

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday January 11th 2016

Members Present

Cllr E Guscott
Cllr P Sasiruban
Cllr C Griffiths
Cllr T Griffiths
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr L Morgan
Cllr M James
Cllr I Williams
Cllr D Jones

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

Mr David James (Marmor Memorials)

The Meeting commenced at 7pm and was chaired by Councillor Jones.

160.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Griffith Jones, Cllr Grantham Brooks and Cllr Berry who advised Cllr James due to work commitments he would be unable to attend the next 3-4 meetings.

161.16 Declarations of Interest (in accordance with S51 Local Government Act 2000)

Councillor E Guscott Cwmfelin Primary School
Llangynwyd Primary School

Councillor P Sasiruban Village Hall

Councillor M James Bridgend CBC
Planning Matters
Llangynwyd Village Hall
Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd

Councillor I Williams

Cwmfelin School
Maesteg Comprehensive School
Maesteg Town Council
Maesteg Celtic RFC

Councillor D Jones

Llangynwyd Rangers
Cwmfelin Primary School

162.16

Standing orders were temporarily suspended in order to allow Mr James to address the community council. The amendments that needed to be done to the memorial were discussed and Mr James advised the same would be done as soon as there were two consecutive fine days to allow the work to be carried out. The stonemason requested the clerk put the amendments required in a letter, sign the same and send it to the stonemason for his records.

It appears there may be another error not previously noted and Cllr T Griffiths, Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Jones to discuss this matter after the meeting, liaise with the clerk and the clerk rely any messages to Mr James.

The clerk agreed to chase BCBC in this matter with regards the grant payment for the memorial that is to be paid directly to Mr James.

Whilst discussing the memorial, Cllr James noted the Celtic cross that stands in Llangynwyd Village is looking weary and the text is becoming illegible. Mr James advised the community council he would touch up the text on the cross free of charge. The community council thanked Mr James for his generosity in this matter.

Standing orders were resumed at 6:50pm.

163.16

Ratification of Minutes of December 2015 Meeting

The minutes for December were discussed. Cllr C Griffiths requested an amendment be added to 148.16. The sentence "Cllr C Griffiths disagreed with the way Cllr Berry was being reprimanded by Cllr Jones" needs adding.

Point 153.16, an amendment is needed stating "Cllr T Griffiths suggested both the village hall and the community council could cooperate and merge together to provide one unified Christmas event.

Aside from these two amendments the matters were agreed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr T Griffiths.

164.16

Matters Arising from the Minutes

All matters on the agenda. Cllr Williams added that Maesteg Town Council would like estimates re the solar lights as soon as possible. The clerk advised we had two quotes to date and were looking for a third however this is a specialist area and not many contractors are able/willing to carry out such

work.

165.16 Police Matters

The clerk advised the crime figures had been received along with an email from the PCSO advising the community council he doesn't work Mondays and therefore it would be difficult for him to attend a meeting.

A discussion was held regarding vulnerably people living at Heol Cynan and the clerk to contact the PCSO in this matter to see if there are any measures that can be taken to assist matters. It appears Wales and West is looking into improving the lighting in the area however the police are in a position to carry out a survey on vulnerable residents.

166.16 Public Address

There were no members of the public present.

167.16 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The pothole outside 26 Heol Y Bryn has been listed as needing repair by the highways inspector, when this work will be carried out however is unknown.

The clerk provided a copy of the documentation received re the parking at Asda car park and the issues with train commuters. There doesn't appear to be anymore we can do with regards this matter but keep an eye on the situation and revisit the issue should there be need in future.

An email had been received from a local resident Mr Cliff Thomas who is in the process of writing a Book of Remembrance relating to all those local residents who lost their lives through conflict. Mr Thomas was enquiring whether he could use a photograph of the new memorial in his book. The community council have no issue with this however it is requested Mr Thomas wait for the amendments to be made to the same first.

168.16 Planning

The planning application P/16/4/FUL was discussed and in essence this is simply a request to install a new access gate for the resident to access his field as at present he has to cross someone else's land to gain access to his own. There are no objections to this application.

Cllr D Morgan raised the issue of the goings on with the old Bio Mass station in Cwmfelin. The clerk advised the community council would not receive any such planning requests as it falls outside of the Llangynwyd Middle Community Council boundary, however the community council can, should it be requested put a letter of concern to BCBC. There is an issue with regards how BCBC can even hear such an application as the application made is from a Councillor who is also a cabinet member and therefore all members of the planning department are going to be aware of who the applicant is

and indeed has worked with the person. There is no way this application can be heard by impartial councillors in this matter.

The clerk requested to write a letter of concern regarding this application stating our concerns being there is no facility to prevent toxic spillage from the site. Additionally what monitoring systems are in place to control what is being placed at the site and further more the site is already up and running before the planning application has been decided.

