

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday September 21st 2015

Members Present

Cllr D Berry
Cllr D Jones (Chairperson)
Cllr E Guscott
Cllr P Sasiruban
Cllr L Grantham Brookes
Cllr C Griffiths
Cllr T Griffiths
Cllr L Morgan
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr M James

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

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

92.16 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Williams and Griffiths Jones sent their apologies.

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

Councillor E Guscott Cwmfelin Primary School
Llangynwyd Primary School

Councillor D Jones Llangynwyd Rangers

Councillor P Sasiruban Village Hall

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

94.16 Ratification of Minutes of July 2015 Meeting

For whatever reason a number of Councillors had not received copies of the minutes and therefore it was agreed to postpone ratification of the same until all councillors had sight of the minutes. The timing of the minutes was discussed and it was agreed the minutes would be send out by first class royal mail one week prior to the meeting date.

The posting of the meeting dates and agenda was also discussed and the clerk advised the dates of every meeting etc was already displayed on the notice board outside the village hall and in the post office.

95.16 Matters Arising from the Minutes

All issues to be postponed until October.

96.16 Police Matters

The clerk advised crime figures has been received for both July and August. Please see attached. Councillor James advised the times and dates of the Pact meetings were to change to try and accommodate more residents. Times and dates will be provided when known.

97.16 Public Address

There were no members of the public present.

98.16 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

A letter had been received from Huw Irranca-Davies MP regarding the issues with Llangynwyd Rangers and BCBC. It has been noted that work to remedy the situation is now in place.

Initial proofs for the park signs were received and discussed. These signs hopefully will be erected in the next week or so. With regards the payment of the same, all councillors felt the time it has taken for these to be created, the initial incorrect spelling of the park etc it was proposed by Councillor Grantham Brooks that the community council withhold payment of the same. All councillors were in agreement.

A request was received from Maesteg Town Hall with regards the financial assistance with the producing of leaflets for the area. It was discussed and agreed that all matters relating to finance requests should be deferred to next month when we should have a decision on the grant for the war memorial. Councillor Jones was unhappy that all councillors didn't seem aware of the reason for the postponement of the September meeting however the clerk advised all members were advised as to the reasons for postponing the meeting, whether it be messages left on answer phones, with

husbands/wives or by email. The consultation on Bridgend Magistrates Court was discussed and agreed that the points issued by Cllr James would be used as our response to this.

A letter had been received from a local resident of Darren View requesting the council to clear the bushes and brambles that are encroaching the pavement on the left hand side of the entrance to Darren View.

This matter was discussed but it seems once again this is unadopted land. BCBC have previously cut the trees back in the area but will not clear the bushes and brambles. It was proposed that perhaps we could ask Nicola to look into doing this as a one off provided it isn't expected regularly as we do not have the resources or funding to carry out such work. The Clerk to contact Mrs Llewellyn advising we will try and clear the same as a one off but will not be able to maintain the area due to extreme financial constraints and the fact its unadopted land and it may be prudent for the local residents to maintain the clearing of the same.

99.16 Planning

There were no objections to the planning applications.

With regards the application for the dwelling on the Wild Boar Farm, Councillor James advised he had requested a site meeting and would advise the council of the time and date in due course.

100.16 Halloween

The Halloween event was discussed and the clerk to obtain a Frankenstein outfit. The time was an issue as it was previously agreed to hold the event from 4-6pm on 31st October but it seems this will clash with the Rugby World Cup Final. Therefore Councillor James advised he would check the time of the same and the matter would be sorted prior to the next meeting.

101.16 Parc Tir Iarll

The new container is in the park and proving extremely useful for Nicola. The handover of the container went very smoothly and the clerk to provide the quote obtained from Bayliss Metals for the scrap value.

102.16 Dog Fouling

The Clerk advised there was still no response with regards the email forwarded to the chief executive of BCBC. Cllr Jones to write to BCBC in this matter.

