



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Llangynwyd
Monday the 13th November 2017.**

Councillors: Cllrs. R.M. James (Chairman) D. Berry; H. Davies; C. Griffiths; T. Griffiths; E. Guscott; M. Moore; G. Nicholls
P. Sasiruban & I. A. Williams

Apologise: Cllr. T. Muller

Absent: Cllr. D. Jones

PCSO; N. Hart + Representative; W. Davies MBE

The Meeting commenced at 18.30hrs and was chaired by Cllr. James..

**1. Ymddiheurwch am absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. T. Muller

**2. Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb
Declarations of Interest**

Councillor R. M. James on all matters relating to BCBC and Ysgol Gyfun Cymraeg Llangynwyd

Councillor Ms. E. Guscott as a Governor of Cwmfelin and Llangynwyd Primary Schools

Councillor I. Williams as a member of Maesteg Town Council & Maesteg Celtic RFC

**3. Cadarnhau Cofnodion
Ratification of the Minutes of the August 2017 Meeting**

Item 11. :

TG: Did not ask about having Welsh content in the programme. The question related to *would* the Welsh be used? Our constituent wants the question recorded as follows:

"Is there any part of the service that will be conducted through the medium of the Welsh language?"

DB: The Welsh in the programme was, in the same way as the English, included to be used during the Service.

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 9th October 2017 were a true record

**4. Materion yn codi o'r cyfarfod Cyngor llawn ~
Matters Arising from the August 2017 Minutes**

TG: Wanted ratification that any ad hoc payments made by the Clerk must be followed up with an e-mail to the Chairman at that time.

Clerk has no problems with this but asked if three working days would be acceptable, as he does not have Internet access at home.

Council agreed this would be acceptable.

Item 13. HD: White lines on A4065 /turning into Maiden Street. White lines are not unbroken. They look unbroken because of erosion.

DB: The Council know the lines are unbroken.

Writing a referral to get the vegetation cut back can be done without an issue. However, unbroken lines are a sign of danger. Crossing or straddling them should be avoided particularly on such a dangerous bend.

While the safety of *all* road users is paramount in our community, another major question is, does the council wish to such encourage such a dangerous equine manoeuvre?

It was resolved to put the item on the Agenda for the December meeting.

5. Vice-Chairperson

DB: Two applications had been received for the vacant position of Vice-Chairperson.

Cllr. Guscott withdrew her application.

Cllr. T. Griffiths elected vice-chairperson by the Council.

6. Materion yr Heddlu

Police Matters

PCSO outlined the crimes that had occurred in the Council area.

Numerous works vehicles targeted for tools. One suspect positively identified.

MM: Asked about a burnt out vehicle in Pontrhydydyff.

PCSO dealt with the crime personally. Vehicle stolen, not reported as stolen.

Vehicle a write-off and set alight.

7. Cyfeiriad Cyhoeddus

Public Address

No members of the public present.

8. Gohebiaeth

Correspondence

Letters sent to:

- Keir re: recycling left on collection days – no response from senior officers;
- Cleaner streets re: dog fouling. BCBC awaiting resources from the Dog's Trust;
- Parks re: Llangynwyd pavilion showers – resolved
- VAT claim successful.
- Health & Safety course on Wednesday. Clerk to attend
- Letter received from Mrs. Llewellyn, Darren View, re: overgrown hedge.

Resolved: It is the responsibility of the property owners to maintain the hedge.

9. Materion Cynllunio Planning Matters

Cwmfelin School port-a-cabin classroom.

Resolved: to support the application.

10. Park Warden [matters of a personal nature - confidential]

- Nicola Hart (Park Warden) made a representation to the Council. Stated: [**not for public domain**];
- her morale is low due to events of the past year no grievance against Council;
- explained her November pay arrangements and the reasons around it.
- asked if this arrangement could be changed;
- telephone money unpaid;
- petrol allowance unpaid;
- gross pay still paid as NET;
- a pension provision will be made to the Warden with a decision made as to which provision being made by the full-council.

MM: Felt NH did have a grievance and should follow the procedure.

IW: Verified NH's version of events.

Resolved: to place on the agenda of the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting and the next Full Council meeting.

11. Cllr. G. Nicholls

Due to personal circumstances the Council agreed Cllr. Nicholls will be given special dispensation during meetings.

12. Remembrance Service

MJ: Service went extremely well. Service was excellent. Children played a magnificent part. Royal British Legion presence added further solemnity to the event.

Village Hall was extremely welcoming.

If Councillors cannot attend events, they should send their apologise.

