

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday October 13th 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
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr L Morgan
Cllr T Griffiths

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

Guests: Mr Les Jones – Young Llynfi

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

99.15 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Griffith Jones, Councillor James and Councillor Davies sent their apologies. Councillor Sasiruban was not in attendance.

100.15 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

101.15 Ratification of Minutes of September 2014 Meeting

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

Councillor Jones queried an entry in the June minutes, 46:15 whereby it had previously stated Councillor Jones advised the Council with regards a footpath update. This should read Councillor D Morgan advised the Council. The Clerk advised Councillor Jones the minutes had been amended as of September 8th 2014.

102.15 Matters Arising from the Minutes

All Matters to discuss were on the agenda.

103.15 Police Matters

There was no police attendance at the meeting and no crime figures had been sent.

The Clerk to contact the police in this regard expressing disappointment in the lack of representation and communication. Councillor Williams advised Maesteg Town Council receive the crime figures for all areas and therefore it is not understandable why the figures cannot be provided.

104.15 Public Address

Former Councillor Les Jones was in attendance as invited by the Council to discuss the Young Llynfi Ifanc project as continued from last month's meeting. Mr Jones has provided the Council with the Articles of Association for the newly formed company.

Mr Jones advised there were to date four organisations signed up as members to the Young Llynfi Ifanc project those being; Llynfi Valley 11-25 Project, Noddfa Community Project, Nantfyllon Youth Club and Maesteg Town Council.

It was noted the company is not a non profit making organisation however all profits made are to be used to further the purpose of the company and its aims which are primarily to concentrate on providing those services that have been dropped by the Statutory bodies.

Llangynwyd Middle Community Council were asked to consider joining the company primarily to aide with communication between the company and those organisations that provide funding; BCBC, Youth Offending Service etc. The Council are not being asked to provide any type of funding but to help the company with influence and information.

Councillor Williams advised Mr Jones that the Council agreed to become members of Young Llynfi and requested further details as to what the next steps would be. Mr Jones advised it was for the Council to decide whether they wished to appoint a Director to the Board or a representative to liaise with the board. It was noted Maesteg Town Council will be appointing a representative and not a Director.

It was discussed and due to a number of Councillors not being present it was agreed to notify Mr Jones that the Council are agreed in joining Young Llynfi Ifanc and will make a decision at the next meeting as to in what capacity and who will be appointed.

Councillor C Griffiths left the meeting at this point as pre arranged.

105.15 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

It was noted the Japanese Knotweed has been treated.

The email from Highways regarding the estimated invoice was discussed and agreed to pay the same.

106.15 Planning

An objection has been lodged with BCBC regarding planning permission at Cherry Lodge Farm. This however is causing some issues as the work has already been completed prior to planning application being granted.

Councillor Jones raised the point that retrospective planning permission is immoral and unfair on those who go through the appropriate channels. The Clerk to write to BCBC expressing these views.

107.15 Crossing

This matter was raised once more and Councillor Berry advised that photograph the relevant Councillors was taken outside Cwmfelin School and was sent, along with an article and covering letter to the Gazette in this hope this will be printed shortly. In the article it was explained that no representative would attend at the community council meeting, that BCBC wouldn't allow the crossing to go ahead even if it was self funded, the increase to a crossing patrol's wages was refused and even the idea that perhaps a LSA could take on the position was turned down on the grounds it could contravene their contracts.

The clerk requested to contact BCBC and obtain a specific list of the reasons as to why a crossing outside the school is not permitted.

108.15 Tourism Signs

The Clerk advised she has received an email regarding the signs stating Parc Tir Iarll does not qualify for a brown tourism sign for the following reasons:

1. There is insufficient parking facilities;
2. It is only categorised as a local attraction.

The Clerk requested to obtain the criteria list as to what qualifies as a tourist site.

109.15 Parc Lock Up

The Clerk advised she is in the process of obtaining quotes for a permanent structure and this matter can be reviewed in the New Year.

The recent incident involving threatening behaviour towards the park warden was discussed and it was agreed to obtain a legal form of “pepper spray” and a personal alarm for Nicola Hart. The park warden to be contacted and advised should such an event happen again then to follow the procedure involving contacting members of the Council. Additionally the Clerk to liaise with the park warden to ascertain whether she wishes BCBC to be advised of the situation.

110.15 Heritage Sign

Councillor Berry advised there had not been a lot of movement on this front however it now appears the original signs are not going to be provided as they can only display architectural information. This matter to be revisited when new information is available.

111.15 War Memorial

An email has been received from the Village Hall, approving in principle the placement of a war memorial outside the hall. However it has been noted the hall are looking to obtain funds and install a disabled access ramp and this needs to take precedent. The Clerk to contact the hall with a view to obtaining a possible timescale in this matter.

112.15 Halloween

The Halloween event is to be held on November 1st between 4 and 5:30pm. The Clerk advised leaflets and posters are currently with the printers and all other matters are in hand. All volunteers are requested at the park by 2:30pm to help set up.

Councillor T Griffiths advised he works at Pencoed College and as part of some of the Animal Care Awards, students are required to partake in some community work. He advised this may be worth looking into as some students could possibly bring along some of the creepy crawly animals for the event.

The Clerk to contact Pencoed College, particularly Sarah Allan and/or Susan Aldridge.

113.15 Members Reports

Councillor D Jones

Councillor Jones updated the Council on the status of Maesteg Town Hall.

There is a new chair and vice chair in situ, namely Gareth Howells and Leighton Thomas respectively.

The box office in the market is up and running and seems to be providing some positive feedback. There is to be a review of the arts services and a full report is to be put before cabinet in the New Year.

There are new “Whats On” leaflets that have been printed bilingually and are proving successful. There is now a comedy night at the town hall on the first Wednesday of each month.

There is new screen going to be purchased however a projector will continue to be loaned from elsewhere.

There have been market research surveys conducted resulting in an email format newsletter being sent out; there is a steadily growing following on facebook and twitter. The website is obtaining some interest: www.maestegtownhall.com.

Councillor Jones advised there perhaps is a need for a greater visual advertising campaign in the form of posters however and this will be raised at the next meeting.

Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry attended the recent Greece production at the Town Hall and advised the sound quality upstairs at the back was very poor.

Councillor Berry also attended the Cor Merched concert at the Town Hall which was thoroughly enjoyable.

Councillor T Griffiths

Councillor Griffiths wished to thank the Council for his appointment.

114.15 Finance and Accounts

The financial records were put before the Council. They were approved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Guscott.

115.15 Items for the November 2014 Meeting

- Crossing
- Tourism Signs
- Young Llynfi Ifanc
- War Memorial

116.15

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday November 10th 2014 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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