

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Llangynwyd
Monday the 11th September 2017

Members Present: David Berry (Chairman)

Councillors: Miss H. Davies; C. Griffiths; T. Griffiths; Ms. E Guscott; R.M. James;
D. Jones; M. Moore; T. Muller; G. Nicholls & I. A. Williams

Internal Auditor: G. W. Davies MBE

Police: PC Gareth Stoneham

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

No. Minute

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor Sasiruben

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor R. M. James on all matters relating to Bridgend County Borough Councillor –
Member of the Borough Council

Councillor Ms. E. Guscott as a Governor of the local school

Councillor D. Jones & T. Muller as governors of local schools

Councillor I. Williams as a member of Maesteg Town Council

3. Ratification of the Minutes of the August 2017 Meeting

Moved by Councillor I. Williams, seconded by Councillor R. M. James and with all relevant
Members in attendance agreeing it was: -

***Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 14th August 2017 were a
true record***

4. Matters Arising from the August 2017 Minutes

(5 page1) Councillor James explained that the police crime figures supplied at the August
2017 were incorrect as the “ Crime in your Area” website revealed that there had been two
sexual assaults in this area during July; the police, added Councillor James had not reported
this.

Councillor Miss Davies stated that the Minutes which include here name should read Miss
Davies and not Mrs. Davies.

(11 page2) Referring to the Cwmfelin walkway Members were informed that current finances
would not allow for the estimated £3,000 to £4,000 cost of renewing the electrical system
there.

Councillor Williams proposed that the County Borough grant scheme for Town & Community
Councillors should be explored in order that fifty percent of the costs could be met by them. It
was agreed that this matter is placed on the October 2017 Agenda

(20 page 4) The future of the red telephone box at Llety Brongu has not been resolved as yet

(19 page 3) Councillor Miss Davies explained that it was a constituent that was concerned with introducing traffic calming at Cae Mab Ifor and that is why she brought it to the attention of the council. PC Stoneham explained that there was to be extensive scoping regarding speeding motorists and that we can expect to see an increase in the number of speed cameras deployed in this area over the next few months.

Councillor Williams' suggestion of introducing "No Overtaking" signs was considered to be too expensive and probably ineffective.

5. Police Matters

The following crimes were reported as occurring in the community during August 2017: -

1 Burglary (Garage)

1 Theft other

2 incidents of damage

2 incidents of anti-social behaviour (neighbour disputes)

PC Stoneham was asked to explain why all crimes committed in this community were not reported to the council.

The Officer said that certain crimes if reported at a public meeting could have local people talk about them and names of the suspects could be revealed. The statistics supplied to the council are collated by a staff member who decides what should be made available to the councils

Members felt that it was the police's duty to supply all information and not for an unknown person to decide what was best for this council to know.

The officer told council that he would consider the comments made and discuss the matter with his colleagues and seniors.

With there being no further police business to discuss, this part of the meeting was closed at 6.55pm.

6. Public Address

Mr. Gavin Brewster of Llangynwyd Rangers AFC was allowed to address the council on the subject of Llangynwyd playing fields and pavilion.

Mr. Brewster's main concerns were the poor state of the playing field and the deplorable state of the pavilion.

He informed the meeting that his club had tried for many years to have Bridgend CBC transfer the pavilion via the Asset Transfer Programme and even put forward a five year plan to aid their application but the main council's failure to take this forward has meant the relapse of important local assets.

The gentleman sought assurances that this council would help and assist the football club in persuading Bridgend CBC to come forward with sufficient finances to make the necessary improvements, which, would not only benefit this community but would also prevent hefty fines being imposed on the club by the Football Association of Wales.

The football club's aim is to have control of the pavilion within three years with the estimated cost of bringing the pavilion into a good standard being £200,000.00; its other aim after the three year period is to take control of the playing fields.

Mr Brewster told Members that the club had lost its main sponsor "Peter Thomas Ground Maintenance" as he was expected to maintain the fields and hopefully attract other sports clubs to employ his services.

The club was initially refused permission to maintain the playing field but is now allowed to part maintain it and would like this council to cut the grass of the football field during the playing season, the cost of which would be reimbursed.

The Chairman explained that this council has also tried in vain to have the pavilion upgraded and commented that it would be wiser to build a new pavilion rather than spend £200,000.00 on repairs.

Members heard that other clubs within the county borough seem to be having funding for their pavilions etc but not Llangynwyd Rangers.

The Chairman summed up the matter by explaining that a development plan is needed together with applications to the Sports Council of Wales and other organisations for funding and for the football club and council to liaise regularly to take a strong case to Bridgend County Borough Council.