169.16 Events

An events meeting was held prior to the full council meeting where it was discussed whether it was necessary, efficient and indeed worthwhile holding a Christmas Event when there are so many of the same events being held in the locality throughout December and indeed the village hall hold a similar event of their own now. After some discussion it was agreed that the best course of action may be to liaise with the village hall, allow them to host their event and the community council assist by means of providing selection boxes. The clerk to discuss this with the village hall. Cllr T Griffiths enquired should this be the way forward would the community council have any input – other than financial into the Christmas event and it was confirmed we would not. Should however the village hall decide not to host a Christmas event then the matter would be revisited.

Dates were also set for the Easter event in the park and the summer event. Easter will be held on March 26th between 2 and 4 pm and the summer event on August 6th. With regards Easter it was agreed to hold an Easter bonnet competition for the younger children.

170.16 Dog Fouling

This matter is being constantly revisited with no solution presenting itself short of employing a dog warden which there isn't funds available to do so. This matter to be taken off the agenda for the foreseeable and discussed in future if necessary.

171.16 Parc Tir Iarll

Cllr James advised the council of the ongoing issues with a number of dogs that frequent the park. There have been occasions with one dog in particular being reportedly aggressive and indeed attacking other dogs. The dog warden and police have become involved but the matter is not progressing. We as a council are therefore tied in what we can do as one person that has allegedly been bitten by the dog will not provide a statement regarding the same and therefore we cannot be seen to discriminate against one dog and its owner by preventing them from using the park when the police and dog warden do not necessarily see there to be a problem. The police did advise the owner of the dog in question to keep the dog on a lead however how could this possibly be enforced?

The clerk advised all councillors should they receive any complaints re dog behaviour to direct them to the clerk.

Cllr James advised the council that BCBC were in the process of selling off some of their lawn mowers and it may be prudent for Nicola to have a look at the machines to see if one can be of use to her in the park at a reduced cost of purchasing new. Malcolm to forward the contact details to the clerk to arrange a convenient time in this matter.

172.16 Pavilion

It was noted that Llangynwyd Rangers will be holding a meeting with BCBC shortly regarding the possible takeover of the pavilion and playing field. Cllr C Griffiths noted it had previously been mentioned at the Town and Community Council Forum that there would be one member of staff at BCBC appointed to deal with such matters. It has been noted that all users of the facilities at present must have access to the same facilities after any takeover. Cllr James advised he would attend this meeting if necessary and report back to the community council.

173.16 Post Office

The post office on Bridgend Road will be closing, or so it appears at present and the plan is currently to have the post office facilities placed inside the Mini Mart owned by Cllr Sasiruban. There are however no official timescales at present.

174.16 Members Reports

Councillor James

Councillor James advised of flooding at Heol Y Bryn. The water is running from the field area. BCBC has been out with sandbags and work to rectify the situation was underway.

Cllr James notified the council that the planning application submitted some time ago for a farm shop has been turned down by highways. Cllr James wants a site meeting in this respect as the reason for the objection contradicted the current situation with the land being currently used as a car park.

Cllr James notified the council that the vacancy for a school crossing patrol person for Cwmfelin primary school has attracted 6 applicants so hopefully the vacancy will be filled shortly. There have been further instances of cars parking obstructively outside the school, with one parent even refusing to move her car from the bus stop.

Cllr James noted that both the clerk and the park keeper are in need of an annual appraisal and Cllr Jones to look into this.

Councillor D Morgan

Councillor Morgan advised the footpaths are all clear however they have been saturated due to the heavy rain but there are no issues.

Councillor C Griffiths

Cllr Griffiths advised he had attended the Town and Community Council Forum and there were a few interesting figures provided regarding the upcoming Eisteddfod which is being held in Pencoed in 2017. It was noted in previous years the expected turnout for such an event has averaged 88,000 and although costs of hosting the same are expected to be in the region of £2 million the expected

revenue to be made is £6 million.

Councillor T Griffiths

Cllr Griffiths advised he would follow up on communication he had received regarding the errors on the war memorial. Additionally Cllr Griffiths provided the clerk with a few pieces of documentation in order for a letter to be drafted re the residential dwelling on the boar farm.

Councillor Guscott

Councillor Guscott reaffirmed the issues previously discussed in relation to vulnerable people living at Heol Cynan.

175.16 Finance and Accounts

The exact breakdown for the accounts was provided along with a list of recent transactions.

The clerk advised a new laptop was needed shortly and it was agreed that the same should be purchased.

176.16 Items for the February 2016 Meeting

- War Memorial
- Lawnmower
- Website
- Mill Street

177.16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday February 8th 2016 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

Name of Chairman in print _____ **Date** _____