

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Llanasa Community Council held on Thursday, 26th January 2023, at Ysgol Bryn Garth, Penyffordd

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

Together with the Clerk, 2 members of the public, and Mr David Davies of Flintshire County Council Standards Committee.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mr & Mrs Birch of Glan-yr-Afon attended the meeting on behalf of the residents of the village, to request assistance from the Community Council in the purchase of 3 name signs, in both Welsh and English, to be erected at the east, west and southern approaches to the village. A quotation for these signs had been obtained and would cost £1500.00 for all three.

Mr & Mrs Birch advised Members that residents believe the signs will cater for the following two needs;

- 1) To advise drivers that they are entering the village
- 2) As a speed deterrent.

A number of speed surveys have been carried out which show vehicles above the speed limits, one vehicle even accelerating through the village. There are an increasing number of children residing in the village, and many of the residents are dog-walkers despite there being no footpaths in the village.

Residents look forward to the new 20mph speed limits being introduced by the Welsh Government later this year, and hope there will be no further serious accidents as experienced at the village crossroads over the last twelve months.

A petition was signed by all residents of the village and presented to Flintshire County Council, and a bid has been submitted under the Active Wales Program. Residents believe the road-signs will alert drivers they are entering residential areas and will reduce their speed accordingly.

Councillor Mrs Maddison advised Members she had met with residents last year and fully supported the hard work carried out to bring this to the attention of Flintshire County Council. Councillor Mrs Maddison fully supported this bid for funding.

Councillor Brown asked what was the nature of the approach to Flintshire County Council. Councillor Brown advised that he was minded to support the request but would like further information on the costs.

Councillor G Banks stated there are 12 villages within the area covered by the Community Council and we would like to assist all, however we were hoping to reduce our Precept for 2023/24.

Councillor Mrs Roberts asked whether road humps as traffic calming measures had been considered. Mr & Mrs Birch advised that 5 separate traffic calming measures had been discussed – humps, an island, chicane, flashing sign and road painting. Lee Shone of Flintshire County Council has advised the County Council has not yet decided on the most effective / least expensive method, although road markings may be favoured by the County.

Members advised those present that a large pot-hole had appeared just below the old White Lion public house. The Clerk would report this to Street-scene.

The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Birch for their attendance.

1.) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Councillor Mrs Banks.

2.) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None declared at this time.

3.) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH NOVEMBER 2022.**

Copies of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15th November 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Councillor Luke proposed, seconded by Councillor Ms Braun, that the minutes be approved, and signed by the Chairman. **Approved Unanimously.**

4.) **MATTERS ARISING**

It would appear that despite reports to Street-scene, several of the items reported had still not been carried out. In particular the hedges in Ffynnongroyw and the triangle of land in Trelogan. The Clerk would contact Mr Seaburg direct.

The matter of the defibrillator equipment in Ffynnongroyw was raised following an incident in the village. The code provided had not opened the cabinet and the perspex cover had needed to be broken to access the equipment. Councillors questioned the accessibility of the equipment, and whether registration on The Circuit was working. Could we register our equipment with the Welsh Ambulance service direct?

Councillor Brown asked if we could contact The Circuit for confirmation of the process as he felt at this stage it was not working. Councillor Brown also asked who within Llanasa Community Council was responsible for the defibrillators. The Clerk responded that the provision of defibrillator equipment had developed over the years and there had been a gradual increase in the responsibility. As the Clerk was the initial point of contact for all correspondence, the responsibility had fallen on him.

Councillor Ms Braun asked if we could check with the Rotary Club of Prestatyn, who originally purchased the equipment in Gronant, where the location code came from, as this would be beneficial for all equipment.

Councillor G Banks suggested a way forward would be to outsource the maintenance of the defibrillators. He had obtained a quotation from SE Contractors, who have helped with our equipment on previous occasions, who would make regular monthly checks on all equipment including a cleanout of cabinets, checking the batteries and ensuring the pads were in date for a monthly charge of £170. A report would be provided each month advising of any parts required.

Councillors agreed that they would like to consider this proposal, however it was suggested that SE Contractors be invited to the February meeting to discuss the service, and to look at the equipment in Ffynnongroyw to ascertain what was required to get the defibrillator working.

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

000004/23 Conversion of existing building to form 7 apartments / town houses, four new build apartments and three terraced units, with ancillary roads and drainage works at Gronant Institute, Llanasa Road, Gronant

The Clerk advised Members he had received several letters of objection from Gronant residents opposing this application. Councillors advised that the objections related to access to the site, and parking for residents close to the site, in particular on Maes y Dre and Nant y Crai Lane. Emergency and waste collection vehicles are unable to gain access to the site at present, how would construction and delivery vehicles gain access.

Councillor J Williams asked how are the amenities to get to and from the site. The front wall of the Institute land had recently collapsed and had

been repaired, but other areas of the wall were now showing signs of movement.

