

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday March 14th 2016

Members Present

Cllr C Griffiths
Cllr M James
Cllr I Williams
Cllr D Jones
Cllr E Guscott
Cllr Grantham Brooks

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

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

194.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Griffith Jones, Cllrs L and D Morgan, Cllr T Griffiths and Cllr Berry.

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

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
Councillor E Guscott	Cwmfelin Primary School Llangynwyd Primary School

196.16 Ratification of Minutes of February 2016 Meeting

There was a spelling error at point 190.16 that should read Nant y Cerdyn.

Aside from this point the minutes were agreed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr James.

197.16 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were a number of issues raised as a result of the last meeting; Cllr James noted the issue re the potholes and manhole cover and added it wasn't just the labour that was subpar but the materials used were below standard. Some potholes are being repaired 5 or 6 times, this cannot possibly be cost effective. Cllr James advised there are delays of up to six weeks with BCBC repairing the highways. Cllr Jones to contact BCBC in this matter relating to the materials used, length of time taken and the work being carried out. Cllr Williams noted he had been told by a third party that the criteria for repair work to be carried out has now been changed as the potholes need to be deeper before repair work can be authorised.

With regards the ongoing issue with the manhole cover on Maesteg Road Welsh Water are going to seal this cover and move it to the entrance to Darren View within the next few weeks. Hopefully this will be completed prior to the next meeting.

With regards the solar lights, we are having difficulties in obtaining a third quote for the works. The clerk to contact Maesteg Town in this matter should another party not be able to provide a quote in the near future.

On point 190.16, the clerk to contact the Corner House to obtain the details re the Old House. The clerk has made enquiries at Companies House for the ownership details but drawn a blank. The contact number for the corner house is 01656 734964.

Cllr James added he has requested a quote for the painting of the inside of the telephone box in the village.

With regards the enquiries made into the open spaces at Parc Tyn y Waun, the clerk noted he had drawn a blank with regards any planning applications for the land but Cllr James added it was very possibly tree surgeons that were seen in the area.

198.16 Police Matters

The PCSO was in attendance at the meeting and provided the crime figures for both January and February: as attached. This proved a useful exercise as the councillors had a number of queries that the PCSO could address without the need for constant letters and emails.

The PCSO advised on February 24th 2016 a speed trap was placed along Bridgend Road and there were quite a few cars that were caught speeding there. The ongoing issue of speeding cars and parking outside Cwmfelin School was then discussed in some length. Cllr Jones asked if there was anything members of the public could do to help should they see cars parking illegally and the pcso advised to call 101 and report the same as a pcso has the authority to issue a ticket where a car is deemed to be causing an obstruction. It was noted however, by the police indeed, that it isn't just parents dropping children off at school that are guilty of parking illegally, indeed it has been noted that teachers are using the layby and bus stop to park throughout the school day.

Cllr Grantham Brooks mooted the idea that a drop off area could be set up that is monitored by teachers and indeed parents where children are dropped off and the cars move on immediately. Cllr Williams agreed in theory this was a good idea however the previous head teacher didn't want any teacher involved with children outside the school gates and dealing with traffic etc. It was agreed for Cllr Williams to moot such an idea at the next governors meeting.

The PCSO also added it those cars parked on the zigzags between 9am and 5pm on Monday to Friday are also deemed as parking illegally.

Cllr Williams raised the issue of the safe route to school scheme that was implemented some time ago. There is a vacant field below the school that had previously been donated for use but the school but since the offer has been revoked as the school didn't use the same as a car park as BCBC are not prepared to help convert the same for use as a car park as they are encouraging more people to walk and not use cars.

Cllr C Griffiths noted all seems to be well on the occasions the police are in attendance but when they are not it's the same issues as always and it isn't possible for the police to stand outside the school constantly.

The PCSO advised there was an upcoming meeting with the police and the schools to try and tackle such issues. Cllr James advised the advertisement for the new crossing patrol person has been issued, after the last advert, six applicants were invited to interview and not one turned up. Hopefully there will be more success this time.

Cllr Williams raised an issue that was first mentioned in the Labour Party branch meeting. On February 15th 2016 a young boy was hit outside the village hall. There have been a number of reports of children running between parked cars and Cllr Williams requested the clerk write to BCBC to see if double yellow lines could be placed outside the village hall.

199.16 Public Address

There were no members of the public present.

200.16 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

There was a letter received from Llangynwyd Rangers requesting attendance at the next meeting and a letter of support from the community council. After some discussion it was agreed not to invite Llan Rangers to the meeting as the council didn't want to cause any more animosity between user groups however a letter of support could be written simply expressing the community council had no issues with Llan Rangers taking control of the pavilion providing all current user groups were not affected.

201.16 Planning

There was a discussion raised about the refusal to grant permission for one local resident to place a gate at the tylas. Permission was granted to erect a hardstanding and wall but no gate was to be

erected even though the same gate had been erected with permission further on the same road. BCBC officers attended the property and advised the gate in question was not permitted.

The traffic issues on Llan square was discussed with possible future options of placing a roundabout or traffic lights at the crossroads but this would in all likelihood just increase the problem with traffic queuing. It was mentioned perhaps a mirror could be placed on the village hall to assist those coming from the direction of Llan Road to have a better view. The clerk to contact the village hall about this.

202.16 Easter

It was noted that all preparations were ready for the Easter event and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

203.16 Dedication Service

Once all amendments have been made to the memorial the clerk to liaise with the local church to arrange a dedication service that includes all necessary parties.

204.16 Lawn Mower

It was agreed to have the lawnmower we currently have serviced and the blades replaced prior to purchasing a new machine as it may well be that the current lawnmower may last another year. Cllr Grantham Brooks advised she had looked into sponsorship for a new machine but with no success. Cllr James advised he attended BCBC with Nicola and the cheapest mower they had was £16,000. Nicola has provided the clerk with the details of the mower required when it is to be replaced.

205.16 Mill Street

Cllr James advised BCBC are not prepared to remove the bollards at Mill Street. He did however meet with street lighting and they advised should the council decide to put a flashing 30mph sign in the area it would be permitted. The clerk to obtain these costs from Maesteg Town Council.

206.16 Website

The clerk advised photographs of all councillors will be taken at the next meeting in order for them to be placed on the website.

207.16 Capital Fund

The clerk to enquire whether two projects can be listed on the application. Cllr Guscott was in favour of spending monies on the village hall car park, garden area, railings around the war memorial etc. Cllr Williams mooted the notion that if BCBC proposed it would cost £12,000 to remove the bollards at Mill Street this could be the focus of the application. Should this idea be progressed confirmation would

first need to be obtained from BCBC that should we be willing to pay for the same would they allow the bollards to be removed.

After further discussion the idea was levied by Cllr Grantham Brooks that it may be possible if we received such funding to install four of the flashing speed signs; two in Cwmfelin and two in Llangynwyd. These would benefit all residents. All councillors present were in favour of this idea and it was unanimously agreed this is what the community council should apply for.

208.16 Items for the April 2016 Meeting

- War Memorial
- Website
- Capital Fund
- Easter

209.16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday April 11th 2016 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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