Mr. Brewster was thanked for attending and was assured "that should we get things right the asset transfer should be in place by 2018."

7. *Correspondence*

- a) **NALC**- Legal briefing regarding Reform of Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Bill – this refers to all personal data held by a business etc whereby individuals have the legal right to know what personal data is held about them and thereby demand the right to rectification, erasure, objection and or compensation.
Resolved: That this matter is noted

- b) **One Voice Wales** – Details of a training scheme for members to be held in Llangynwyd Village Hall. Members agreed that this was necessary and resolved that the training session will be held on Tuesday 24th October (time to be arranged) Members also agreed that in order to make up the number of attendees to 20, Ynysawdre CC should be invited to attend.
Resolved: That the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements

- c) **Cymraeg 2050 Grant** – the grant will support Theme2 increasing the use of the Welsh Government's Welsh language strategy
Resolved: To make an application for funding

- d) **Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree** – 800 charter legacy trees are being made available to represent 800 years since the 1217 Charter of the Forest – Members agreed to make an application for a tree and if successful it will be planted in Parc Tir Iarll.
Resolved: That an application is to be made for a Charter Legacy Tree

The remaining correspondence referred to the former Clerk

8. Planning Matters

It was explained that no planning details had been received; Councillor James however informed the meeting that planning permission had been granted on two aspects for the Old House in Llangynwyd Village.

9. Finance & Accounts

The Internal Auditor (IA) presented a Receipts and Payments account for the period 01/04/2017 to 11/09/2017 and explained the relevant expenditure for this period. It was noted that certain expenditure was not yet defined as was an amount of £5,000.00 in the receipts section. The bank balances as at this date was £27,105.13

The IA informed members that all would be made clear during his confidential report nearing the end of the meeting.

Members were also supplied with a list of all payments made since the start of this financial

Resolved: That the Receipts and Payments account is noted as is the list of all payments made this year

10. Past Chairmen's Allowance

This matter is to be left on the table

11. Remembrance Service

The Chairman proposed that the Service will be held at Eynon Chapel on Saturday the 11th November 2017 followed by light refreshments at the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Events Committee would meet at 6.30pm on Monday the 18th September to discuss matters more fully (meeting at the Llan Village Hall)

12. Parc Tir Iarll

Not discussed

13. Luke's Garage Site

Not discussed

14. Internal Auditor's Report

The Clerk's verbal report was classed as confidential and members were requested to not discuss the information supplied.

From the report members agreed that the following are to be implemented immediately: -

Internal Auditor – Resolved that Mr. G. W. Davies MBE is appointed the permanent Internal Auditor with immediate effect.

Resolved: That given the current bleak financial outlook the advertised position of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer is removed from the Job Seekers website and that Councillor David Berry is appointed Acting Clerk for the next twelve months without payment of a salary

Councillor Berry resigned his position of Chairperson in order to commence the role of Clerk and Councillor Mrs. Guscott assumed the position of Chairperson

15. Members Reports

Councillor D. Jones reported on the excessive amount of weeds around the wall of Llangynwyd Church – Councillor James explained that he had referred this to Bridgend CBC’s Highways Department only for them to clear weeds from Llan Road instead. The matter will be referred again.

Councillor Jones’ enquiry into Japanese Knotweed elimination periods was met with the months of September and October.

Councillor Miss H. Davies: -

- a) Referred to the bench on Bryn Terrace being overgrown with brambles etc –
Councillor James said that this matter has been referred to Bridgend CBC for attention
- b) Explained that the bus shelter near the Paper Mills had started to collapse and was also full of black waste bags. This matter has also been referred to Bridgend CBC for attention.
- c) Told the meeting that Green Meadow pavement was overgrown and needed immediate attention – the meeting was informed that the pavement had been cleared of weeds That a wheel clamp was seen to have been put around a lamppost on Heol yr Ysgol – the meeting was informed that this has now been removed
- d) Referred to the school sign partly restricting the driver warning feedback sign on the A4063 – Members agreed that the feedback sign was working adequately.

Councillor Muller referred to scrambler motor cyclists again riding illegally in the countryside and other incidents of visitors to the area whose intentions appear to be contentious.

Councillor Ms. E. Guscott thanked Councillor I Williams (Mayor of Maesteg Town Council) for a splendid Inauguration Service which was followed by a wonderful buffet at Maesteg Town Hall.

16. Items for the next Meeting

No items suggested

17. Date of the next Meeting

The Council will next meet at 6.30pm on Monday the 9th October 2017 at Llangynwyd Village Hall

With there being no further business to discuss the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 8.55pm

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____