

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday June 8th 2015

Members Present

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

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

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

47.16 Apologies for Absence

Councillor James sent his apologies.

48.16 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 Llangynwyd Primary School

49.16 Ratification of Minutes of May 2015 Meeting and AGM

The minutes of the AGM were ratified by Councillors Williams and Grantham Brooks.

There were two amendments to be made to the minutes of the ordinary meeting; firstly 36.16 it should be noted that footpath 20 runs through the area.

Minute 43.16 Councillor Jones attended the Mayor's charity gala.

The minutes with the amendments were agreed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor L Morgan.

50.16 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Most of the issues to discuss were on the agenda. However it was noted that the Chairman had contacted BCBC in writing regarding further concerns regarding the condition of the pavement at Llan Road.

51.16 Police Matters

The Clerk advised the crime figures had been received prior to the meeting however they differ slightly to the figures given to Maesteg Town Council.

ASB Heol Neuadd Domos
ASB Parc Tyn Y Waun
ASB Llangynwyd Primary School

Violence Llan Road
Violence Green meadow House
Violence Maesteg Road
Damage Bridgend Road
Theft Llangynwyd Post Office

Standing orders were suspended at 6:55pm as two young members of the community were in attendance – Abby and Ruby Grant. The clerk contacted them and requested they attend the meeting in order for the Councillors to thank them personally for their efforts in keeping the playing fields clear of litter. The chairman presented both girls with a gift voucher and personal litter pickers to thank them for their contribution to the community.

Standing orders recommenced at 7:05pm.

52.16 Public Address

There were no members of the public present.

53.16 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

There was a letter from the Maesteg Hospital League of Friends detailing their annual fete and requesting a donation. It was agreed by all that the annual donation previously given of £100 would be given once more. The Clerk to arrange payment of the same.

54.16 Planning

There was a planning application to erect a detached dwelling at a wild boar farm to accommodate the owners of the farm business ay Bryn Mynach Farm. An objection to this has already been lodged on the grounds that the area is a nature conservation landscape area. However Councillor T Griffiths requested an application be lodged that should the proposal be granted that a number of conditions be attached. Firstly that the application have an agricultural tie and only be applicable to the boar farm and no future uses. The second being the external finish should be in keeping with a rural environment and not have a modern appearance.

There were no objections to the other applications.

55.16 Tourism Signs

The Clerk advised the signs for Parc Tir Iarll had been ordered and they are going to be produced solely in Welsh as a result of the number of councillors requesting welsh over bilingual.

56.16 Summer Event

The events committee had a meeting prior to the full council meeting in which a number of issues were clarified. There were a few concerns, firstly the village hall have kindly offered the use of their PA system and generator. However Councillor Grantham Brooks advised she was unsure whether the generator actually worked. The Clerk to contact the village hall in this matter and should the generator not be functioning, to obtain quotes for the hiring of one and circulate the same ASAP.

It was also noted last year the stonemason offered the use of his generator and the clerk to contact the same and request his assistance.

The Clerk advised 1 banner and 12 A3 posters have been ordered.

There was a discussion as to what councillors would be attendance and it was agreed that Councillors D and L Morgan, Councillor Berry, Councillor Williams, Councillor Guscott and Councillor Jones would be in attendance on the day.

It was agreed that the councillors would inspect the park at 8am on the morning and make the decision to proceed with the event at that time and liaise with the clerk who will be in attendance by 9:30 in order to begin directing those attending.

The clerk advised she had confirmation from Karen Jones for the use of the pavilion but the contact the same for clarification that should we need to use the car park area then this would be ok.

Councillor Grantham Brooks advised she may be able to source a free marquee for the event however this is not a certainty but would be very useful if the same materialised.

57.16 Christmas Lights

The issue of Christmas lights were discussed and the quotes given by Centre Great for the same. It was agreed that for 2016/2017 and extra £1000 would be added to the precept for this.

The Clerk to obtain definite costs and to agenda the meeting for September.

58.16 Parc Tir Iarll

The Clerk advised she today received notification that the storage container had received planning permission subject to certain conditions. Firstly being the container only has permission to remain on site until 31st December 2019 and that it should be painted dark green.

The clerk to clarify the position with the timescale and obtain quotes prior to the next meeting.

59.16 Pavilion

After yet more correspondence being sent with regards the pavilion and the lack of reply it has been agreed that this issue will not be progressing at any time soon and to revisit the same when further information becomes available.

60.16 Dog Fouling

The correspondence from David Lynn was discussed and the community council remains unsatisfied with the responses being received from BCBC in general on this matter.

The clerk to contact BCBC once more requesting details as to why there is a law against dog fouling if the same is not enforceable and what is the problem with prosecuting people for breaking the law.

The clerk also to request details on the costs associated with banning dogs from playing fields and to cc the correspondence to Maria Brewster and the CEO.

