

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday September 8th 2014

Members Present

Cllr D Berry (Chairperson)
Cllr D Jones
Cllr R M James
Cllr C Griffiths
Cllr M Griffith Jones
Cllr E Guscott
Cllr P Sasiruban
Cllr I Williams
Cllr G Davies MBE
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr L Morgan

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

Guests: Mr Les Jones – Young Llynfi
PCSO John Hill
Mr David James (Marmor Memorials)
Nicola Hart

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

78.15 Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were in attendance.

79.15 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 E Guscott	Cwmfelin Primary School Llangynwyd Primary School
Councillor M James	Bridgend CBC Planning Matters

Llangynwyd Village Hall
Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd

Councillor G Davies Bridgend CBC
Planning Matters

Councillor D Jones Llangynwyd Rangers

Councillor P Sasiruban Village Hall

80.15 Standing Orders Suspended

Prior to the continuation of the meeting, standing orders were suspended in order to present two local residents with well deserved awards from the Council. Keiran White and Lewis Jones were both selected to play football for the national team and both reside in Llangynwyd. Jamie Macdonald of Llangynwyd was selected to represent Wales in the judo section of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The Community Council felt it essential to recognise the achievements of these young men and praise their dedication and commitment to their sports. Unfortunately Jamie Macdonald was unable to attend and his award will be delivered to his home address. Photographs were taken outside Llangynwyd Village Hall.

While standing orders were suspended Nicola Hart was invited to address the Council. The issue of water at the park was discussed and this will be looked into when a new lock up is decided upon. Additionally Nicola advised she is in need of some hedge trimmers for the park and the clerk to liaise with Nicola on prices and models.

Nicola advised the Council with regards the grass cutting for elderly residents that some residents appear to need it more than others. Some had help from family members etc and managed to maintain their gardens whereas others were in far greater need of help. It was unanimously agreed that Nicola could use her own discretion as to what gardens needed cutting and how often however it would be useful to keep note of the gardens that do not require cutting and the relevant dates should residents approach the council we have a point of reference to refer to.

81.15 Ratification of Minutes of July 2014 Meeting

Resolved: The minutes were a true recording of proceedings. Proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Williams.

82.15 Matters Arising from the Minutes

All Matters to discuss were on the agenda.

83.15 Police Matters

The crime figures were provided to the Council by PCSO John Hill and read:

- ASB x 2 Westbury Estate
- Burglary x 1
- Theft of Property x 4
- Robbery Fairmeadows
- RTC x 5
- Theft from vehicle x 2

The PCSO addressed concerns of community councillors in that there was rarely a police presence at community council meetings and the PCSO explained the main forum to crime figures and to discuss any concerns was at the Pact meetings – the next of which is to be held on 30th September 2014.

Councillor Berry queried why Maesteg Town Council had a police presence at their meetings when we rarely did however the Council were advised to utilise the pact meetings and should anyone have any concerns they should contact the PCSO with immediate effect. PCSO John Hill is relocating wards with immediate effect and PCSO Brian Cooper will continue to be the PCSO for the area. His email address is:

Brian.Cooper2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk

84.15 Public Address

Former Councillor Les Jones was in attendance as invited by the Council to discuss the Young Llynfi Ifanc project. As outlined in some detail in previous emails received Mr Jones advised the Council as to the purpose of the project and its aims and asked for the Council to consider joining the company as members thusly having a representative within the board meetings.

Councillor Davies asked a number of questions that had not been addressed in the previous email namely why Young Llynfi Ifanc was a limited company and not a charity and it was explained the three main organisations making up the company were registered charities in their own right and by becoming a limited company there would be no restrictions on trade etc.

Mr Jones will email the Articles and Memorandum of Association to the Clerk in due course and this matter to be placed on the agenda for October.

85.15 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

Councillor Chris Griffiths was notified of the upcoming Town and Community Council Forum meeting taking place on October 27th at 4pm.

The Council received two requests for funding, firstly from St John's Ambulance and the Council agreed to fund £50.

The second request came from Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi and the Council agreed a donation of £100.

86.15 Planning

There were no objections to the planning applications.

The Clerk hereon in to obtain plans from BCBC Portal and provide them to Councillors D and L Morgan and email the same to Councillor Williams

87.15 Replacement Councillor

Two applications had been received for the Community Councillor for Cwmfelin. Firstly a letter had been received from Ms Kellie Hast of the Labour Party outlining some very excellent reasons why she should be selected. The second application came from Mr Trystan Griffiths of Plaid Cymru who again had many positive reasons for selection. The Council was in debate and therefore it was taken to a vote and by a count of 6 to 5, the Council elected Mr Trystan Griffiths as the new community councillor.

