

LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANGYNWYD CANOLOG



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday September 12th 2016

Members Present

Cllr P Sasiruben
Cllr M James
Cllr I Williams
Cllr D Jones
Cllr E Guscott
Cllr C Griffiths
Cllr T Griffiths
Cllr L Grantham Brooks
Cllr D Berry
Cllr L Morgan
Cllr D Morgan

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

The Meeting commenced at 6:30pm and was chaired by Councillor C Griffiths.

73.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Griffiths Jones.

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

Councillor M James	Bridgend CBC Planning Matters Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd
Councillor I Williams	Maesteg Comprehensive School Maesteg Town Council Maesteg Celtic RFC
Councillor D Jones	Llangynwyd Rangers
Councillor E Guscott	Cwmfelin Primary School Llangynwyd Primary School
Councillor P Sasiruban	Village Hall

75.17 Ratification of Minutes of July 2016 Meeting

Point 60.17 needs an addendum stating: The financial spreadsheet should outline each transaction and this would be sent by email.

The minutes were ratified and agreed by Cllr Willams and seconded by Cllr Grantham Brooks.

76.17 Standing Orders Suspended

SO were suspended at 6:35 as there were a number of guests in attendance. Firstly Mr John Walton who was chairman of Llangynwyd primary school board of governors. Mr Walton addressed the community council and asked if any councillor would agree to sit on the board of governors. After some discussion it was agreed both Cllr Guscott and Cllr Grantham Brooks would be appointed goverbors and the clerk to liaise the same to BCBC.

Cllr Mike Harpur of Maesteg Town Council was in attendance representing the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion. Cllr Harpur stated they had been made aware of the war memorial erection in Llangynwyd and as part of the Remembrance Day Services would like to host a parade through the village. It was noted the memorial had not yet been blessed via a dedication ceremony and this would need to be done as soon as possible. The local vicar would not be able to attend the village hall for a Remembrance Service as she is already tied up however we could still hold a small service in the village hall then a ceremony at the cenotaph. In order to do this we would need to recruit a lay preacher to carry out the service. This matter to be placed on the agenda for next month and the clerk to make initial enquiries regarding the same.

Mr Roy Meredith was in attendance as per the clerks's request. The chairman presented Mr Meredith with the Llangynwyd Middle Community Council shield in recognition of his services to the community. The clerk to publish these details on the website.

Mr and Mrs Jenkins were also in attendance to receive Community Council Shields in recognition of their services to the community. Photographs were taken and to be uploaded to the website.

77.17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr James enquired whether the grant money from BCBC had arrived and the clerk advised she recently had communication from Mr Gary Jones advising the remittance should be dealt with shortly. With regards the website the clerk to ensure councillor's details are added.

78.17 Police Matters

The clerk received the crime figures earlier in the day. Please see attachment.

79.17 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

Cllr James advised that with regards correspondence with highways, two more road safety officers are leaving BCBC and the clerk advised as of Keith Power's automated email reply, he is out of the office until early October. Therefore any highway queries are likely to be delayed. In this regard the clerk to email highways again regarding the road to Nant y Castell as there have been two more reported accidents in wet conditions.

Cllr James advised FP 24 has been cleared, the kissing gate repaired and thue area fit for purpose

80.17 Planning

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the letter received from Tondu and Aberkenfig hub re planning application P/16/366/OUT – the proposed erection of 450 dwellings on land west of Maesteg Road, Tondu. There were queries as to why the community council had not received details of this planning application from BCBC but the clerk advised we wouldn't have done as it doesn't fall within the boundaries of the community council, rather it falls under Coytrahen and Ynysawdre.

The matter however was of concern with regards traffic flow, congestion and access. There are many factors raised in the letter received however it is these that will directly affect those living in this locality. Cllr Griffiths requested rather than object wholeheartedly against the proposition, as likelihood is, it will go ahead in any event, rather to take a diplomatic approach and request the developers consider the congestion and traffic issues and intall extensive road provisions to accommodate the same. The clerk to outline these issues in a letter to the planning department and developers.

81.17 Summer

The summer event was discussed and it was agreed that the turnout was disappointing. Those that did turn out providd very positive feedback. There were over 1000 leaflets distributed along with 3 banners being displayed and schools being notified, it is unclear how we can further imrove attendance figures. There was some disappointment with the attendance by the Marcher Stuarts, we were advised the whole group would be in attendance but only four actually were.

Cllr Williams advised the location of the park was still a mystery to many and we desperately need a park sign to be placed on the roundabout stating "Parc Tir Iarll Nature Park". Cllr James advised he had spoken with planning and we should be fine to place a sign 4 ft x 3ft on the roundabout and the clerk to liaise with Julie Earp in this matter.

Cllr Grantham Brooks advised she too had been advised the day was an enjoyable one and in partocilar the bouncy castles were a huge success. Cllr Guscott also thanked the clerk for the effort gone to in arranging the summer event.

82.17 War Memorial

The memorial still hasn't been rectified some 11 months after its installation. All correspondence and messages being left for the stone mason are going unanswered. Cllr James advised he has twice spoken to Mr James and still the amendments had not been done. It was noted that Mr James was no longer welcome at Llangynwyd Churchyard as a result of promises being made and never kept.

The clerk to contact BCBC finance department, trading standards and make enquiries of costings for other stonemasons to carry out the work.

