

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at Ysgol Llanfair on
Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT – Councillors Jayne Mayers [Chair], Keith Mouldsdale [Vice-Chair], Bob Barton, Owen Evans, Tim Faire, Osian Owen, Ceri Ranson, Steve Whipp and Eirwen Godden, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE - 2 members of the public, Tara Dumas, Waste & Recycling Manager, Denbighshire County Council [DCC]

APOLOGIES Councillors David Baker, Wini Davies [another meeting] & County Councillor Hugh H Evans OBE

PART 1 - 646 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillor Keith Mouldsdale [Llanfair D C Village Hall Trustee]

647 MINUTES - RESOLVED The minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.

648 CLERK'S REPORT

648.1 Clwyd Vale Motor Club Rally 16-17/11/19 [626.3,637.4] Reported – that contact was made with the motor club secretary who confirmed that a number of cars did miss a left turn after Bryn Chwarae Farm ending up taking the wrong route. Unfortunately, the club was not made aware until after the event the issue had occurred. If this stretch of road is used again the club will ensure that either a marshal or a simple arrow will show the correct the route. It was also pointed out to the club that although the rally route may not pass directly by properties, the noise from the route does and may disrupt people on work shift patterns. For these reasons the club has been requested to give notice to more properties surrounding the route so that everyone is aware beforehand. The club has extended sincere apologies to all those disturbed on the night and would like to thank them for their understanding.

648.2 Erw Fair, Llanfair D C [641.5] DCC's Planning and Compliance Officer has confirmed that he will carry out an inspection of the property and report back in due course.

648.3 Public Footpaths – Locked Gates [642.3] [a] DCC's Countryside Access Officer has reported that an inspection has been carried out. There is a locked gate on Fp75 past Ty Coch Farm, parallel to the Shelf. This route is a footpath and there is a stile facilitating access on foot to the side of the locked gate. The County Council has, however, received a request for an application form for a bridleway claim along that route. If this application materialises then the position with regard to the locked gate will be reviewed. Noted.

[b] The Community Council has also received reports of a blocked bridleway path [58] grid reference SJ 14275 51554 between Coed Talwrn and Bryn Aur. **RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to DCC.

648.4 Communicating Information to Residents about Highway and Footpath Closures [642.2] Members were reminded that the Community Council had agreed that

an open public meeting was to be convened, chaired by County Councillor Hugh H Evans OBE. Residents, all contractors, utility firms, departments of the County Council and other interested parties are to be invited. However, the road into the centre of Llanfair has been re-opened; the drainage and surfacing works have been completed on the Eyarth to Haymakers Road [Bron y Clwyd]; the new school is scheduled to open following the February half term holiday. Wynne Construction has, in the meantime, advised that a CCTV survey of the completed drain was required and traffic lights erected on the A525 Wrexham Road. It was reported that the work was completed on 06/02/20.

RESOLVED that arrangements be made to hold an open meeting 6.30-7.30 pm immediately before the next ordinary meeting of the Community Council to be held on 09/03/20 at the Genus Centre, Llanrhydd. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether Councillor Hugh Evans was available to chair the open meeting. It was suggested that Members forwarded questions to the Clerk before the meeting.

648.5 Grwp Cynefin - Elizabeth Owen Almshouses [638.1] The Housing Association's Head of Housing has reported that contact has been made with other housing associations, including DCC's Housing Services, to discuss the possibility of transferring the properties. Denbighshire has agreed to set up a task and finish group to include officers from housing policy and maintenance to meet sometime in March.

649 COMMUNITY MATTERS

649.1 Guest Speaker Tara Dumas, Waste Management Services, Denbighshire County Council [DCC] The County has one of the best recycling rates in Wales and residents have played a significant part in that success <https://myrecyclingwales.org.uk> . Despite all the efforts, more than 5,000 tonnes of recycling are still being thrown away through general waste collections. The County Council is, therefore, proposing to launch a new waste project to increase recycling and reduce waste in the County and wishes to work with communities to rise to the challenge. The target set by Welsh Government will increase from 64% to 70% by 2024-25 and with current contracts coming to an end this is a particular challenge for Denbighshire. The Council will need to recycle more and reduce unnecessary disposal costs. That can only be done by changing the way in which its waste collection works and by changing the way residents recycle.

