

# LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



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

### Members Present

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

**Clerk:** Mrs N Morgan

The Meeting commenced at 7pm and was chaired by Councillor D Jones.

### 71.16 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Grantham Brooks, T Griffiths and M Griffiths Jones sent their apologies.

### 72.16 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 P Sasiruban</b>	Village Hall
<b>Councillor M James</b>	Bridgend CBC

### **73.16 Ratification of Minutes of June 2015 Meeting and AGM**

The minutes of the AGM were ratified by Councillors Williams and seconded by Councillor Berry.

### **74.16 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

All issues to be discussed were on the agenda.

### **75.16 Police Matters**

The Clerk advised the crime figures had not been received. This issue seems to have cropped up once more however it should be noted there has been a change of staffing locally and the Clerk to contact the police regarding the provision of the crime figures.

### **76.16 Public Address**

There were no members of the public present.

### **77.16 Correspondence**

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

Several months ago the community council recognised the achievements of local youngster Ruby Grant and her sister Abby with regards their regularly assisting clearing rubbish from the playing fields. Councillor Jones advised Ruby (a student of Maesteg Comprehensive school) was recognised as the school awards for her services.

The Love 2 Walk festival took place at the end of June and prior to the event Footpaths 9, 20 and 29 were cleared. There has been an order placed for the clearing of footpath 13 by BCBC.

Councillor Williams noted all footpaths in Maesteg are signposted and maybe this is something LLMC could look into in the future.

Despite correspondence being sent to First Cymru by LLMC and Maesteg Town Council there will be no X7 bus service provided.

Correspondence had been received advising the community council that as of October 2015 the Awen Cultural Trust will be the organisation taking over Maesteg Town Hall. This matter has been discussed previously however it was agreed to invite a representative of the trust to the next meeting to advise the community council as to what the implications of this takeover may be and the effect, if any, it may have on the community.

## **78.16 Planning**

There were no objections to the planning applications.

## **79.16 Summer Event**

The summer event went ahead on July 11<sup>th</sup> and a number of councillors and the clerk were in attendance. Councillor Jones advised his opinion was that the entertainment was excellent and it all seemed well received and positive feedback has been given. A events meeting should be held in the next few weeks to go over a few points and bullet point notes of the meeting should be recorded by the clerk and sent to all councillors with the minutes prior to the meeting in September.

The main point that came out of this discussion was the change of date and the return to delivering leaflets.

## **80.16 Parc Tir Iarll**

The Clerk to arrange for mobile mini to paint and deliver the requested container. The old container needs moving prior to placement of the new one.

## **81.16 Dog Fouling**

The Clerk previously wrote to BCBC and copied in the CEO and no response has been received on this matter. It was noted that in places such as Ceredigion there are dog free beaches and fields therefore why is it impossible for the same to be put in place in Bridgend.

Councillor James advised Maesteg Town Council are experiencing the same issues and are possible considering employing a dog warden. It was mooted that maybe we could liaise with Maesteg Town Council in this matter.

Councillor Berry stated that having a dog warden for the area was a good idea however he felt BCBC should be making some sort of contribution or providing a rebate as they are not providing specific services.

## **82.16 Speed Signs**

The clerk advised she had received costings for the speed signs and they are £3075 each.

The matter of moving the speed signs futher down the hill prior to the boundary of Llandynwyd was discussed and the clerk to discuss this matter with Keith Power and agenda the matter for the next meeting.

## **83.16 Street Lighting**

Councillors Berry advised there has been new legislation introduced with regards street lighting snf he will provide some ideas and an update at the September meeting including details of products and

their efficiency, cost and whether they are vandalproof.

Once costs are received the clerk to contact Maesteg Town Council to see if they would contribute with the lighting on their side of the bridge.

#### **84.16 Picnic Bench**

The issue of additional picnic benches for the park was discussed and it was eventually agreed to order the same so they may be used for what's left of this summer. It was agreed that two benches would be purchased and Councillor Sasiruben kindly agreed to sponsor one on behalf of Llan Mini Market. The cost of the benches are approximately £156 each and the clerk to arrange the order of the same with immediate effect.

