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## Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Members Present

Cllr D Morgan  
Cllr L Morgan  
Cllr E Guscott  
Cllr P Sasiruben  
Cllr D Jones  
Cllr I Williams  
Cllr L Grantham Brooks (Vice Chair 2016/2017)

**Clerk:** Mrs N Morgan

The Meeting commenced at 6:30pm and was chaired by Councillor Grantham Brooks.

### 1.18 Apologies for Absence

The following councillors were not in attendance:

Cllr D Berry  
Cllr M Griffith Jones  
Cllr C Griffiths  
Cllr T Griffiths  
Cllr M James

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

**Councillor E Guscott**                      Cwmfelin Primary School  
Llangynwyd Primary School

**Councillor I Williams**                      Maesteg Town Council

**Councillor D Jones**                      Cwmfelin Primary School

It should be noted; all Councillors have individual folders in which they are required to record all interests and to bring the same to each meeting to ensure all details are up to date.

### **3.18 Ratification of Minutes of March 2017 Meeting**

The minutes were approved by Cllr Williams and Cllr Guscott.

### **4.18 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The phone box in Llan Village was discussed and agreed to ensure the same is insured when the council's insurance renewal is due.

### **5.18 Police Matters**

The crime figures were received however there was no police officer in attendance.

### **6.18 Correspondence**

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The land owned by Mr Thomas adjacent to the Tyler's was discussed along with the related correspondence. Attention was drawn to the stables erected at the Tyler's where the car park used to be. The fixture however is not permanent and therefore any issues need raising with enforcement officers at BCBC planning. The matter of the electric fence was discussed and it was noted the fence is for visual purposes and not actually electrified. The clerk to make note of this point with BCBC to cover ourselves.

With regards the mirror at the village hall, Cllr Grantham Brooks will arrange to meet with Keith Power with regards this matter.

### **7.18 Planning**

There were no objections to any of the planning applications. The Old House was once again discussed due to the lack of progress being made and this matter to be placed on next month's agenda.

### **8.18 Easter Event**

All leaflets had been distributed and new banners displayed. Cllr Jones has the costume and Cllr James to obtain the same from him. Cllr Jones stated there was an error in one translation on the leaflets – Easter Bunny. All councillors to meet at the park at 11am.

### **9.18 Elections**

With the retirement of Cllrs D and L Morgan (after 60 years) along with Cllr Griffith Jones it was agreed to have a new bench placed in the park with a plaque commemorating their service to the community. The clerk to arrange this.

The forthcoming elections were discussed and the way the community council will be structured moving forward. Cllr Jones expressed his disappointment that moving forward the chairperson will be elected and not done by succession as in previous years as he explained the current system gave everyone an opportunity but voting for the chairperson is too political and would be disruptive.

Cllr D Morgan added the manner in which some councillors address other members of the community council should be looked at and code of conduct etc. reinforced. It should also be reiterated that the chairperson is to chair the meeting and not essentially be involved in the discussion.

It was reiterated however that the change of council structure re chairperson election was discussed previously on a number of occasions and it was voted that the chairperson should be elected moving forward. The AGM will take place in May with the first meeting of the new council.

### **10.18 River Baskets**

This matter to be placed on next month's agenda. Cllr Williams stated this matter has been discussed before however it needs looking at again as the lane at the rear of Maiden Street is being eroded by the river. Previously both the AM and MP have been involved but can do nothing about the situation. The clerk to obtain costs in this matter and contact NRW and BCBC to see who we would need to speak to with regards this.

### **11.18 Village Hall Report**

Cllr Sasiruben had nothing to report.

### **12.18 Defibrillators**

The clerk provided the council with a variety of examples and costs for the same. The main query involves how would they be protected from vandals and this cannot be assured if situated in phone boxes. After some discussion, it was agreed perhaps a more appropriate place would be the village hall however this wasn't within our remit and therefore the discussion of placing defibrillators in the community (in phone boxes) would not be looked at by the community council at this time.

### **13.18 Cwmfelin School**

The clerk provided the council with a summary of the meeting attended at Cwmfelin Primary School. The main recommendation appears to be doing what is necessary to facilitate a lollipop person for the school. BCBC have confirmed they are advertising the position again. The community council is not allowed to financially subsidise this vacancy. The additional ideas are listed in the attached summary. The clerk noted it may be worthwhile obtaining a copy of the job advert and displaying it ourselves on our website, noticeboard and in local shops etc. The clerk to look into this.

#### **14.18 Dog Fouling**

The clerk confirmed we have not yet received word from BCBC whether planning permission would be required to place dog bag dispensers on lamp posts. Cllr James will arrange for some bags to be dropped at the local store.

#### **15.18 Clerk's Report**

The clerk confirmed the water butts were now situated in the park and will be filled manually. The newsletters have been printed and distributed. The clerk will also arrange for a copy to be put on the website. Centre Great will be installing the speed signs and lamp post for the solar light in the next few weeks.

#### **16.18 Finance and Accounts**

The clerk provided the last month's finance spreadsheet and advised once the entire year cashbook is returned from the auditors she will arrange for it to be sent out. The clerk advised a cheque had been written to Mrs Williams of Bryn Tce, Lletty Brongu to cover her expenses re rat poison. All accounts were agreed.

#### **17.18 Members Reports**

##### **Councillor Guscott**

Cllr Guscott advised the dog fouling around Llangynwyd primary school was terrible and maybe this matter should be put on the next newsletter.

##### **Councillor Jones**

Councillor Jones raised the issue of the bench located on Bridgend Road – between Parc Tyn y Waun and the post office. He had received a complaint re its location and requested it be relocated. A discussion was held over who erected the bench and confirmed it was BCBC. Even if we could move it where would it be moved to? This matter was discussed and agreed this too could be discussed through the next newsletter. Cllr D Morgan said the main issue with this bench as school children sit there and eat. The bench cannot be moved on the request of one resident. Do other residents want it moving? How much would it cost to move? This matter to be discussed prior to the summer newsletter.

Cllr Jones also drew attention to the significant pot holes located outside 29 Heol Cynwyd and 22 and 26 Heol y Bryn. Additionally, the condition of Llan Road was awful and it was requested to ask Cllr James to look into these matters.

Cllr Jones informed the council that V2C have cleared the overgrowth between Llan Road and the garages at Heol y Bryn.

##### **Councillor Williams**

Councillor Williams advised he had received a complaint re the tunnel under the railway line at Mill Street. Previously there were two lights lighting the tunnel but these have been broken for some 30 years! The clerk to look into having these repaired. The tunnel would belong to Network Rail and the pavement to BCBC.

**Cllr Grantham Brooks**

Cllr Grantham Brooks thanked Cllrs D and L Morgan for their 60 years of service to the community and wished them all the best.

**18.18 Items for the May 2017 Meeting**

- AGM
- Elections
- Old House
- Summer Event
- Park Benches
- River Baskets
- Dog Fouling Bag Dispensers

**19.18 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> with the AGM commencing at 6pm on the same date at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

**Signature of Chairman**\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Chairman in print** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_