

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday January 12th 2015

Members Present

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

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

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

156.15 Apologies for Absence

Councillor James, Councillor T Griffiths, Councillor Davies, Councillor L Morgan sent their apologies

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

Councillor I Williams Cwmfelin School
Maesteg Comprehensive School
Maesteg Town Council
Maesteg Celtic RFC

Councillor E Guscott Cwmfelin Primary School
Llangynwyd Primary School

Councillor D Jones Llangynwyd Rangers

Councillor M Griffith Jones Cwmfelin Primary School
Llangynwyd Primary School

Councillor P Sasiruban Village Hall

158.15 Ratification of Minutes of December 2014 Meeting

Resolved: The minutes were a true recording of proceedings. Proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Griffiths.

159.15 Matters Arising from the Minutes

All Matters to discuss were on the agenda.

160.15 Police Matters

There was no police attendance at the meeting and the crime figures had not been sent. Councillor Williams had the figures from Maesteg Town Council:

- Burglary 1
- Theft from Vehicle 2
- Damage 5

Councillor Berry agreed to contact the police in this regard to arrange for a system to be put in place whereby the crime figures are received regularly. Should a response not be received from the police then Councillor Berry urged all councillors to formally complain to the police commissioner on monthly basis.

161.15 Public Address

There were no members of the public present.

162.15 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The email from Highways regarding the road surface from Llangynwyd to Aber Baiden was discussed and after some discussion it was agreed Councillor Griffiths would provide the clerk with the names of the farms along the road in order to verify the road name.

163.15 Planning

The Clerk advised she had lodged an application for planning permission for a new lock up outside Parc Tir Iarll.

164.15 Christmas Event

The Christmas Event was a huge success and thanks should be given to Councillor James, Linda

James and Nicola Hart for their hard work. Holding the event indoors proved a success as members of the community came and socialised and the event had a real community atmosphere. The possibility of improving the event further was discussed by means of providing a children's entertainer. It was proposed the date for the next event be set as soon as possible.

The Clerk did raise the email received from the Village Hall with regards the waste that was left behind and it was noted next time we should photograph the hall when we leave to alleviate any further issues.

The issue of a donation box was mentioned and after much discussion it was agreed not to have the same during the next Christmas event.

165.15 Crossing

It was noted that a school crossing patrol person is in situ and commenced work on the 6th January. The wages to be paid was mentioned and it was decided as the position was filled with no enticement and involvement from the community council we should leave this issue lie.

166.16 Lights

The Christmas lights were discussed and it was agreed that when a new lock up is in place the lights can be taken out of storage and placed there. It was also agreed to look at prices for new lights.

With regards the street lighting it was agreed to contact Western Power with regards the rotten pole that is dangerous.

167.15 Tourism Signs

There was still no progression in this matter.

It was however noted that a business sign has been placed directly below the brown tourist sign for Llangynwyd Historical Village advertising garage services. The Clerk to contact BCBC in this regard.

168.15 Dog Fouling Bags

The Clerk advised she had received confirmation from Maesteg Town Council agreeing to supply boxes of the dog bags as cost price. The cost per box is £16.26. After some discussion it was agreed to purchase 6 boxes but request Maesteg Town Hall store the same until they are required.

169.15 War Memorial

The council were advised the memorial has been ordered and a deposit paid. Councillor Jones asked if drawings could be provided for the council to see.

170.15 Welsh Language

The inclusion of “coincidental Welsh” was discussed and it was agreed that the event leaflets should be bilingual and Welsh language should be incorporated. This matter to be discussed further next month.

171.15 Members Reports

Councillor Jones

Councillor Jones advised the council he had received a number of complaints regarding the pavement from Llan Road, Llangynwyd to Heol Cadrawd. The pavement in question is the one on the left as you go up the hill. Two accidents have been reported in recent weeks and the clerk to contact highways in this matter. It has been noted there are no paving stones on this part of the pavement, it has been tarred and the tar is coming away.

Should a site meeting be required in this matter the clerk to contact all Councillors?

Councillor Guscott

Councillor Guscott advised the pavement on both sides of Llan Road were deteriorating.

Councillor Guscott raised the issue of cars parking on the pavement at Heol Cadrawd. She explained there was no room for wheelchairs or prams to pass and the clerk to contact numbers 4, 6 and 16 asking them courteously to ensure more room is left for passing foot traffic in this matter.

The issue of parking was discussed in some detail along with the downfalls should we take measures to prevent cars from mounting the pavement to park due to the previous stance the council has taken regarding a “soft touch” approach to the issue in the Ponrhydydyff estate as we cannot ask for enforcement in one area and turn a blind eye with another.

Councillor Morgan

Councillor Morgan advised complaints have been raised with regards fly tipping in Lletty Brongu, bedroom furniture and a mattress have been left at the side of the road.

Councillor Griffiths

Councillor Griffiths advised he has attended the Town and Community Council Forum and a number of matters were discussed:

1. Merging of Councils

It was noted this is still a highly emotive topic.

2. EU Rural Development

It was noted this could be used to enhance tourism and it was noted that there is to be a meeting between BCBC and the users of the pavilions in the coming weeks.

3. Unadopted Streets

It was stated that it was the policy of BCBC to adopt those streets currently unadopted however none had been adopted since 1996. It was stated that it was developer's duty to maintain unadopted roads.

4. BCBC Contact

It was discussed by some that there should be a uniform person to contact for all matters relating to town and community councils.

Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry advised he has recently attended the Cancer Research Concert and it was thoroughly enjoyable.

172.15 Finance and Accounts

The financial records were put before the Council. They were approved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Jones. The matter of the precept was raised and to avoid any issues in coming years it was agreed by all that in place of the finance committee meeting to discuss the same the budget and precept will be placed on the agenda for September and October and agreed and discussed in full council.

It was requested that a full breakdown of expenditure spreadsheet be provided each month.

A letter had been received from the Bridgend Branch of the Royal Welsh Comrades Association. The chairman agreed to donate £50 from the chairman's allowance to the organisation providing there is not a Maesteg Branch of the Royal Welsh Comrades Association.

The Clerk to provide budget breakdowns at the next meeting.

173.15 Items for the February 2015 Meeting

- Budget
- Tourism Signs
- Events
- Wil Hopkin Memorial (Paint)
- War Memorial

- Welsh Language
- Llan Rangers

174.15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday February 9th 2015 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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