Councillor G Banks and Councillor Mrs Maddison would request this application is recommended for a site visit.

Objections would be submitted.

000010/23 Alterations and re-roofing works to existing outbuilding ancillary to existing dwelling unit & including provision of new external staircase in stone construction to provide independent access to first floor at The Bakehouse, Trelogan Farm, White Horse Farm Junction to Wern Farm Junction, Trelogan

No Objections

000718/22 Variation of condition 2 of 064181 at Pant Ynys, Glasdir, Penyffordd (Condition 2 – to ensure the application is carried out in accordance with the approved details)

No Objections

000819/22 Approval of details reserved by conditions 10 & 11 relating to 053603

Members questioned what these conditions related to, and Councillor Brown asked whether in future further details could be provided for consideration.

000809/22 Construction of a Noodle Bar unit at Presthaven Sands Holiday Park, Gronant

No Objections

000781/22 Construction of concrete walled agricultural slurry store with associated reception pit and slurry channel at Argoed Farm, Station Road, Talacre

No Objections

000011/23 Proposed extensions and alterations at Kavor, Main Road, Ffynnongroyw

This application was received after the agenda had been issued. The Clerk would obtain further details and circulate.

6.) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED

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

7.) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

As per finance list - £2964.08

8.) **PETTY CASH**

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

9.) **TO DETERMINE THE PRECEPT FOR 2023/24.**

The Clerk had circulated draft estimates of income and expenditure for the current financial year, together with forecast expenditure for 2023/24. Various alternative scenarios were put forward, with Councillors considering reductions in the Precept of 5%, 10% and 15%, and the effect this would have on the Council Tax bill for each dwelling throughout the community.

Councillors also considered the potential increase in costs for the forthcoming year, in particular the energy costs for the street-lights set to double from April 2023.

Councillor Mrs Harvey proposed, seconded by Councillor Ms Charlton-Fleming that the Precept for 2023/24 remain at £66300. **Agreed Unanimously.**

Councillors agreed that the Council should set up a Community Fund from which groups and organisations could apply for financial assistance for projects to benefit the community. The funds for this would be set aside from Council Reserves. The level of this funding would be considered and determined at the February meeting.

10.) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Details of the proposed the Match Funding Scheme for the children's play area in Gwespyr had been circulated to Councillors with the meeting papers. The proposals to tidy up the overgrown bank, power-wash the tarmacadam area and provide sports lines for basketball, and provide two new pedestrian access gates and replace old dilapidated fencing would cost £9321.98 in total. Under the Match Funding Scheme, this would cost Llanasa Community Council £4660. Included in the proposals was the offer from Aura Leisure to include at this time or in the future a kickback goal frame which is estimated to cost £8500. This would also be available under the Match Funding Scheme. Members requested details of the proposals be circulated to all Councillors for consideration.

Councillor Ms Charlton-Fleming advised on a recent visit to Picton Cemetery, she had noticed many mole hills. This was something we would like attending to, she would make contact with such a professional.

Councillor Brown asked if we would continue to invite the North Wales Police to future meetings. The Clerk would send an invitation for the February meeting.

Councillor Mrs Harvey advised Members that there had been in excess of 50 people in attendance at the Warm Hub events in Talacre. Councillor G Banks advised that members of the Affordable Homes Team would be at the next Warm Hub event in Talacre.

Councillor Luke asked whether there had been any further information regarding Arriva buses ceasing to operate through the village of Ffynnongroyw. Councillor G Banks advised that the bus company had not yet submitted notice that the service was to be discontinued. The flexi-bus service was available Monday to Friday, and also Saturday morning.

Councillor Luke asked whether there was any progress on the works at the Crown Hotel, Ffynnongroyw. It would appear that there were many conditions placed on the purchase of the property, and development was being held back by conservation conditions.

Councillor Mrs Roberts asked if anyone had heard the rumours that illegal immigrants were to be housed at the former Nant Hall Hotel or the Pontins holiday camp in Prestatyn. It would appear that both these rumours were untrue.

Councillor G Banks advised he had recently been contacted by a relative of someone buried at Llanasa Church graveyard, complaining about the state of the graveyard. Although only a small area, it was now badly overgrown and would require extensive work to get it to a pleasant area. Councillor asked whether Llanasa Community Council would consider assisting with the maintenance of the area. Members were asked to consider this and further discussion would be held in February.

Councillor Mrs Harvey confirmed that the noticeboards had now been erected in Gwespyr and Trelogan. Questions were raised that the noticeboard in Trelogan was facing the wrong way, although if turned as suggested, residents would need to stand in the road to read notices.

Councillor Mrs Harvey asked whether there would be any assistance for replacing the noticeboard in Talacre. If agreeable, the new noticeboard would be erected at the bus-stop. Councillors would consider this at the February meeting. The Clerk would obtain a quote for a replacement.

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

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