Although hall was full, the lack of local people was disappointing.

Anthems music need to be obtained by next year.

EG: Those who are present at the Service should be asked if they would be willing to return the next year.

Rev. Blythe should be presented with a momento for her work.

It was resolved letters should be written to Llangynwyd Primary School, Cwmfelin Primary School; Ysgol Gyfun Cymraeg, Llangynwyd; Royal British Legion, Roger Luke.

13. Parc Tir Iarll

NH's detailed report was read.

It was resolved to:

- **obtain quotes to cost work to rectify poor pathways.**
- **obtain access to water source in Llangynwyd pavilion;**
- **Gareth White will undertake the spraying of weeds;**
- **Car in the park was to deliver glass-house.**

14. Sub-Committees

Finance

Dai Berry; Dylan Jones; Mike Moore; Pradesh Sasiruban.

Personnel

Mike Moore; Malcolm James; Elaine Guscott; Idris Williams

Rights of Way

Helen Davies; Mike Moore*; Malcolm James

Events

Elaine Guscott; Helen Davies*; Malcolm James; P. Sasiruban; Nicola Hart.

*** new member added**

15. Llangynwyd Football Club

Current Parc Tir Iarll mower unsuitable for cutting playing fields.

Resolved to contact Llangynwyd Football Club to ask what exactly would they like the Council to do.

16. Christmas Event

It was resolved to rescind the minute of the Extra-ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday September 20th and organise a Christmas Event this year. 16th December. Village Hall. 12:00 hrs – 14:00 hrs.

Flyer design passed with Welsh corrections supplied by TG.

MM: Are we insured to hold the event?

DB: Yes.

17. Warden's Pension

There was a choice between LGP Scheme and the NEST pension scheme.

Action: The full-council unanimously agreed to enrol the Warden and the future Clerk onto the NEST pension scheme.

Due to unseen financial circumstances the pension scheme has been deferred until February 2018.

18. Precept

DB: There are several rises in costs the Council must be aware of.
Hall hire increase, insurance premium increase.

WD: Advised a precept of £59,000 to cover contingencies, increases and special projects. Including a bill from the Welsh Audit Office.

Projects:

MM: Path on the edge of the Railway Inn to Parc Ty'n y Waun estate.

DB: Cwmfelin Railway Bridge walkway [approx cost £3,500]
Flower beds for War Memorial

PS: Zebra crossing at the cross-roads on Llan Sqaure

CG: Japanese knotweed fund

EG: Zebra crossing near Prospect Place;

HD: Increased dog bins;

IW: Higher the memorial

MJ: Christmas lighting.

It was resolved a Finance Committee precept meeting be arranged for Wednesday, November, 22nd.

19. Cyllid a Chyfrifon

Finance & Accounts

- a) Councillors scrutinised accounts, questioning larger payments.
- b) Councillors advised of large payments to be made.
- c) SAGE payments cancelled.
- d) Meeting with Ynysawdre CC set for Monday, November, 20th.

It was resolved the accounts were accurate.

20. Adroddiad Clerc

Clerk's Report

DB: Grievance procedure, plus Clerk's and Warden's contracts near completion.

Clerk to attend Health and Safety course

21. Adroddiadau Aelodau

Members Reports

EG: Wheel clamp still left in Heol yr Ysgol
Cllr. personally remove offending item.

TG: Recently encountered two adult males in countryside on farmland. Both men claimed to be with Western Power. Western Power had no idea who these two men were.

MM: Cwmfelin school traffic issues. Meeting with headteacher and Lynsey Harvey. Nothing will happen quickly. Very positive as doing nothing is not an option. Including:

- extension of zig-zag lines;
- recruitment of crossing patrol officer;
- pelican crossing;
- utilise school fields to enhance road safety;
- upgrade pathways to provide rear access to the school

MJ: Highways are not prepared to undertake work on the overgrown hedge at Darren View. It is a private property and the responsibility of the property owner.

22. Eitemau ar gyfer Cyfarfod nesaf
Items for the next Meeting

- a) Present precept to full Council
- b) Post office premises
- c) Christmas event
- d) Parc Tir Iarll
- e) Road markings at 'Fiveways' / Maiden Street;
- f) Llangynwyd Rangers AFC
- g) Post box opposite Railway Inn, still not in use;
- h) Telephone box, Llangynwyd;
- i) Countryside watch.

23. Dyddiad y Cyfarfod nesaf
Date of the next Meeting

The Council will next meet at 18.30hrs on Monday 11th December 2017 at Llangynwyd Village Hall

With there being no further business the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 21:00hrs

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____