



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Llangynwyd
Dydd Llun Awst 13^{ed} 2018 - Monday 13th August 2018.**

Presenol - Present:

Cllr. T. R. Griffiths (Chairman) Cllr. H. Davies; Cllr. D. Jones; Cllr. J. Hughes
Cllr. I. A. Williams; Cllr. E Guscott; Cllr. G. Nicholls; Cllr. P. Sasiruban; Cllr. C.
Griffiths; Cllr. M. James [19:40hrs]

D. Berry [Clerk].[22:10]

PCSO

The Meeting commenced at 18.30hrs

1. Ymddiheurwch am absenoldeb - Apologies for Absence

Cllr. M. Moore; Cllr. T. Muller

2. Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb - Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. H.J. Davies - Governor Cwmfelin School.

Cllr E. Guscott – Governor Cwmfelin and Llangynwyd Primary Schools

Cllr. T.R. Griffiths - Ysgol Gyfun Cymraeg Llangynwyd

Cllr. J. Hughes – Governor Garth & Plasnewydd Primary School

Cllr. R. M. James - all BCBC matters and Ysgol Gyfun Cymraeg Llangynwyd.

Cllr. D. Jones - Governor Cwmfelin School.

Cllr. G. Nicholls – Park Warden

Cllr P. Sasiruban – Llangynwyd Village Hall

Cllr. I. Williams - Maesteg Town Council & Maesteg Celtic RFC.

3. Cadarnhau Cofnodion – Ratification of Minutes

Clerk highlighted Part 3 of meetings is to ratify minutes of previous meeting
not to raise discussion.

09-07-2018 amendment [Cllr. J. Hughes]

Clerk highlighted Part 3 of meetings is to ratify minutes of previous
meeting. Councillors absent from previous meeting cannot participate.
Chairman suspended *Standing Orders* to allow Cllr. Hughes to make
statement.

DJ: Questioned why statement from June meeting [‘no Clerk in Britain has
to work under these processes.’] has not been removed.

It is not factual. How does the Clerk know it is factual?

Clerk should not stray into territory where evidence cannot confirm
statements.

Would find it difficult to believe what the Clerk records in the future.

DB: Minutes record what was discussed in meetings: ‘no Clerk in Britain
has to work under these processes’ was stated, hence recorded.

Cllr. Jones is free to research the validity of the statement.

It would be unlikely to find a Clerk in Britain who has to take a Councillor with them to sign a cheque and then return them home for making minor transactions.

It is even more unlikely any Clerk in Britain would have to set up a direct debit from their own bank account on behalf of their Council.

DJ: Emphasised the Clerk wasn't asked by Council to undertake these actions.

DB: Explained that because of the procedures imposed by the Council, these were the only available options to enable the Council to operate.

Part 3

[amended 10-09-2018]

JH: Wished to record the following:

The ratification of the June minutes *does not* confirm the remuneration of the Clerk. This will be discussed under the discussion of the *Clerk's Contract*.

DB: It was the Council's *decision* to pay the Clerk from June 2018.

These minutes were passed as a true record in July

: Cllr. Moore's observations particularly informative in relation to BCBC Monitoring Officer's opinion on the legality of matters.

9c Warden signing invoices

HD: Warden did not state she did not want to sign invoices.

Action: Warden to be given maintenance repair log and instructed what to do.

The minutes of the July meeting were otherwise agreed to be an accurate record.

4. Materion yn codi o'r cyfarfod Cyngor llawn ~ Matters Arising from the July 2018 Minutes

Part 3

JH: Explained his personal remark aimed at the Clerk was not made because the Clerk pointed to the evidence of a statement and spreadsheet, but because Clerk picked up a folder of financial statements.

TRG Whatever the reason - the remark was personal.

Part 9

f) Parc Tir Iarll fence

HJ: Disused fence not removed

g) Warden's Phone

Debit card now in Clerk's possession..

Action: Clerk to arrange with Warden and HD to meet up and order mobile phone.

h) Health & Safety report tenders

JH has contacted a number of advisers and is awaiting responses.

DB sent one quotation directly to Chairman and is awaiting another.

7.

Chairpersons' Reports

Action: Cllr. C. Griffiths to contact Wyn Davies MBE

Broadband Meeting

MJ: Wanted to thank the Clerk on his hard work and organisation in bringing two AMs to the village to discuss the broadband issues faced by our communities.

Part 11

JH Questioned the wording raised by the Clerk.
Requested an update as nothing has been forthcoming.
Concerned under the *Data Protection Act* a serious crime has been placed in the minutes.
Concerned a criminal offence has occurred, which could impact on the Council if recorded on a public document.
Possible liability to the Council.
Requested minutes of July meeting be signed immediately to ensure they are presented to public.
Requested a Council investigation takes place.

