

# LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



## Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2015

### Members Present

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

**Clerk:** Mrs N Morgan

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

### 112.16 Apologies for Absence

Councillors L Morgan and L Grantham-Brookes sent their apologies.

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

**Councillor E Guscott** Cwmfelin Primary School  
Llangynwyd Primary School

**Councillor D Jones** Llangynwyd Rangers

**Councillor P Sasiruban** Village Hall

**Councillor M James** Bridgend CBC  
Planning Matters  
Llangynwyd Village Hall

**Councillor I Williams**

Cwmfelin School  
Maesteg Comprehensive School  
Maesteg Town Council  
Maesteg Celtic RFC

Prior to the meeting moving forward a couple of points required clarification with Nicola Hart in attendance. The Halloween event is to be moved from October 31<sup>st</sup> to Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> as a result of a clash with the rugby world cup final. The Clerk to order 500 leaflets, a banner and posters for the event which is to take place between 4 and 5:30pm. The leaflets to be double sided and bilingual. The clerk to obtain a Frankenstein costume for Cllr Berry. Nicola will print the questionnaires and Cllr T Griffiths is trying to arrange for creepy crawlies to be at the park.

The park keeper raised the issues concerning Darren View. In September the council received a request from a local resident asking the community council to cut back branches that were encroaching on the pavement at the entrance to Darren View. Nicola has been to the area and although there are some brambles and overgrowth, none of it is encroaching the pavement. The patch of grass at the entrance to the estate is already being cut and it's unfair to cut branches and brambles for one resident and not the others. There was some discussion over this and a decision being made for Nicola to trim the brambles back as a one off but make it known to the resident this has to be an exception as we do not have the facilities or funding to be providing this service.

Nicola advised the community council that she recently attended a meeting with Bridgend Social Services regarding a new website being implemented; What on Llynfi. This website is being used to promote community events and it was queried whether this is something the community council would be interested in.

After some discussion it was decided to advertise the summer event on there but leave the smaller events off the site.

Nicola Hart left the meeting at this point.

**114.16 Ratification of Minutes of July 2015 and September 2015 Meeting**

The July minutes were unanimously agreed. With regards the September minutes, point 94.16 needs amending to read "the legal requirement is three working days exclusive of the day the minutes are received." The Agenda is also to be placed 9 days prior to the meeting.

With regards point 107.16, Cllr Jones stated we had not overstepped things with regards the war memorial, we did proceed without securing the relevant funding but it was done to try and deliver something to the local community.

The finance committee will be meeting prior to the November meeting to discuss the precept and pending payments etc will be discussed and will be brought to the full council.

**115.16 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

All matters on the agenda.

## **116.16 Police Matters**

The clerk advised crime figures had not been received despite emails sent to the PCSO. Cllr James advised there was cuppa with a copper the following day and he would see if he could have a word with him and he had also tried contacting PCSO Cooper with no success.

Points need to be addressed with regards the amendments being made to the pact meetings. The meetings are now being held during daytime hours and although it is appreciated the attendance was previously very poor, this change of time discriminates against those who work full time house and only Cater for a fraction of the residents. The clerk to raise these points.

Cllr Williams added in each pact meeting whenever questions are asked to the police they seem to redirect the same to the community councils in any event.

## **117.16 Public Address**

There were no members of the public present.

## **118.16 Correspondence**

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The clerk advised of a conversation had with BCBC about the Christmas lights and it was agreed to use the stars on the same posts as last year and to request they are turned on by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

With regards the ongoing funding for the war memorial, Joanne Norman, originally in charge of the same had been off work for some time and the clerk advised the community council that Deborah Exton was extremely helpful and informative. The clerk asked the chairman to contact BCBC to thank Deborah for all her help and assistance, without which the funding may not have been secured.

Cllr Berry thanked the clerk for working independently to secure the funding for the memorial.

The recent damage done to the park was discussed, one bench was damaged, and another burnt. The crime was reported to the police and a crime number obtained and although the clerk advised there wasn't much the police could do at present, it may be useful if a PCSO could possibly be seen in the area on a Friday evening as it may serve as a deterrent. The PCSO to be spoken to in this regard. Additionally it was mentioned that the camera unit has been closed down and therefore CCTV in the area is in operational. This point to the clarified.