The Clerk to write to both applicants in this regard outlining the result and encouraging Kellie Haste to stand for election in 2017 as she clearly could provide a great service to the community.

88.15 Crossing

The school crossing patrol officer was due to commence her new position last week however pulled out at the last minute therefore once again leaving Cwmfelin school with no crossing patrol officer and no means of safely crossing a dangerous stretch of road.

This matter was discussed in some detail once again and the less than satisfactory reply from Tony Godsall. It was debated and it was agreed this matter cannot lie and should be made public. It was agreed all Councillors (except for Councillors Davies and James) would meet on Wednesday evening and have a group photograph taken and possibly involve local media and see what attention can be generated from the same.

89.15 Litter Bins

It was noted the new litter bins have been installed and the Clerk provided Councillor James with the new plaques to place on the same.

90.15 Heritage Sign

Councillor Berry advised there had not been a lot of movement on this front however it now appears the original signs are not going to be provided as they can only display architectural information. The Clerk to contact Reach to discuss this matter and clarify the situation.

91.15 War Memorial

Mr James of Marmor Memorials was in attendance and the proposed memorial was debated in some detail. A vote was eventually cast as to the desired location of the memorial and at a count of 6 to 4 it was decided to place the memorial in the grounds of the Village Hall (pending permission). Should permission not be granted the memorial would be placed in Parc Tir Iarll.

The Council decided upon a Celtic cross design with etchings depicting farming and mining. The height of the memorial is to be approximately 6 foot 6. The Clerk to liaise with Mr James with regards the details.

Councillor Berry also expressed his desire to hold a memorial evening at Llangynwyd Village Hall, the details of which will be discussed during the next events meeting.

92.15 Tree Cutting

The Clerk advised that the trees that required attention at the bottom of Parc Tir Iarll had now been cut. Councillor James also advised that the Japanese Knotweed growing along Station Road had been sprayed and treated.

The unadopted hedgerow at the bottom of Station Hill was discussed and it was agreed Gareth White should provide a quote for the same as it is in need of cutting.

93.15 Tourism Signs

The Clerk advised there had been much correspondence between the community council and representatives of BCBC with regards the tourism sign application that was lodged in November of 2013. It now appears Gina Gavigan the office responsible at the time is no longer with Bridgend County Borough Council and as such a new application needed to be lodged. The Clerk advised this has been done with a covering letter requesting this matter be dealt with in a timely fashion due to the 10 month delay to date.

Councillor Davies advised Mr Ieuan Sherwood is now in charge of tourism and it may be worthwhile addressing all correspondence to him.

It was also noted it may be worthwhile to speak with Reach with regards funding for the sign and possibly the memorial.

94.15 Parc Tir Iarll

The Clerk advised the Council that one of the benches in the park was removed after it had been damaged. The clerk had obtained a number of costings for a replacement bench however it was agreed the Councillor James would first speak with a local business in Tondu who create wooden structures and benches for a price.

A new lock up at the park was discussed in some detail and although there is no disagreement as to the need for a large container there is some debate as to whether to purchase another container or to possibly build a permanent structure within the park.

The Clerk to obtain costs for another shipping container and for the erection of a permanent building approximately 12 x 26 feet.

95.15 Members Reports

Councillor D Jones

Councillor Jones informed the Council he attended the Maesteg Town Civic Service recently in place of Councillor Berry and it was a very enjoyable event.

Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry mentioned the abysmal attack on a local elderly resident and raised the point it may be a nice gesture to perhaps purchase flowers or pay for a meal for the lady. This would come from the chairman's fund. The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Berry in this regard.

An events meeting was scheduled for Tuesday September 16th at 6pm. The Clerk to advise all parties.

96.15 Finance and Accounts

The financial records were put before the Council along with the annual audit for signing. They were approved by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor M Griffith Jones. The Audit documentation was also approved and signed by Councillor Berry.

97.15 Items for the October 2014 Meeting

- Crossing
- Tourism Signs
- Heritage Sign
- Parc Tir Iarll
- Benches and Lock Up
- War Memorial
- Events – Halloween and War Memorial

98.15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday October 13th 2014 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman_____

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