61.16 Crossing

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

The issue at present is there are talks of moving the 30mph speed limit that is currently outside the school further from the school. The clerk to clarify this with BCBC.

The clerk to confirm the definite cost and Councillor Grantham Brooks requested enquiries be made as to whether the same could be sponsored by a local business and their details placed on our website.

Councillor Guscott stated she felt the safety of the school children was vitally important and this is a matter needing urgent attention.

62.16 Street Lighting

Councillors Jones, Berry and Williams had a site meeting with regards the possibility of installing solar lighting along the bridge between Park View and Maiden Street. There were a few issues that would need clarifying such as the height of the panels and how vandal proof the same would be. Councillor Berry advised he was awaiting a response from a local company who deals in such matters as to their views.

Once we establish the feasibility and cost implications it may be worth contacting Maesteg Town Council to see if they could possibly help with the costs on the Maesteg Side of the bridge – Park View.

63.16 Picnic Bench

The clerk advised the cost for a picnic bench for the park was £150 however it was suggested possibly to contact Cwm Tawel Yurts to see if they would be interested in donating a bench and a plaque stating the same placing on it. The clerk to arrange this.

64.16 War Memorial

There has been a lot of confusion and miscommunication with regards the war memorial. The clerk advised she had spoken with the stonemason and it appears he was under the impression that the community council and the village hall were one and the same working together organisations. She clarified this was not the case we are completely separate organisations.

The clerk to obtain exact quote for the work – taking into account the base that has already been built. It was stated that the stonemason explained to the village hall that £1000 would be deducted from the bill due to the base already being in place. The clerk to confirm this.

The issue of the financial request from the village hall was discussed and it was noted that the communication between the village hall and the community council was extremely sparse however we all now need to move forward with this and the issue of financial help could be discussed when we have out exact costings in.

The clerk advised to avoid any further confusion she has requested the stonemason only deal with herself in this matter.

With regards the inscription for the memorial, Councillor Berry is arranging the same and the Welsh version to be verified by Councillor T and C Griffiths and Councillor Griffith Jones.

Councillor Grantham Brooks left the meeting at this point due to other prior commitments.

65.16 Unadopted Lanes

This matter was discussed once more and it was noted that BCBC have failed to respond to the communication requesting clarification that they would adopt all lanes brought up to specified standard. Councillor Williams noted with all other projects being discussed and possibly taking priority this matter may need to be revisited at a future date. This was agreed by all.

66.16 Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised the recent letter received from BCBC about the clearing needed for a number of footpaths for the Love 2 Walk festival. The clerk to obtain maps of the footpaths and liaise with Cllr D Morgan as to the need for the clearing of the paths and arrange for this to be done prior to June 24th.

67.16 Members Reports

Councillor Guscott

Councillor Guscott stated it was lovely to see the children in attendance at the meeting this evening and suggested we write to their schools (Maesteg Comprehensive and Llangynwyd Primary) to acknowledge the same.

Councillor Jones

Councillor Jones advised he recently attended the Maesteg Festival Celebrations along with the official opening of the Llynfi Valley Industrial Heritage Exhibition. Councillor Jones also attended the Youth of St David's Church Celebration and it was noted the talent was exceptional and there was a great variety of solo performers and children's choir.

With relation to previous invitations that have gone awry were found to have been sent to the clerk's previous address despite the clerk ensuring BCBC forwarded the new correspondence address to all community councils and organisations in March 2014. Invitations are now requested to be sent electronically.

Councillor Jones advised he has written to Valleys to Coast in relation to the garages in Heol Y Bryn and Heol Cynwyd that have fallen into a state of disrepair requesting information as to their plans for those garages.

With regards the previous months discussion regarding the footballs being kicked from the playing area, the clerk to obtain chain link fence quotes but this matter to be postponed for the time being until there is any further issue.

Councillor D Morgan

Councillor Morgan noted the culvert at footpath 24 was clearing nicely but the entrances need clearing.

Councillor Williams

Councillor Williams advised Maesteg Town Council were contacting the bus operators in relation to the X7 service from Cymmer to Cardiff. The Clerk to contact the clerk at Maesteg for the information to reinforce the same request.

Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry requested the clerk contact the Cross Inn in recognition of the pub of the year award. Councillor Berry also added the garage sign that was located next to the historical village sign had finally been removed.

68.16 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 matter of the donation to Maesteg Town Hall was discussed and it was reiterated that it had been previously agreed that the donation would be made but it would need to be specific to the Town Hall and for a set purpose. However to date no request has been received from the Town Hall for a donation.

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

69.16 Items for the July 2015 Meeting

- Crossing
- War Memorial
- Dog Fouling
- Parc Tir Iarll
- Summer Event
- Tourism Signs
- Street Lights

- Picnic Bench
- Probation Service

70.16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday July 14th 2015 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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