## **119.16 Planning**

There was to be a site meeting regarding the planning at the Wild Boar Farm on Wednesday at 11:15am. Cllr James will be in attendance from BCBC as will Cllr Williams from the community council provided he doesn't have a conflict of interest.

With regards the same planning application Cllr T Griffiths said there was nothing in the application stipulating the use of certain materials to maintain the agriculture and conservation landscape.

It was also noted the application is listed under Bryn Mynach Farm when no such farm exists. If this application goes ahead it could open the flood gates for people buying stables then building houses to look after the horses as there is a by law that allows such applications to be passed.

Cllr Berry requested clarification as to what the planning policy is for the Area. The Clerk to obtain an official copy of the policy.

It should be noted that Llangynwyd is a conservation area and outside of that it is a conservation landscape.

### **120.16 War Memorial**

The update on the war memorial is that the £7500 grant application has been successful. The memorial can now proceed. Cllr Jones advised he has a contact at the National Library in Aberystwyth who will hopefully be able to translate the poems for the memorial shortly then work can progress.

Cllr Berry advised the Welsh translation has been provided to the stonemason but hasn't yet been engraved.

The clerk to contact the stonemason in this regard and obtain an estimated time scale. The clerk also to contact the clerk of Cefn Cribbwr to obtain information as to how to proceed with a dedication service.

### **121.16 Dog Fouling**

Cllr Jones to write to BCBC in this matter.

### **122.16 Precept**

The precept for 2016/2017 was discussed. There were a few points raised that need to be considered when deciding on the precept:

- No flower baskets
- Additional Christmas Light + £500
- Solar Lights + £1500
- Public and footpath signs possibly + £500
- School donations £600
- Administration £1600
- Donations £1000
- Town Hall £1000
- Parc Tir Iarll and events £6000
- Rights of Way £1500
- Lollipop Person + £500

No donation to be made to the village hall until April 2017. A few issues also need to be factored and costs obtained are for a new lawnmower and solar lights and additional Christmas decorations.

### **123.16 Nanytyfyllon Surgery**

Cllr James advised the proposal to close the surgery has been met with an extreme lack of opposition and yet the local health board are ignoring all requests for information.

### **124.16 Clerk's Report**

The clerk advised she had received no reply from the Awen Trust re their attendance at a meeting and was advised by all councillors to leave the matter.

### **125.16 Members Reports**

#### **Councillor James**

Councillor James advised an enforcement officer had been to the Tylas and everything is fine. He also reported the allotment is in new hands and looking better already.

#### **Councillor Berry**

Councillor Berry raised the point of possibly creating a turning circle for Heol Wil Hopcyn. The disappointment with the contractors who cut the grass for BCBC is becoming more widely reported. Cllr Berry stated the grass verges in the area are being partially or poorly cut if at all.

#### **Councillor Guscott**

Councillor Guscott advised she went to the park to see the damage previously caused and it has been noted a number of dog walkers are reporting youths lingering in the area through the evenings.

#### **Councillor Williams**

Councillor Williams stated he has received complaints of speeding along Maiden Street. Is it possible to ask the police to monitor the situation as the 20mph signs cannot be seen, however Cllr Berry pointed out this is where the residents requested the signs be placed.

#### **Councillor Jones**

Councillor Jones asked if it could be possible for Nicola to cut the grass around the village hall where the memorial is going to stand. Cllr James asked why wasn't the probation service doing it and he would look into that.

Councillor Jones also advised he recently attended an exhibition of patchwork projects at the Town Hall. He commented it was nice to see the hall being used as it does play an integral part of the community.

Cllr Jones also attended the recent Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi event and Bridgend Town's civic service.

### **126.16 Finance and Accounts**

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

All accounts were agreed.

### **127.16 Items for the November 2015 Meeting**

- War Memorial
- Dog Fouling
- Precept
- Halloween
- Christmas
- Events meeting minutes

### **128.16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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

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

**It should also be noted the Clerk is away from Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup> and returns to work Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>.**