

# LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



## Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

### Members Present

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

**Clerk:** Mrs N Morgan

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

### 1.16 Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were in attendance.

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

<b>Councillor I Williams</b>	Cwmfelin School Maesteg Comprehensive School Maesteg Town Council Maesteg Celtic RFC
<b>Councillor E Guscott</b>	Cwmfelin Primary School Llangynwyd Primary School
<b>Councillor D Jones</b>	Llangynwyd Rangers
<b>Councillor M James</b>	Bridgend CBC Planning Matters

Llangynwyd Village Hall  
Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd

**Councillor P Sasiruban** Village Hall

**Councillor M Griffith Jones** Llangynwyd Primary School

### **3.16 Ratification of Minutes of March 2015 Meeting**

There was an amendment to be made to item 210.15. With regards the St David's Day concert judged by Councillor James, this took part at Llangynwyd Primary School and not Cwmfelin Primary School as it may be construed.

Aside from this one amendment the minutes were resolved as passed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor L Morgan.

### **4.16 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

All Matters to discuss were on the agenda apart from the unadopted lanes. Councillor James advised there were four unadopted lanes; those being:

Lane behind Maiden Street  
Lane between Maiden Street and Jenkins Terrace  
Lane behind Maesteg Road, Cwmfelin  
Lane behind Station Road, Llangynwyd.

This matter to be placed on the agenda for May's meeting.

Councillor Jones mentioned the matter of the Town Hall as it wasn't on the agenda and confirmed there was a new board of trustees to be established consisting of 9 members, two of which will be County Councillors. This ultimately means Llangynwyd Middle Community Council will have no representation on the board and will have no one to report back to the community council as of October 2015.

The matter of the £1000 annual donation to the Town Hall was mentioned and it was clarified that it is legal for the community council to continue donating the monies as the organisation taking control of the Town Hall is a non profit organisation.

### **5.16 Police Matters**

The Clerk reported that PCSO Brian Cooper had emailed the crime figures on 8<sup>th</sup> April and read as follows:

- Violence against a person Heol Yr Ysgol
- Damage to property Rhodfa'r Coed
- Damage to a vehicle Cwrt y Fedwen

- Anti social behaviour                      Jenkins Terrace
- Anti social behaviour                      Bridgend Road

## **6.16            Public Address**

There were no members of the public present.

## **7.16            Correspondence**

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The letter from Joanne Norman re the Town and Community Council Grant Application were discussed and it was confirmed in 2011 the community council did apply for £15,000 towards a scheme to upgrade Llangynwyd Pavilion post asset transfer. No payment was made against this scheme and the community council agreed that should the pavilion at any point be transferred to the community council then this funding would be necessary.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Joanne Norman and confirm the funding is required if the pavilion is ever to be transferred to the community council.

The Clerk advised she had spoken with Leanne Rowlands with regards the summer play scheme and it was confirmed the play schemes will run the middle 4 weeks of the school holidays. The Clerk relayed this information to the community council.

## **8.16            Planning**

There were two planning applications; firstly the application made by this community council to place a storage container on the land between Parc Tir Iarll and the pavilion. The second being to erect an extension and vehicle hard standing at 35 Heol y Bryn. There were no objections to the planning applications.

## **9.16            Tourism Signs**

Councillor James advised the Rights of Way officer had no objection to our placing a sign for Parc Tir Iarll near the roundabout. Costs will be provided to the community council prior to installation.

## **10.16          Easter**

The Easter event took place at Parc Tir Iarll and was immensely successful. It was discussed that next year we could possibly have another mascot – another bunny or chick possibly. It would be a nice touch to have perhaps an Easter Bonnet parade/competition. The bilingual leaflets proved popular as did the nature trail organised by our park warden Nicola Hart. The Council to extend their gratitude to Nicola for all her hard work. The Clerk to arrange another banner for next year's event.

### **11.16 Summer Event**

The Clerk requested a date be arranged for the summer event so some preparations can be made. It was agreed to hold the event on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 between 12 and 4pm. Another banner is needed along with leaflets and posters.

An events meeting is to be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 10am.

### **12.16 Parc Tir Iarll**

The Clerk advised of the ongoing issues re the planning permission for the storage container and the Clerk to chase this up with Gareth Evans. Should planning be denied it may be possible to site a container in the park itself?

### **13.16 Pavilion**

Councillor Berry read a draft letter he proposed to send to BCBC re the significant delays in obtaining the information for the running costs of the pavilion. The only amendment was to ask BCBC for clarification as to their intentions as to who is in line to take over the pavilion – the community council or the user groups as all the discussions may well be a moot point should the user groups take over the pavilion.

### **14.16 Dog Fouling**

The Clerk advised she was still awaiting a response from parks re the email sent about a complete ban on dogs being allowed on the playing fields. The Clerk to chase this matter up.

This matter to be placed on the agenda for May.

### **15.16 Crossing**

The new flashing speed warning signs that have been placed in Tondu and Coytrahen were discussed as this is something that would be useful in Cwmfelin. The clerk to contact the clerk to Coytrahen and enquire as to the funding and costings for the same.

