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Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting Llangynwyd Village Hall Monday March 13th 2017

Members Present

Cllr C Griffiths (Chairman 2016/2017)

Cllr M James

C E Guscott

Cllr P Sasiruben

Cllr D Berry

Cllr T Griffiths

Cllr I Williams

Cllr L Grantham Brooks (Vice Chair 2016/2017)

Clerk: Mrs N Morgan

The Meeting commenced at 6:30pm and was chaired by Councillor Griffiths. The chairman welcomed the PCSO in attendance.

163.17 Apologies for Absence

The following councillors were not in attendance:

Cllr D Jones

Cllr M Griffith Jones

Apologies were received from Cllrs D and L Morgan.

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

Councillor E Guscott Cwmfelin Primary School
Llangynwyd Primary School

Councillor I Williams Maesteg Town Council

Councillor M James All matters relating to BCBC
Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd

It should be noted; all Councillors have individual folders in which they are required to record all interests and to bring the same to each meeting to ensure all details are up to date.

Standing orders suspended in order to deal with police matters.

The chairman thanked PCSO Adam Treadwell for his attendance. Crime figures had previously been sent to the clerk and distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting. The PCSO advised the matter of anti-social behaviour was in relation to youths kicking a football against cars. He advised the parents had been spoken to in this matter and was confident it would not happen again. He advised the matters if damage related to damage to a van at Heol Neuadd Domos and damage to a car at Heal Cadrawd.

The matter of parking concerns outside Cwmfelin Primary was once again discussed and PCSO Treadwell advised he would be in attendance at the meeting on April 4th however in the meantime he would speak with the head teacher in relation to the staff parking on the main road and not in the parking area some 100 metres away.

Cllr James advised the council that the PCSO had unfortunately endured some verbal abuse from some of the parents dropping their children at the school and this behaviour was completely unacceptable.

The PCSO also stated he would ask the head teacher to send letters home with all pupils once more asking the parents to park courteously outside the school however Cllr Williams stated this has been done many times before and the same issues are constantly arising.

The clerk requested to contact all parties once again re the meeting on April 4th at Cwmfelin Primary School.

Cllr T Griffiths asked the Officer about the spat of burglaries in the Maesteg West area and questioned whether we should be advising residents locally to be vigilant of the same. The Officer added vigilance is never a bad thing however the issues seem centred in and around Maesteg West at present.

Cllr James reiterated that thankfully Llangynwyd is a quiet area and the crime figures have remained minimal for about 20 years or so.

The council thanked PCSO Treadwell for his attendance.

Standing orders were recommenced at 6:50pm

165.17 Ratification of Minutes of February 2017 Meeting

The minutes were approved by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr James. Cllr Berry had not received his minutes and the clerk to email the minutes to all those with email addresses as well as sending them in the post.

166.17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Berry asked whether contact had been received from Awen Trust and the clerk confirmed she had not received anything to date.

167.17 Police Matters

These matters were covered earlier in the meeting with PCSO Treadwell.

168.17 Correspondence

All matters of correspondence were duly noted.

The matter of fly tipping was once again discussed and the letter received from BCBC stating they did not have any cameras for such purposes. Cllr Berry stated cameras were classed as a step forward in this matter some ten years ago, and many councils use them including Swansea City Council therefore why do BCBC not have any or do they have them but are not prepared to use them?

The clerk requested to find any local authorities that use such cameras and report back.

Cllr Griffiths noted that he believed it wasn't BCBC that would possess such cameras rather NRW. The clerk to verify this.

The clerk advised the council of the email from BCBC regarding the lane at the rear of Jenkins Terrace and the fact it is unadopted meaning BCBC will not clear the same. Cllr James advised some time ago Tidy Towns cleared the area and although he was doubtful they would do it again he would ask.

Cllr Griffiths has contacts with NRW and therefore may be able to provide an email address personal to a member of staff rather than a generic one.

With regards the mirror on the site of Llangynwyd Village Hall, the clerk to contact highways and ask for a site meeting and contact Cllr Grantham-Brooks re the same.

The matter of the website was discussed as some months have elapsed with no minutes being uploaded. The clerk provided correspondence asking for the same to be done. The website has now been fully updated. The minutes of council meetings are to be uploaded within 3 days of the minutes being ratified.

169.17 Planning

There were no new planning applications.

The matter of the Old House was once again discussed and the fact that now there is some ten or so pages on the online portal relating to the application where previously the only information accessible by the clerk were the maps and layouts, which when printed on A4 are too small.

The clerk asked to email the link to all future planning applications to those with email addresses.

170.17 Cwmfelin School Parking

This matter was discussed earlier on with the police officer and the clerk to carry out the earlier actions along with contacting the school PTA and Huw Irranca-Davies.