Proposed changes to the recycling service will provide residents with a new weekly collection for recyclables such as paper, glass, cans and plastic; a weekly collection for food waste and a new fortnightly collection for clothes and small electrical items. This may mean a trolley box [x 4] system or one large bin with 3 to 6 compartments. Rural locations will still have sacks for some items.

The Chair thanked Tara for her informative presentation. An article is to be forwarded to the Clerk for use by the editor of the Dyffryn Clwyd Cronicl.

649.2 Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D C Contact has been made with CADW regarding a listing for the village hall building which is through to a second round application for funding to replace the windows. An application has also been submitted to the County Council for commuted funds [fencing and posts] and a response is awaited.

649.3 New Housing Development Llanfair D C Councillor Steve Whipp suggested that consideration be given to producing a welcome pack containing local information for new residents.

650 CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS Submitted –

650.1 Email dated 17/01/20 OVW Response – Consultation on Local Government & Elections [Wales] Bill This Bill is a significant and substantial piece of legislation.

Broadly, OVW supports

- the intention to extend the local government franchise to foreign citizens on the basis that they are lawful residents of Wales, irrespective of nationality
- the proposal to allow 16 & 17 year olds to be able to register to vote in Welsh local government elections
- generally the Electoral Commission's position that there should be a common electoral system across all local authorities to avoid complexity and voter confusion and that local authorities should not be able to choose their own voting systems
- the proposal to change the electoral cycle for local elections from 4 to 5 years
- the intention to establish and maintain a national database of electoral registration information
- the proposal to allow a citizen of any country to stand for local government elections
- approaches to make it easier for people to stand for election
- and welcomes the provisions for the General Power of Competence and issuing of guidance
- the CiLCA qualification as the sector standard but funding is needed
- promotion and support for democratic engagement, public participation and openness and transparency
- the duty to publish official addresses such as the council's address rather than a home address – this duty should apply to community and town councils
- the recommendation that all community councils should be required to report annually on their work [priorities, activities, achievements]
- electronic notices and allowing the use of licensed premises
- mandatory training topics
- strengthening self-assessment and self-improvement
- looking at mechanisms for community and town councils working together and encouraging collaboration.

Members noted the comments made.

650.2 Emails dated 20/01/20 & 23/01/20 from DCC Re A Charter Between Denbighshire's City, Town & Community Councils and DCC [consultation period 20/01/20 – 27/03/20] <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/survey/674> Members indicated that they welcomed the document, principles and actions as set out and would be happy to adopt it.

650.3 Email dated 29/01/20 Re invitation to nominate a representative from Denbighshire's City, Town & Community Councils to join the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board RESOLVED that the matter be referred to One Voice Wales for guidance about the nomination process, clarification about the position and the need for a role description.

650.4 Email dated 03/02/20 from DCC Re VE Day 75 Celebrations Noted that the County Council intends to arrange a County Service on Sunday 10 May.

651 Feedback/Report[s] on Conferences/Training/Meetings

651.1 Planning Inspectorate/Planning Aid Wales Event 24/01/20 at Venue Cymru Llandudno – Cllr Bob Barton reported that there was a good series of presentations; he has requested a copy of the reports which he will forward to councillors in due course. It was noted that only one-third of planning appeals are successful.

651.2 Meeting of OVW Conwy & Denbigh Area Committee 29/01/20 at Denbigh Town Hall – Cllr Bob Barton reported that topics covered a number of items including OVW's Response on the Local Government & Elections [Wales] Bill; Lottery changes; what councils need to have on their websites; the Welsh Language Commissioner's guidance on Welsh Language Schemes is expected in due course, and so on.

651.3 Meeting with Mr Darren Millar AM 31/01/20 [Chair and Clerk] Items for discussion included the recent building developments at Llanfair resulting in inconvenient road closures for residents; Council's Neighbourhood Plan/Actions; pathways from Llanfair to Ruthin and Llanfair to Llysfasi; future of the Elizabeth Owen Almshouses; Speed Restriction Signs – Llanfair; future of the Park & Ride Service at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd and problems with Car Rallies. Mr Millar indicated that he would be happy to look into possible grants for safer routes; options for the future of the almshouses and continue to campaign for the park & ride service to remain beyond the end of March 2020. He also stated that he would be happy to contribute quarterly apolitical articles for the Dyffryn Clwyd Cronicl.