103.16 Picnic Benches

Both picnic benches have now been placed in the park, the community council funding one and Cllr Sasiruben funding the other on behalf of Llan Mini Market.

104.16 Allotment

The clerk advised she had received one application for the allotment and Cllr James had received one application. It was taken to a vote and agreed that the allotment would go to Mr Derek Davies. The clerk to obtain his contact details from Cllr James to send out the relevant tenancy agreement. The Clerk also to contact Mr Nicholls to advise him of the outcome on this occasion.

105.16 Probation Service

Cllr James advised the probation service have cut Parc Tir Iarll and part of the graveyard. The probation service will cut Parc Tyn Y Waun twice a year. There have been some issues with the cutting of the graveyard in that the school room is often closed however the Old House and the Corner House have been excellent in providing tea and coffee to the workers.

With regards the ownership of the open spaces at Parc Tyn Y Waun, Jason Jenkins from the Highways Department of BCBC is now looking into this also.

106.16 Footpaths

Footpath 30 around the viaduct area has been cleared however there is a fence preventing people from walking. Cllr James has met with footpaths to get this removed however we are now waiting to find out when the landowner is going to remove the same.

107.16 War Memorial

This matter was discussed once again in to the cost of the same. Cllr James noted if we plan to erect something as expensive as this in future it need to be pre planned and put into the precept budget and we are all to blame for the situation we are in with awaiting news on the grant funding.

Cllr Berry noted the pace of the installation of the memorial has rocketed. It was going at a certain pace but then the base was put in (not our doing) and it now seems a mad rush to finish the memorial and we have overstepped ourselves.

Cllr Grantham Brooks was of the opinion that decisions are not being made quickly enough and set decisions are left lingering. It was agreed by all that it would be nice to get the memorial finished but we need to be realistic.

With regards the grant application we are awaiting a decision from Joanne Norman at BCBC who is currently of work.

108.16 Members Reports

Councillor D Morgan

Councillor Morgan raised the point that some villages have "friends of the park" groups that are set up

by local volunteers to help keep the borders tidy, putting signs up to keep dogs on a lead etc. This is something that could be raised and discussed in more detail with Nicola as it would essentially need to go through her.

Councillor T Griffiths however noted it may be difficult to monitor what is being placed in the park should such a group be established, could someone take ownership of the group to feed things back to Nicola? All of these points could be raised in an informal meeting with Nicola.

Councillor Grantham Brookes

Councillor Grantham Brookes advised she had received a complaint regarding the beer garden at the tyllas. Trees are being cut back, a wall is being erected around the hard standing, and debris is being burned. Cllr Grantham Brookes enquired is there any way in which the trees in the area can be protected?

Cllr James added an enforcement officer is attending the site due to the number of complaints however the area is a floodplain and no tree there has any preservation order attached.

Councillor James

Councillor James advised the council that the lollipop lady for Cwmmfelin School has left her position and the vacancy is now being advertised. Cllr James advised BCBC are making cuts that will impact everywhere and we need to budget effectively next year. The telephone box in top Llan needs painting and some repair work inside but this can be looked at next year.

He stated we need to look at our expenditure we host 4 events a year, employ two staff, maintain the park and provide playschemes all on a budget of £37,000, Maesteg Town carry out the same duties with a budget 6 times ours.

Councillor Griffiths

Councillor Griffiths advised he has attended two TCC Forums recently and the main topics for discussion were:

- No lane has ever been adopted by BCBC
- Issue regarding lack of lollipop staff
- Advertising
- Finances
- Community Asset Transfer

There was a discussion regarding a charter between community councils and BCBC and it seems there are plans afoot to designate one person to be the contact point.

The exact breakdown for the accounts was provided along with a list of recent transactions. The running totals were discussed and the budget was considered and examined prior to the next precept meeting.

The Clerk to contact Joanne Norman re the possible grant for the war memorial.

110.16 Items for the October 2015 Meeting

- War Memorial
- Dog Fouling
- Precept
- Nantyllon Surgery
- Street Lights

111.16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday October 12th 2015 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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