The Clerk required to contact BCBC enquiring as to whether it would be possible to put a camera outside Cwmfelin School to assist with the issue of drivers failing to stop for the crossing patrol.

### **16.16 War Memorial**

The inscription for the War Memorial was discussed and it was agreed it should be bilingual. This matter needs clarifying with BCBC and the village hall re planning permission, installation, drawings etc. The Clerk to contact the village hall to invite them to the next meeting to rectify any confusion.

### **17.16 Community Councillor**

As a result of the recent resignation of Councillor Davies, the community councillor vacancy was subsequently advertised and ultimately available for co option. There was one letter of application from Ms Lesley Grantham-Brooks. The community council were all in favour of co opting Ms Grantham-Brooks and the clerk to make contact.

#### **18.16 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk advised that all declarations of interests will shortly be displayed on the website. The Clerk also to contact the company installing the interpretation panels at top Llan to verify the work has been carried out.

#### **19.16 Members Reports**

##### **Councillor Williams**

Councillor Williams advised the light on the bridge behind Maiden Street was still causing concern. There is no lighting in the area at all. Western Power will not put a light in place due to the issue of underground cables and BCBC will not install a light due to the fact its unadopted land.

The Clerk to enquire whether it would be possible for the community council to erect a lamp post and have BCBC run the cables overhead. The clerk to contact John Lewis in this matter.

##### **Councillor Guscott**

Councillor Guscott advised she attended the recent meeting of Y Llynfi Ifanc. They are in the process of adopting and amending policies but are making progress and she will update the community council in due course.

Councillor Guscott also advised she recently attended the Young Singer of the Year Competition and praised the contestants and organisers.

##### **Councillor Jones**

Councillor Jones advised he had received further complaints regarding the condition of the pavements on Llan Road. The Clerk advised there had been no word re a site meeting and Councillor James advised he would liaise with the highways inspector and Councillor Jones and organise a site meeting to discuss the matter.

##### **Councillor Sasiruban**

The Clerk had previously corresponded with Councillor Sasiruban regarding the installation and payment of two litter bins. The community council were to pay for one and Councillor Sasiruban was funding the other. The community council however received and paid an invoice for the total amount and the clerk to provide Councillor Sasiruban with a copy of the same for him to be in a position to reimburse the community council.

The Clerk also advised Gavin Brewster would make direct contact with him to arrange the donation regarding Lewis Jones.

### **Councillor C Griffiths**

Councillor Griffiths advised he had received complaints regarding the closure of the police station in Maesteg. The closest police station is now located in Aberkenfig. Councillor Berry agreed to write a letter in this regard expressing the council and resident's frustration with the closure.

### **Councillor D Morgan**

Councillor Morgan stated that footpath 24 was still unusable due to the blocked culvert. Councillor James advised there were ongoing issues with permission; however he would chase this matter up.

### **Councillor L Morgan**

Councillor L Morgan notified the Council that she took part in the Easter walk behind the Cross that began at the Catholic Church, proceeded through the market square and through Maesteg Town. She stated it was a good turnout, with the Mayor and Huw Irranca-Davies in the market square, however there was no police presence whatsoever to protect the procession. The Clerk to contact the police in this matter.

### **Councillor Berry**

Councillor Berry advised he attended the Young Singer of the Year Competition and the standard was exceptional.

Councillor Berry advised he had recently attended at Cwmfelin Primary School in relation to the finding of a World War 1 medal. He stated the children were exceptional, they stood for a two minute silence with total respect and the whole assembly was lovely. He stated to the teacher that it may be nice to hold some sort of competition to design a Peace Medal and the same was indeed carried out. Councillor Berry purchased Easter Eggs on behalf of the community council, as prizes for the winners of the competition.

Councillor Berry went on to state in the past year he has been somewhat disappointed with regards the protocol not being met re the chair of the Council. He advised there had been community and school events held to which the chair of the community council was not invited. Councillor James advised this is indeed an issue as he had been a serving Borough Councillor for 7 years and a community councillor for 24 years and until last month had never been invited to either Llangynwyd Primary School or Cwmfelin Primary School.

The clerk to notify all schools, Town Hall and other organisations in the area when a new chair is in situ.

The financial records were put before the Council. They were approved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Griffiths. The Clerk raised the issue of the park warden needing a new strimmer in the park and the costing has come in at £798 inv vat. The Clerk to obtain two further quotes for similar specification machines, whilst liaising with Nicola Hart and Councillor C Griffiths and the community council gave authority for a decision to be made between the three of them at the earliest opportunity. The clerk to provide Cllr Griffiths with the desired specifications.

It was discussed and resolved that exact breakdowns detailing specific budgets would be provided in all future minutes.

#### **21.16 Items for the May 2015 Meeting**

- AGM
- Crossing
- War Memorial
- Dog Fouling
- Pavilion
- Parc Tir Iarll
- Summer Event
- Tourism Signs
- Street Lights
- Picnic Bench
- Allotment
- Christmas Lights
- Unadopted Lanes
- Audit

#### **22.16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

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

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