#### **85.16 War Memorial**

This matter was discussed once again and Councillor Berry provided all councillors with draft inscriptions for the memorial. It was unanimously agreed on inscription 5 (attachement) and Councillor Berry to liaise with the stonemason as to whether both English and Welsh can be placed on one side of the memorial, if not then it would be English one side and Welsh the other. It was also agreed that the poem (attachement 4) would be placed in English and Welsh on alternate sides of the monument.

The Welsh translations to be checked as soon as possible and the inscriptions to be provided to the stonemason by Councillor Berry.

The Clerk to once again chase Joanne Norman re grant funding for the memorial.

The matter of the requested donation to the village hall for the base of the memorial was discussed. This had caused some confusion therefore the Clerk and Councillor James met with the stonemason to request clarification of the matter. The cost of the memorial is £15,000 this is inclusive of the base which the stonemason allocated £1000. The village hall installed a base costing over £3000. The village hall were aware of the £1000 allowance and went ahead with the base without discussing the same with the community council or the stone mason.

The Councillors discussed providing a donation to the community council but it was agreed that the £1000 they will be receiving from the stonemason is adequate.

### **Planning**

#### **86.16 Park Signs**

The rights of way and Parc Tir Iarll signs were requested some months ago and it was agreed that the same would hopefully be in place prior to the summer fete on 11<sup>th</sup> July. This has not happened and the clerk and Councillor James to chase up this matter.

#### **87.16 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk advised she would arrange for a copy of the insurance certificate and audit to be placed on the website as soon as they are received.

The clerk also to obtain costs for a noticeboard for the park.

## **88.16 Members Reports**

### **Councillor Guscott**

Councillor Guscott updated the community council with the progress being made by Young Llynfi in that they are beginning to hold sexual health and awareness clinics along with craft training workshops.

Councillor Guscott advised from the raffle held at the summer fete there was £50 that would be donated to Tenovus.

### **Councillor Jones**

Councillor Jones advised he had attended a number of functions to celebrate the Maesteg Festival including the primary school choir concert, the Maesteg Comprehensive school presentation awards, the Armed Forces Parade and afternoon tea at Hafon Deg.

### **Councillor D Morgan**

Councillor Morgan relayed positive feedback he had received regarding the summer fete.

### **Councillor James**

Councillor James advised the council that Llangynwyd primary school had recently taken a number of pupils down to Parc Tir Iarll. Nicola held an educational day at the park and it proved a success.

It was noted that Nicola is struggling with the amount of path clearing that needs to be done and it was requested that possibly Gareth White could cover this for the time being to allow Nicola time to catch up with what needs doing elsewhere. Councillor James to liaise with Gareth White for a cost in this matter.

The open spaces at Parc Tyn Y Waun were discussed following further complaints from local residents. It was noted that the probation services will be cutting the grass in the next week.

The grass cutting of verges etc in the area was discussed and it was noted that BCBC contract out the grass cutting and the contractors are not carrying out work that is up to standard. There are a number of complaints about the grass cutting locally.

The tenant of the allotment in Parc Tir Iarll is no longer able to maintain the same and is forfeiting the tenancy. The keys have been handed to the park keeper. There seems to be a number of people interested in the allotment and the clerk to put up a sign in the post office and on the notice board advising anyone with an interest to come forward prior to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

Councillor James advised the toilets in top Llan have been sold however there is some confusion as to what is going to be done with them as they are being vandalised. There are overgrown trees and shrubbery in the area that does require clearing however the consensus seems to be it would rather be left overgrown to hide the toilets than cleared away!

### **Councillor Berry**

Councillor Berry advised there are issues at the entrance to Y Dderwen and the clerk to contact highways with regards the possibility of placing yellow lines and or speed humps in the area.

### **89.16 Finance and Accounts**

The exact breakdown for the accounts was provided along with a list of recent transactions.

The Clerk to contact Joanne Norman re the possible grant for the war memorial.

The accounts were agreed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Berry.

### **90.16 Items for the September 2015 Meeting**

- Speed Signs
- War Memorial
- Dog Fouling
- Lock Up Park
- R of W and Park Signs
- Street Lights
- Picnic Bench
- Probation Service – Grass Cutting
- Footpaths

### **91.16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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

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