171.17 Easter

An events meeting had been held prior to the council meeting and the following was agreed:

- 125 eggs and mixed bags of sweets to be purchased
- 1000 leaflets
- 1 new banner
- 6 A4 posters
- Check where the Easter Bunny costume is
- Translation of the quiz

It should be noted that Tesco Stores in Maesteg have donated a £25 gift card to this event and the clerk to write and thank them.

172.17 Speed Signs

Cllr James advised he wasn't happy with the timescale in this matter. The clerk advised she had received written confirmation that the signs would be erected w/c 17th April. The clerk to forward emails with John Lewis to Cllr James and Cllr Grantham Brooks. Cllr James didn't know why it takes 8 months to erect some speed signs yet Cllr Williams added it took over a year to erect the signs in Maesteg.

The previously mooted idea of having one councillor lead a project was once again discussed and all were in agreement that this is the way forward.

173.17 Solar Lights

The delay with the lights was discussed and the clerk advised Styles Electrical will be carrying out the work however they need the correct equipment to do so. The clerk to confirm via email the quote received from Styles Electrical and send it to Maesteg Town Council.

174.17 Newsletters

The clerk provided the councillors with an example newsletter, that was bilingual with thanks to Cllr T Griffiths. There were a few minor amendments to be made however the consensus was to go ahead and print 500 copies of the same.

175.17 BT Phone Box – Lletty Brongu

The clerk confirmed receipt of an email stating we could adopt the phone box and that we would be contacted by the relevant department in time. Cllr Berry added it was the British Heart Foundation who provided match funded defibrillators and this could be looked into.

Cllr James asked if the current phone box in Top Llan was insured and the clerk would find out.

176.17 Finance and Accounts

There were no monthly summaries provided as the current HSBC accounts were in the process of being closed and the new NatWest accounts being set up and there was no access to online banking however this should all be up and running in the next few weeks.

177.17 Clerk's Report

The clerk advised the water butts for the park have arrived and we are waiting for Gareth White to place chutes on the lockup and secure the butts in place. The clerk to send all councillor forms for election to them prior to the next meeting.

For June's agenda, it was requested to place a bench in the park in thanks to those councillors who will not be carrying on another term.

178.17 Members Reports

Councillor Grantham Brooks

Cllr Grantham Brooks asked Cllr Sasiruben if he was still on the village hall committee to which he replied he was. The reason for this was the community council have been asked to provide a representative on the committee yet there would be no need if Cllr Sasiruben was already going to be in attendance. A general feedback from the village hall could be placed on the agenda.

Additionally, she added the state of the land owned by Sam Thomas near the Tylers was in a complete state and in need of clearing and the clerk to contact the landowner in this matter prior to contacting BCBC enforcement officers.

Cllr Grantham Brooks would also like a letter to be sent to BCBC (planning and parks) regarding the containers at Parc Tir Iarll. When we placed the container there it had to be a specified colour etc. however for the past year BCBC have allowed a bright orange container to be placed alongside it and would like to know why.

Councillor James

Councillor James advised that one of the cottages in Lletty Brongu belonged to a lady who had emigrated and was renting the property out however so much rubbish has been dumped on the property it is rat infested. There are no dividing walls between the attics in the houses there and the problem is spreading through all the properties. Enforcement officers have been there and BCBC are in contact with the owner. The neighbours have spent £40 om poison and the rat catcher has been out yet the problem is still evident. It was queries whether the council could pay for the poison? Cllr James would keep the council informed.

Cllr James advised a number of trees have been cut down at Parc Tyn Y Waun and an inspector will be visiting the site this week as its possible some of them had TPO's on them. It appears to be Dwr Cymru that have carried out this work.

Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry addressed the issue of the lane behind Maiden Street. It has eroded badly and there is limited space around the bend. It was noted some time ago Cllr James and Cllr Williams were involved in an effort to put grab baskets there to help erosion but NRW wouldn't fund the same. This matter to be placed on the agenda.

Cllr Guscott

Cllr Guscott advised there is a lot of rubbish being thrown about Heol yr Ysgol and the amount of dog mess seems to be increasing once again. Cllr Griffiths added he had seen somewhere holders that attached to the lamp posts to put dog bags in and perhaps we could look into this. The clerk to look into costs and permission from BCBC and place this matter on the agenda.

179.76 Items for the April 2017 Meeting

- Elections
- Dog Fouling
- Easter
- Grab Baskets (river)
- Village Hall report
- Defibrillators
- Cwmfelin School

180.16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 6:30pm on Monday April 10th 2017 at Llangynwyd Village Hall, with an event meeting to commence at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of Chairman_____

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