83.17 Llangynwyd Churchyard

Cllr James advised the council that the probation service are not in a position to continue cutting the grass at the churchyard. This matter was discussed and it was agreed to discuss possible funding for this during the precept meeting. It should be noted the churchyard has no income as there are no burials taking place there any longer. Cllr Berry asked why couldn't we utilise something as simple as goats to cut back the overgrowth – especially in the older section. It was mentioned that this may be something that BCBC may be looking to transfer and if so could there be funding for the maintenance of the same? The clerk to make enquiries and agenda this for next month.

84.17 Japanese Knotweed

BCBC have cleared the knotweed areas that were complained of previously. Cllr T Griffiths noted that at the layby opposite the papermill there is a lot of knotweed growing and it is visibly spreading. It has been noted that BCBC highways use this area to dump rogue building materials. The knotweed seed will be easily transferable by the vehicles using the area. The clerk to contact highways in this matter.

85.17 Lockup

The clerk advised all the shelving has been erected in the lockup.

86.17 Grass Cutting

Cllr James advised that Nicola is cutting the grass of residents properties 3 times a year. It was only ever agreed for this to be done twice a year. All councillors were in agreement of this.

The clerk advised the council that to date some £1300 has been spent on clearing footpaths and we are only half way through the year. It was agreed to ask Rights of way for additional funding due to the publication and establishment of walks in the area to cover some of the costs. More footpaths are being opened up and being used more often by walkers that increased funds are needed to maintain the same.

The clerk noted the intervals at which the footpaths were being cleared and requested notification of when each footpath needed to be done and would be scheduled for the same. It was also noted that in terms of payment for such services, the turnaround period needed to be in excess of 1 day. Cllr Berry agreed the clerk should be notified when work is being carried out so the same can be confirmed and agreed upon.

87.17 Finance and Accounts

Cllr Jones advised he was unable to sort the spreadsheet emailed. The clerk to unprotect the same to see if this enables the sort function to work accurately. The clerk also to make copies of all invoices from Allan's Garden Machinery for the past year.

The accounts were approved by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr L Morgan.

88.17 Clerk's Report

The clerk advised there were a few issues regarding communication. The main issue being that regarding the memorial bench being placed in the park. The clerk advised the first and only communication she received about this was when the funeral directors contacted her to ask when the bench could be placed in the park. The clerk had no idea about any of this and indicated the same to the funeral directors. The clerk to contact Owen E Jones funeral directors re the Ryan Price memorial bench apologising for the lack of communication, and asking how the family wish to proceed. Cllr T Griffiths stated no councillors should be authorisign anything without any written communication with the clerk – preferably by email. Cllr Jones seconded this motion.

The clerk asked the chairman if he was attending the Noteworthy concert and the clerk to contact the group to advise that he would be in attendance.

89.17 Members Reports

Cllr Williams

Cllr Williams explained the rivenr bank situated at the rear of Maiden Street is being washed away. Huw Irracna-Davies MP is aware of the matter but there seems to be nothing that can be done. Cllr Williams requested the clerk contact BCBC and request the speed outside Cwmfelin primary school be monitored during school times and enforce a 20mpg speed limit in the area.

Cllr Williams asked whether Maesteg Twon Council had received both quotes for the solar lighting on the bridge to which the clerk replied she had sent the first cheaper quote and indeed Cllr Williams providd them with the second.

There was some discussion over which contractor wuld carry out the work and it was agreed that it could not be justified to employ a more expensive contractor to carry out the same job and the clerk to liaise with the contractors and Maesteg Town Council in this matter.

Cllr Williams also reiterated the ongoing issues with regards parking on grass verges on a Sunday and the police seem to be ignoring the issues.

Cllr Guscott

Cllr Guscott noted the new bus shelter on the main road is lovely and will be of real assistance through the winter months. She noted the sewing club have requested flower baskets to be placed in the village next year and this matter to be discussed at the precept meeting.

Cllr Jones

Cllr Jones advised of an ongoing situation re a dog attack on Coronation St. This dog is known to the police and previous incidents have been reported and the police are dealing with the matter. Cllr Jones queries what action can be taken and Cllr James suggested Valleys to Coast are able to deal with this as the property belongs to them and Cllr James will report this matter to them.

It was noted that the owner of the dog in question has previously been asked not to use the park after previous incidents and the clerk to contact the police to see if they are able to provide any further details as to how to progress this matter.

Cllr Jones noted there are a number of pot holes on Llan Road that need repairing and Cllr James to report the same.

Cllr T Griffiths

Cllr Griffiths requested BCBC provide us with an update re the Japanese Knotweed prior to the next meeting.

Cllr Grantham Brooks

Cllr Grantham Brooks requested the update from the TCC Forum be added to next month's agenda as we are running short on time.

She also requested information as to why the ground has been cleared passed Gelli Siriol. Cllr James added the land has been purchased and the new owner is hoping to obtain planning permission to build houses on the same.

Cllr Grantham Brooks wanted a meeting of the HR committee to look at the job descriptions of both the clerk and park keeper and possibly updated the same.

90.17 Items for the October 2016 Meeting

- War Memorial
- Halloween
- TCC Forum
- Japanese Knotweed
- Precept
- Solar Lights

91.17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday October 10th 2016 at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signature of Chairman _____

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