

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday November 10th 2014

Members Present

Cllr D Berry (Chairperson)
Cllr D Jones
Cllr R M James
Cllr C Griffiths
Cllr P Sasiruban
Cllr I Williams
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr L Morgan
Cllr T Griffiths

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

The Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and was chaired by Councillor D Berry.

117.15 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Griffith Jones, Councillor Guscott and Councillor Davies sent their apologies.

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

Councillor I Williams Cwmfelin School
Maesteg Comprehensive School
Maesteg Town Council
Maesteg Celtic RFC

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

Councillor D Jones Llangynwyd Rangers

119.15 Ratification of Minutes of October 2014 Meeting

Resolved: The minutes were a true recording of proceedings. Proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor James with the agreed amendments to 104.15 and 108.15.

120.15 Matters Arising from the Minutes

All Matters to discuss were on the agenda aside from the recent Halloween event which proved very successful aside from the time of the event. Next year due to the weather and dark evenings, the event should be held earlier in the day. We should also purchase a banner to advertise next year's event.

121.15 Police Matters

There was no police attendance at the meeting and no crime figures had been sent. Councillor Williams had crime figures provided at Maesteg Town Council and the only crime in the area was one count of antisocial behaviour.

The Clerk to contact the police in this regard expressing disappointment in the lack of representation and communication once again. Councillor Griffiths noted the police are withdrawing from the community and the matter needs addressing.

122.15 Public Address

There were no members of the public present.

123.15 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

124.15 Planning

The objection at Cherry Lodge Farm had been previously lodged and a response re the placing of the container on the land had been received from Bridgend Council.

There was no objection to the planning application at 13 Bridgend Road; however Councillors D and L Morgan remained impartial as they knew the applicants.

The Clerk advised an email had been received stating planning application decisions will no longer be sent to Town and Community Councils and this will need to be done manually hereon in.

125.15 Crossing

This matter was discussed in length once more. The recent photographs taken outside the school were published in the Gazette highlighting the position.

Bridgend Council have readvertised the vacancy for a crossing patrol officer. The issue of further advertisement and increased wages was discussed and it was agreed Councillor Williams would raise this point at a meeting with the Board of Governors. It was proposed that a learning support assistant may well be interested in the vacancy as this practice is common in other areas. Councillor Williams to report back to the Council at the next meeting.

126.15 Tourism Signs

The Clerk advised she had emailed Mike Evans with no response in this regard and Councillor James to look into this.

However with regards the local Heritage Signs Councillor James advised there are 18 signs being installed in the Borough and the signs in the village should be in place shortly.

127.15 War Memorial

This matter was discussed in some detail. The Village Hall has been provided with approximate dimensions for the memorial however official confirmation has not yet been received that we are able to place the memorial on the desired site due to the ongoing issue with the creation of a disabled access ramp.

Councillor James advised he has a meeting at the Village Hall on 11th November to discuss the same.

The location of the proposed ramp is needed before planning application can be applied for with regards the placement of the memorial.

128.15 Young Llynfi

This matter was placed on the agenda for November as the Council had a number of members away at the last meeting. Once again it was unanimous to join the organisation and the pros and cons of appointing a representative or director were discussed and it was all agreed to appoint a representative and should the role need to be expanded that could be done in the future.

Councillor Guscott expressed her willingness to take on the role at the last meeting and although not present at this meeting the clerk to contact Councillor Guscott and advise her of the decision to elect her as the representative in this regard. The clerk also to advise Mr Les Jones of the same.

129.15 Christmas

A provisional date for the Christmas event was set for 13th December between 1 and 3:30pm. The issue of the weather was discussed and it was decided to hold the same in the Village Hall to begin with rather than have to redirect people from the park. IN this instance we could guarantee the event could go ahead.

The Clerk to order 1000 leaflets as it was felt some residents weren't aware of the event and a banner should be purchased. The Village Hall has requested their carol service commencing at 7pm be put on the leaflets also.

The Clerk also to purchase 150 selection boxes.

130.15 Members Reports

Councillor D Jones

Councillor Jones updated the Council on the status of Maesteg Town Hall.

Councillor Berry had previously stated the sound at the Town Hall was insufficient. Councillor Jones advised there had unfortunately been a technical issue at that event as one of the speakers was not working however the issue was rectified during the interval.

It was also noted there should be Ushers present during performances to help out and to be on hand should there be any issues.

Councillor Jones advised there had been no development with regards the arts services but something may be forthcoming in the New Year. Both the Business Development Manager and Marketing Manager's contracts are due to expire at the end of November and January respectively and the Town Hall has decided to extend both contracts to the end of March.

The Council were advised BCBC are considering putting a non profit making organisation in place to take over the running of the arts centres in the Borough.

The Clerk advised Councillor Jones that an email had been received from Louise Ralph with accounts attachments however there was no information on these documents once the files had been opened and the Clerk contacted Louise again in this regard.

Councillor L Morgan

Councillor Morgan highlighted an article in the Gazette of a local resident; Carys Davies who has achieved Corporal 1 cadet of the year for Bridgend and Mid Glamorgan. Efforts will be made to locate an address for Ms Davies so perhaps a plaque can be presented. This item to be placed on the agenda.

Councillor D Morgan

Councillor Morgan raised the issue of pathway 24. Along the missing gate it appears there may be an issue with drainage and the area is water logged. The Clerk to contact Gareth White for a quote to rectify this matter.

Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry attended the Memorial Service and there was an excellent turnout and the community council was well represented. It was noted however that there seems to be a lack of invitations to various events this year when compared to previous years.

Councillor James

Councillor James advised the Council that he had chased the invoice for the litter bins and the Clerk confirmed nothing had yet been received in this regard.

Councillor James advised he collected the wreaths for the Remembrance service and the turnout was excellent. He also advised Maesteg Town have requested we purchase our own dog mess bags. The Clerk to obtain prices for the same and agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Williams

Councillor Williams raised the issue of the previously proposed donations to each school in the area. This matter to be placed on next month's Agenda.

Councillor C Griffiths

Councillor Griffiths advised he attended the recent Town and Community Council Forum and the major points were raised were:

1. The amalgamation of Counties. There were discussions were merging with The Vale and with Neath Port Talbot. It seemed the Bridgend Councillors favoured merging with the Vale and the Maesteg Councillors favoured merging with Neath Port Talbot.
2. Possible 20mph speed limits were discussed including the difficulties in enforcing the same.
3. Spending cuts were discussed. The Borough has cut spending by £11,000,000 this year and is looking to cut a further £12,000,000 next year. However it was noted there are funds available for the promotion of the armed forces – up to £250,000 per promotional event.

131.15 Finance and Accounts

The financial records were put before the Council. They were approved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor James.

132.15 Items for the December 2014 Meeting

- Crossing
- Tourism Signs
- Dog Bags
- School Donations
- Parc Tyn Y Waun

- Christmas
- Carys Davies
- War Memorial

133.15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday December 8th 2014 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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