652 PLANNING www.denbighshire.gov.uk/planning

652.1 No applications received for consideration.

652.2 Denbighshire Local Development Plan [LDP 2018-2033 – Consultation on Additional Candidate Sites until 13.03.20 www.denbighshire.gov.uk/LDP Noted that there are no additional Candidate Sites within the Llanfair D C Community Council area.

653 HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT Members considered the following matters:

653.1 Flooding Issues A response is awaited from DCC's Flood Risk Manager regarding improvements near Eyarth Station Guesthouse, Llanfair. It was reported that Llysfasi's Farm Manager had visited the area around Eyarth Station on 10/02/20 confirming that there is currently nowhere for the water on the road by Eyarth to drain away. DCC, apparently, had a tanker there at the end of the previous week looking to clear the gulleys and discovered that there were none. In relation to the footpath, Llysfasi has begun the work of putting stone in both gateways and will in due course fence the footpath off. The stone will not help the drainage situation but he is more than happy to meet someone on site to discuss any other plans. They will, in the meantime, ensure that any future ploughing allows for the footpath. **RESOLVED** that arrangements be made for the steering group to meet with DCC's Flood Risk Manager to find out what the County's proposals are.

653.2 Climate & Ecological Emergency Public Engagement - Email dated 05/02/20 from DCC – Consultation Deadline 25/02/20 Councillor Steve Whipp drew attention to a public meeting which is to be held on 25/02/20 6-8 pm at County Hall, Ruthin. **RESOLVED** that DCC be requested to extend the date for responses [the Charter between the two tiers of local government suggests a minimum of 8 weeks for consultation – para 4.2.2 refers].

PART 2 654 RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the following items:

655 FINANCIAL MATTERS

655.1 Improvements to the Council's website in order to comply with accessibility regulations The Clerk reported that she had asked 5 local companies but only 2 quotations had been received. It was also reported that there is also an SLCC approved company, Aubergine, which can provide a website package from £700 + VAT. **RESOLVED** that Doodle IT's quotation for £700 be accepted [hosting and ongoing support is extra].

655.2 Review of the Council's Standing Orders with particular reference to amending clauses 18.3, 24.1 and revoking 24.6, including amendments to the Council's Financial Regulations, if necessary [Current copies distributed to Members with the agenda and other papers] **RESOLVED** that the matter be deferred to a future meeting.

655.3 Renovation/Repairs to the War Memorial, Llanfair DC [594.3, 605.4, 613.3, 637.1] Submitted for approval – draft tender documents, namely, schedule, public notice – invitation to tender and contractor tender letter. It was noted that Mr John Pugh, Chartered Surveyor, had drawn up a timetable for the work. No response to the proposal to date either from the War Memorials Trust or War Graves Commission. **RESOLVED** that all the draft documents be considered as work in progress which Members approved in principle.

655.4 Requests for Financial Aid received from
Wales Air Ambulance
OWL Cymru [Crime Prevention Charity]
Cwmni Theatr Bara Caws
Denbighshire Homestart

RESOLVED that grants be awarded as follows [£120 to be vired from Community Activities to the Grants and Donations Budget] –

£200 Owl Cymru [Crime Prevention Charity – crime and safety alert/watch schemes]

£200 Denbighshire Homestart [support services for children and families]

655.5 Payment of Accounts/Invoices RESOLVED that payments be made as follows:
£298.41 AVOW [pro rata Councillor Payment to the Vice-Chair of £291.66 [plus payroll charge £6.75] for the period up to 31/03/20.

656 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

09/03/20 [Genus Centre]

20/04/20, 18/05/20, 15/06/20, 13/07/20, 14/09/20, 12/10/20, 09/11/20, 14/12/20
11/01/21, 08/02/21, 08/03/21 [venues to be confirmed]

The meeting ended at 9.09 pm _____ CHAIR _____ DATE