

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday July 14th 2014

Members Present

Cllr D Berry (Chairperson)
Cllr D Jones
Cllr R M James
Cllr C Griffiths
Cllr M Griffith Jones
Cllr E Guscott
Cllr P Sasiruban
Cllr I Williams
Cllr G Davies MBE

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

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

58.15 Apologies for Absence

Councillors D and L Morgan sent their apologies.

59.15 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 M James	Bridgend CBC Planning Matters Llangynwyd Village Hall Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd
Councillor D Jones	Llangynwyd Rangers
Councillor P Sasiruban	Village Hall

60.15 Ratification of Minutes of June 2014 Meeting

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

61.15 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The ongoing debate about the proposed crossing outside Cwmfelin School was mentioned and Councillor James advised Tony Godsall would not attend a community council meeting however he would provide the council with his reasons and findings regarding the refusal of Bridgend County Borough Council to place a crossing outside the school. The Clerk to chase these documents.

It has been noted the safety railing outside the park has been installed and the clerk advised the council is yet to be invoiced for the same.

The Litter bins were also mentioned and the clerk to arrange for two plaques to be purchased to be placed on the litter bins.

62.15 Police Matters

The crime figures were emailed to the Clerk prior to the meeting and read:

- Violence against a person Llangynwyd Village
- Damage to Vehicle Llangynwyd Village
- Theft of Property Heol Cerdin
- Theft of Property Maesteg Road
- Theft of Property St Cynwyd Church x 2
- Theft of Property Glan Yr Afon

The non attendance of a PCSO at the community council meetings was once again discussed. The Clerk requested to contact the police to ask the reasons why there were no PCSO's in attendance any longer and for a more informative breakdown of the crime figures.

It was also noted there was a Pact meeting to be held on 29th July.

There has been sighting of a woman riding a horse around the locality dressed in a high visibility jacket enquiring as to people's daily business. This person is not a police officer and the Clerk to try and make enquiries as to who this person is.

Councillor Guscott advised she had spoken recently with the local PCSO and there have been a number of complaints in Heol yr Ysgol with youths kicking footballs at cars. One resident in particular

believes her car is being targeted. Possible solutions to this would be to increase the fence height of the playing area so footballs would be less likely to hit any cars in the vicinity. The Clerk to liaise with the PCSO in this regard.

63.15 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The matter of the allotment in the park was discussed and the Clerk to contact BCBC and Anne Wilkes to verify whether there is a waiting list in regards proposed tenants etc. The possibility of keeping poultry on the allotment was also discussed and the Council agreed that one third of the allotment size could be used to house poultry however Roosters were not permitted.

64.15 Planning

There were no objections to the planning applications.

65.15 Crossing

The crossing was discussed once again this time in relation to placing the same on Llan Village Square. There are however some serious implications, costs being one. The bus stop would need to be relocated. The islands would need removing. The Clerk requested to obtain the documents relating to Cwmfelin school proposed crossing and agenda this item for September.

66.15 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

67.15 Rights of Way

Councillor James advised Footpath 38 has been rectified and the Clerk advised she had spoken with Bridgend Council and they would invoice us directly in due course for the agreed donation amount.

68.15 Replacement Councillor

The Clerk advised the closing date for any applications was 17th July. Should no application be received then the Council could be in a position to co opt a new member in September.

69.15 Heritage Signs

Councillor Berry advised he had been in contact once again with the company producing the signs and has once again been advised they are in the process of being made.

70.15 Tree Cutting

Councillor James advised there are a number of trees behind Parc Neuadd Domos backing on to the houses blocking the light as they have grown significantly. There are also trees at Cwrt y Fedwen that need attention. Councillor James will be meeting with Steve to obtain prices in this respect. It may also be worthwhile contacting Gareth White. The Council have already agreed to spend £300.

Councillor Guscott left the meeting at this point as previously arranged.

71.15 War Memorial

The proposed war memorial was discussed and the location caused some discussion. There were some concerns with possible vandalism in the park and lack of access outside the village hall. The Clerk to contact the Village Hall to ascertain whether, should we go ahead, a war memorial could be placed outside.

Councillor Berry advised an associate of his Mr Davies is very knowledgeable about grants for war memorials and would also be willing to come to the community council to speak in November regarding his latest book. Councillor Berry to speak with Mr Davies regarding help with costs for a war memorial.

The Clerk to agenda this for the next meeting and invite the stonemason to discuss designs including farming, mining and soldier themes.

72.15 Young Llynfi

An email was received regarding a new youth initiative in the Llynfi Valley. This matter was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to join the scheme and to welcome Mr Les Jones along to our next meeting to discuss the projects further. The Clerk to contact Mr Jones in this matter.

73.15 Street Signs

A discussion was held with regard future street signs in the area and whether they should be bilingual. The Council were advised that BCBC have a Welsh Language Policy whereby if possible all street signs should be bilingual. This caused some discussion and the consensus was any street name that had an English origin, then the signs should be bilingual, any street name with a Welsh name should remain Welsh only.

74.15 Members Reports

Councillor James raised the point of grass cutting at properties belonging to Valleys to Coast. Nicola has been provided with a list of those properties Valleys to Coast cut the grass for as those properties being cut by Valleys to Coast will not then have their grass cut by the community council.

The matter of a new lock up for the park was discussed and agreed that double the current size is required. The Clerk to enquire whether planning permission is necessary and to obtain costs.

Councillor James

With regards the earlier discussion of the issues in Heol yr Ysgol and the footballs being kicked in the direction of cars, Councillor James will make a referral to parks to try and have the fence made higher.

The summer event was discussed and after another year with the event having to be cancelled due to poor weather conditions it may be worthwhile for next year having a support venue in place possibly Llangynwyd School hall. This matter to be discussed at the next events meeting.

Councillor James advised the Council that a young man from the area has been selected to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games in the Judo Section. The Clerk to send a letter of congratulation in this regard.

Councillor D Jones

Councillor Jones advised the Council complaints had been received from residents at 11 Parc Tyn y Waun regarding the common land that had become overgrown. The council discussed the issue with Macob having gone into administration, Bridgend County Borough Council not taking over the land, who the onus should fall to with regards the upkeep of the area. Councillor James advised he had a meeting with Bridgend Council and a number of community groups including Tidy Towns to see if any of these spaces could be adopted or tidied. The Clerk to contact the resident once there is some clarification from Bridgend Council in this matter.

Councillor Davies

Councillor Davies advised the Council a local couple were getting married on the weekend and would like their photographs to be taken in Parc Tir Iarll and asked the Council if there were any objections. The Council were all in agreement this could take place and enquiries were to be made to ensure the gate to the park would be open.

Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry asked if arrangements could be made for the gate at the entrance to Llangynwyd Pavilion and Parc Tir Iarll to be replaced as the current gate is able to be moved by a group of youths and not secure.

The Clerk requested to contact the website designer to enquire about an additional section for a Chairman's blog to be added to the website.

Councillor Berry advised the Council he had recently added a number of events including the Armed Forces Day Signing and was privileged to be involved and it was an exceptional event for all.

75.15 Finance and Accounts

The financial records were put before the Council along with the annual audit for signing. They were approved by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor M Griffith Jones.

76.15 Items for the September 2014 Meeting

- Replacement Councillor
- Crossing
- Park Signs
- Litter Bins
- Benches
- War Memorial
- Sports Presentations
- Tree Cutting

77.15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday September 8th 2014 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signature of Chairman_____

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