

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday February 8th 2016

Members Present

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

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

178.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Griffith Jones, Cllr Guscott, Cllr Berry and Cllr Grantham Brooks was not in attendance.

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

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

180.16 Ratification of Minutes of January 2016 Meeting

With regards point 162.16 it should be noted there are no further costs with regards the alterations to be made to the memorial.

Point 168.16 needs amending. The biomass station is not in Cwmfelin as stated in the minutes, rather it is in Llangynwyd Lower.

There is also a spelling error to rectify at point 165.16

Aside from these points the minutes were agreed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr James.

181.16 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were a number of matters raised. The ongoing lack of communication from the police was discussed. The clerk to forward Cllr Jones the contact details of the PCSO for him to contact the same. It was noted by Cllr Williams that it now appears Maesteg Town Council are not receiving the full pact figures either.

It was agreed that there needs to be some sort of relationship between the community council and the police however there seems to be issues in obtaining this when the communication is so poor.

With regards 167.16, the pot holes at Heol y Bryn, repair work has been carried out but to an exceptionally poor standard. The same pot holes are being repaired constantly as the quality of work is not long lasting.

The same issue has arisen on station road with the same section being repaired for the 5th time in recent months. This cannot be cost effective. The manhole cover on Maesteg Road has been repaired 13 times. The clerk to contact highways in this regard, their methods of repair work are clearly not cost effective, it has an impact on local businesses when road works are being erected on a regular basis and it disrupts residents.

182.16 Police Matters

Despite a reminder email being sent to the PCSO no crime figures have been received.

183.16 Public Address

There were no members of the public present.

184.16 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The matter of the pavilion was discussed and Cllr James advised he had attended a meeting with Llangynwyd Rangers and Maesteg Celtic to discuss funding. Llangynwyd Rangers want to take over both the pavilion and the playing field and have agreed they would share the field with Maesteg Celtic.

It would appear they are even considering adding an artificial pitch which would be available to use also. This matter will need to be revisited in the future when further progress re any takeover is made.

There was a letter received from Sue Evans re the sport pavilion network, looking at the other recipients it would appear not all town and community councils are on the list neither are the user groups – Llangynwyd Rangers and Maesteg Celtic. The clerk to query this.

There was correspondence regarding a capital fund which may be possible for use by the village hall to possibly install a disabled ramp or for some other facility. Could all councillors please bring any other ideas regarding such funding to the March meeting before the village hall is involved and this can be discussed further.

185.16 Planning

There were no objections to the planning applications.

186.16 War Memorial

It was noted that no amendments have yet been made to the memorial. The clerk has forwarded the payment received from BCBC to the stonemason and the outstanding funds owed and therefore the work should hopefully be completed in the near future so a dedication service can be arranged.

The clerk did express her disappointment in all through the issues regarding funding and the paying of the monies, the clerk kept updating by telephone and email, both the stonemason and the chairman. The clerk did this on a regular basis – sometimes daily!

The remittance advice was received from BCBC on February 4th 2016 with the monies to be paid into the bank account on Monday 8th February 2016. The clerk contacted the stone mason and advised him as soon as the money was received, the same would be forward. On Friday 5th March 2016, the clerk received a telephone call from the accounts department at BCBC. They advised the clerk that The stonemason had contacted them directly enquiring about the payment and advising them that he was receiving no communication from the clerk and monies were being withheld. The clerk advised BCBC that the money had not even reached the bank account at that point – which was verified by BCBC and once the same had been deposited, it would be forwarded.

BCBC were perfectly satisfied with this. The clerk made a number of attempts to contact the stonemason regarding this issue but could only get through to the answerphone. On the morning of Monday 8th February, the clerk checked the monies had been deposited and forward the same to the stonemason – sending a copy of the transaction to BCBC for their records.

187.16 Mill Street

Cllr James had a meeting with local residents regarding the issues with speeding along Mill Street. There have been four serious accidents on the stretch of road within the past year. Cllr James has asked BCBC to remove the bollards, BCBC claim it would cost £12,000 to do the same. Cllr James asked the fire service for help to remove the bollards. The email requesting the same was sent to BCBC some three weeks ago and Cllr James is yet to receive a reply.

The possibility of erecting a flashing speed sign was discussed and could be looked at in the new financial year.

Cllr Williams stated maybe a one-way system would solve the issues however Cllr T Griffiths believes a one-way system would encourage people to drive even faster knowing there would be no oncoming traffic.

188.16 Solar Lighting

We have two quotes for the solar lights, the clerk to make attempts to obtain a third. This is something that could possibly be applied for under the capital fund?

189.16 Website

Councillors photographs need uploading to the website along with amended contact details for Cllr Sasiruban.

189.16 Clerk's Report

The clerk advised an events meeting would be held immediately prior to the March full council meeting to discuss Easter.

Clerk advised she would be unavailable at certain points during the next month due to being hospitalised for surgery and moving home.

The clerk also advised she was in desperate need of a laptop. The previous PC was kept by the former clerk and the current clerk has, for the past three years used her own personal laptop however this is in need of upgrading. This to be looked at in April.

It was noted that Cllr James and Nicola Hart would be going to BCBC to look at the lawnmowers they have available before the next meeting.

190.16 Members Reports

Councillor James

Councillor James advised of the changes going on at BCBC. There were recent discussions re the mergers of council and it seems all council meetings are being recorded and videoed. He advised there were future plans to roll this out to town and community councils.

Cllr James advised the telephone box in the village was in need of maintenance inside as it is a listed unit. Cllr James to look into this.

The condition of the Old House in Llangynwyd was discussed. The clerk to write to Excelsior Inns to find out what is going to happen to the building.

Councillor D Morgan

Councillor Morgan advised the gas box at the entrance to Gelli Siriol Cottages has been hit and the land is in a mess. Cllr James advised he would get the contact details from the box and progress communication.

Councillor C Griffiths

Cllr Griffiths advised he had received reports of rubbish being dumped in the stream at Nant y Cerddyn. The clerk to contact the environment agency or possibly Llynfi River Care Group in this matter.

Councillor Sasiruben

Cllr Sasiruben advised he has received complaints of an increase in dog fouling in the area. This matter is a continuous issue that it seems we have no control over. The only possible way to tackle the issue is should anyone be seen allowing their dog to foul and not clean it up, then to try and get photographic evidence and report it direct to BCBC. Possible dog wardens were discussed but this may help during the working hours but outside of those times the problems would persist.

Councillor Williams

Councillor Williams advised he had spoken to Ray Meredith and a leaflet detailing the local walks in the area has been published. The clerk to contact Andrew Mason to obtain the same.

Councillor Jones

Councillor Jones advised he had spoken to the resident with the issue of the manhole cover outside his property. BCBC need to rectify this matter as it has been an extraordinary amount of time and the problem has not been solved. This matter to be looked at next month if not satisfactorily rectified by BCBC.

Cllr Jones advised he recently attended the anniversary concert for Cor Meibion and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Cllr Jones requested the clerk contact BCBC regarding the field adjacent to Parc Tyn y Waun. Surveyors have been seen in the field and the clerk to obtain any information on this matter.

191.16 Finance and Accounts

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

The accounts and breakdown was agreed by all councillors, and the clerk advised the council the annual audit would be completed in the next few months and asked the council whether they wished to retain the services of Sarah Lewis to complete the internal audit as she has done in previous years. This motion was accepted by all councillors and the clerk to contact Ms Lewis in this matter.

192.16

Items for the March 2016 Meeting

- War Memorial
- Lawnmower
- Website
- Mill Street
- Capital Fund
- Easter

193.16

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday March 14th 2016 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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