DB Recorded the words stated in July.
No requests for an update have been made prior to 13-8-18.

Resolved: JH – PS – IW – EG – GN – HD voted in favour of a Llangynwyd Middle Community Council investigation.
TRG – CG against
DJ abstained.
Agenda next meeting

Part 12

Website

DJ Asked who is updating the Council website.
In an ideal world the Clerk would do it.
Concerned the Council minutes have not been placed on website for six months. It is the law the Council produces updated minutes on the website.
Someone should be doing it.

DB: Clerk produced the proposed and confirmed precept information to highlight it was a Council decision not to pay the business to update the website.
Clerk requires the necessary training.

HJ: It was stated the business was not regularly updating the information.

DB: The minutes were being updated until payment to the business ceased.

Resolved: Quotes to be obtained to find business to update the website.

Part 12

HD: Wished to record the comment '*not good enough*' was not aimed at the Clerk's performance but how the adoption process was taking too long.

Action: Noted.

5. Materion yr Heddlu - Police Matters

PCSO highlighted monthly crime figures.

MJ: Disappointed at the lack of police presence at recent speed reduction initiative.

PCSO: Resources allocation prevented this.

IW: Mill Street, Cwmfelin. Senior citizens have to walk on the road due to parking.

MJ: Concerns raised at the tickets being issued to residents. Senior citizens vehicles being booked.

PCSO: When asked to enforce the law, residents cannot be differentiated from non-residents.

CG: Driving at excess speeds is a real issue around the wards, particularly Maesteg Road, Cwmfelin.

PCSO: This is a valley wide problem that is being policed as well as it possibly can.

DJ: How long will this project be in operation?

PCSO: It is ongoing and dependent on resources.

6. Cyfeiriad Cyhoeddus - Public Address

No members of the public present

7. Gohebiaeth - Correspondence

- a) Warden holidays requests – Granted by Clerk
- b) Health and Safety report – forwarded to Chairman
- c) Request to present to Council [C. Baker]
- d) Llety Brongu Telephone Box – Adoption papers signed
- e) Warden – no payslip
- f) Cllr. Nicholls – observations of alleged incompetence noted
- g) Warden - H&S inquiry. JH volunteered to oversee the collation of H&S advisor quotes
JH thanked by Clerk for volunteering.
- h) Keir – response to Clerk letters to collect AHP bags
- i) Planning acknowledgements
- j) One Voice Wales – minutes passed to Cllrs
- k) One Voice Wales – training. Passed to Cllrs.
- l) Warden Contract – passed to Personnel Sub-Committee
- m) Cllr. Nichols – Station Road Pontrhydycyff
- n) WAG Planning referral decision
- o) Clerk Membership of SLCC
- p) BCBC Traffic – Mill Street road closure

- q) BCBC Local Development Plan
- r) GW Davies MBE – auditor remuneration
- s) Paul Taylor LITE / Festive Lighting / Christmas Light Inc – Christmas Lights
- t) Warden – minutes request
- u) One Voice Wales – Independent Remuneration Panel Findings
- v) One Voice Wales – Bulletin
- w) Remembrance – Council is to receive 10 silhouettes to mark the Armistice service from National organisation
- x) Letter of Tondu housing development WAG referral rejection
- y) Request for support – Llangynwyd Village Hall [vandalism]
- z) Cllr. Moore – distributed by Cllr. TR Griffiths

8. Planning

No concerns raised on any of the planning applications.

9.

a) Photocopying contract presentation [Mr. C. Baker]
Not present

b) Water supply procedure – dwellings [DB]
Resolved: Sub-committee to be formed JH – EG – PS – MM
Sub-committee to formulate an action plan
Liase with Village Hall Association
Village Hall to be a drop off point
Clerk to contact DC / WW to find what have they done to improve water supply in times of supply stoppage

c) Water supply - Parc Tir Iarll [DB]

Three quotes obtained and produced.

DJ Where and why was the spot for the tap chosen?
Who chose the location?

Is the container going to be moved?

Can the tap be placed on the other side of the hedge on 'our' land?

EG: Is the pavilion going to be rebuilt / refurbished?

HD Could the tap be placed on the other side of the hedge and a hose leading to the container?

JH Are there any other costs / actions to be taken?

Why won't the BCBC allow use of pavilion?

DB Tap will be 10 feet from the container.

Clerk chose the location. HD was present.

Reason: It would be close to the container for Warden to carry out her duties.

What will happen in the future is unknown, but with the Borough Council cutting back on leisure services it is unlikely major work will be undertaken.

None of the land is LIMCC land. All the land belongs to BCBC. It is leased to Llangynwyd Middle Community Council.

Permission to enter a water source into Parc Tir Iarll must be gained from BCBC and a survey of potential underground services / obstacles [Section 50].

Unsure why requests for a water source from Llangynwyd pavilion are rejected.

Current legislation [*Section 45 Water Act*] does prevent this, but this has not been cited as a reason.

Resolved: JH to contact BCBC to utilise Llangynwyd pavilion for a water source.

d) Dog Bins [HD]

e) Play park bins [HD]

HD: Met with John Rees BCBC and presented issues to the representatives.

Awaiting decision from BCBC meetings on both dog bins and play park bins.

f) Lletty Brongu phone box [HD]

DB Council has now adopted the phone box in Lletty Brongu. It has been in the Council's possession since July 27th 2018.

HJ: Phone box could be decorated with flowers [from 2019].

g) Street signs / bus stop cleaning and replacement list

MJ: Clean all bus stops in ward from Paper Mills to Cross Inn and Mill Street.

[e-mail]

No other Councillor suggestions.

21:00hrs Standing Orders suspended

h) Christmas lights

Quotes provided.

JH Questions raised as to why projections in excess of £20,000 as were distributed [£2000 in precept].

DB Instructed to find quotes and provide information on funds. If a long-term project the figures would be useful when setting future precept as well as making a decision for this year.

EG Why was there a need to meet with a company?

Request was made merely to put a plastic covers over the lights
MM and IW only Councillors to attend the meeting, plus Clerk and thoroughly researched the matter.

IW

Councillors who were present felt it important to gather a full range of information.

Did so to explore all options including renting lights whereby the respective business would be responsible for storage and maintenance, negating the need for plastic covering.

DB After negotiation, the price of installing infrastructure will be significantly reduced.

Resolved: Install four stars in usual locations.
Pursue lottery funding for infrastructure 2019-2020

J) Remuneration: Internal Auditor

Resolved: Remunerate internal auditor as requested.

**k) Warden Contract
Clerk Contract**

Both matters discussed in private session after Items 10) 11) 12)

l) Llangynwyd Village Hall [MJ]

Resolved: Await requests from Village Hall for grant funding
Precept consideration 2019-2020

m) Road Safety – Cwmfelin CF34 9LB [MJ]

Meeting with BCBC and PCSOs..

Roads will be marked with additional markings

10. Cyllid a Chyfrifon - Finance & Accounts

DJ: E-mail informing Finance sub-committee of a debit card transaction stated £52.??p. This is inaccurate.

DB: What's 47p?

DJ: It was inaccurate, unacceptable and should have read £52.47

DB Difficulties in paying National Insurance electronically. Cheque sent.

JH: Contacted by Warden who was concerned at e-mail believing she owed money to HMRC

DB: Explaining the e-mail was to inform Warden her National Insurance contribution was paid.

Resolved: Accounts were an accurate record.
Spreadsheet of spending should be sent prior to meeting [1 week] with the bank statement and spreadsheet presented in meetings.

11. Adroddiad Clerc - Clerk's Report

a) Evidence produced of alteration to correct payments to Warden by NATWEST.

DJ: Felt when bank does not act on written requests made by the Council, complaints should be made.

b) Clerk alarmed that Councillor Moore felt compelled to question Council about their motivations and attitudes relating to the Clerk. Clerk believes this explains a number of wide ranging negativity being directed towards him.

12. Adroddiadau Aelodau - Members Reports

JH Asked has contract been sent to a lawyer.

DB: One Voice Wales.
[amended 10-09-2018]

JH: Felt it was unfair Clerk was offered a LGPS when Warden was not
DB Observe the bank statement and spreadsheets and Councillors will see
Clerk is enrolled onto NEST scheme
JH Felt this was irrelevant as Clerk was *offered* a LGPS and Warden was
not.
Discrepancies in the holiday entitlement.
Gender inequality in contracts.
Stated the Governance of the Council needs to be improved.
[amended 10-09-2018]

13. Eitemau ar gyfer Cyfarfod nesaf - Items for the next Meeting

- a. Halloween Event
- b. Remembrance Service.
- c. Water supply – Parc Tir Iarll
- d. Water supply - dwellings
- e. Website update quotes
- f. Investigation
- g. Councillor remuneration
- h. H&S Warden – vibration tools
- i. Precept – Councillors to be instructed to think of projects and cost for project delivery. Attention next meeting.

14. Dyddiad y Cyfarfod nesaf - Date of the next Meeting

The Council will next meet at 18.30hrs on Monday 10th September 2018 at Llangynwyd Village Hall

With there being no further business the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 22:35hrs

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____