

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Genus Centre, Llanrhydd on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT – Councillors Jayne Mayers [Chair], David Baker, Bob Barton, Wini Davies, Tim Faire, Keith Mouldsdale, Osian Owen, Ceri Ranson and Eirwen Godden, Clerk.

Councillor Keith Mouldsdale signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form following his appointment as Vice-Chair..

IN ATTENDANCE - 6 members of the public

APOLOGIES Councillor Owen Evans [family commitments]

PART 1

607 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillor David Baker [Llanfair Church and Planning Application 20/2019/0884], Councillor Keith Mouldsdale [Llanfair D C Village Hall Trustee]

608 MINUTES - RESOLVED The minutes of the Meeting held on 14 October 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

609 CLERK'S REPORT

609.1 Update on Council Vacancy [565.1, 574.1, 588.1] Reported that one expression of interest had been received from Mr Steve Whipp.

RESOLVED that [a] Mr Steve Whipp's application be accepted and appointed as Community Councillor. The declaration of acceptance and interest forms were duly completed and signed [b] the following three names be added to the list of bank signatories – Councillors Ceri Ranson, Osian Owen and Steve Whipp [c] and Mrs Moira Edwards and Mr Paul Weston be removed from the list of signatories following their resignation as Councillors earlier in the year..

609.2 Website Accessibility [577.1] Reported that the Clerk was in the process of obtaining quotations for the current website's Welsh and English pages to be assessed for accessibility; a list what action is required to comply and producing an accessibility statement [using the Government sample]. The Clerk explained that an indication of cost was required to ensure that an appropriate figure is included in the 2020/2021 budget. Members approved the action taken by the Clerk.

609.3 Coleg Cambria Llysfasi College [606] Arrangements had been made for the Council's precept setting meeting to be held at Coleg Llysfasi on 25/11/19. The Head of the College, Mr Iain Clarke and a work colleague have agreed to attend the first part of the meeting. Members indicated that they would like Mr Clarke to address members on plans for the new community building and how the college intends to engage with the immediate local community. It was also suggested that, in the meantime, a copy of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan be sent to the college.

609.4 **Neighbourhood Plan [599.3]** The group [Mr Steve Whipp [acting as Chair, Councillors Keith Mouldsdale [Vice-Chair of the Council], Bob Barton, Wini Davies, Clerk Eirwen Godden, together with Messrs. Phil Bennett-Lloyd and Phil Webb had met earlier in the evening on 11/11/19 with the Leader and Fran Rhodes from the County Council who provided advice on grant opportunities for local proposals. Part of Fran Rhodes' role is to assist organisations with projects for funding and she drew attention to the following funds which may be of interest and worth exploring (if not already known):

National Churches Trust: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>

Welsh Government Community Facilities Grant: <https://gov.wales/community-facilities-programme>

Cadw Historic Buildings Grant: <https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/historic-assets/listed-buildings/historic-buildings-grant>

National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding>

Open Space Commuted Sums Funding: <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/commuted-sums>

Heritage Funding Directory: <https://www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org/>

Funding Wales Grant Fund Search Engine: <https://funding.cymru/>

Brenig Windfarm Fund: <https://cadwynclwyd.co.uk/other-projects/brenig-wind-farm/>

Clocaenog Windfarm Fund: www.innogy.com/clocaenogforest

An announcement regarding the Clocaenog Fund Administrator is expected imminently. It is also possible to sign up to receive news directly about the Clocaenog Windfarm on their website. Fran is more than happy to take queries regarding funding and to follow up conversations to help progress things further within the local community regarding projects and ideas – fran.rhodes@denbighshire.gov.uk or strategicplanningteam@denbighshire.gov.uk 01824 708018 or 01824 712968

609.5 Biodiversity [603.3] It was also noted that public authorities (including Community & Town Councils) are required under the Environment Wales Act 2016 Section 6 to prepare and publish a plan setting out what it proposes to do to comply with the duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity within their current work areas. It was suggested at the Community Council meeting held on 14/10/19 that an addendum to the neighbourhood plan be produced with reference to biodiversity. The Clerk reported that she had earlier in the day received an email from One Voice Wales with further guidance on the matter. She agreed to forward this information to Councillor Steve Whipp for his attention..

RESOLVED that steps are not taken at this stage for the Neighbourhood Plan group to become a formal committee of the Community Council

609.6 Open Invitation to Political Parties [600.4] The dates of Council meetings do not appear to be convenient for politicians and are very busy when Welsh Government is in recess – requests for appointments are filled up quickly. Noted.

610 COMMUNITY MATTERS

610.1 Llanfair D C Village - Flooding – Councillor Keith Mouldsdale reported on flooding of the footpath by the new school and in front of Eyarth station and referred to a letter received from the proprietor. Concerns had been expressed that the attenuation tank in the vicinity of the new school site and Clover Bank was overflowing leading to questions whether it had a large enough capacity to cope with heavy rainfall. Members unanimously

agreed that a strategic review and holistic solutions were required taking into consideration all the flooding hotspots, the new housing development and the current road closure in the centre of the village.

RESOLVED that the Clerk sends a letter to the Head of Highways to highlight the issues discussed and to request a site meeting as a matter of urgency.

610.2 Elizabeth Owen Almshouses at Llanfair D C Residents in the village are asking for an update on progress regarding repairs/renovation. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contacts [a] Grwp Cynefin for an update [b] DCC Housing's empty homes section to investigate the situation.

611 CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

611.1 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales [IRPW] Draft Report 2020-2021 – Consultation ends 10/12/19] A copy of the report had been emailed to Councillors; pages 41-49 refer to Community and Town Councils. Determination 47 in respect of Community and Town Councils has been updated which means that they can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties as follows: - up to £55.00 for each period not exceeding 4 hours and up to £110.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours. The mandatory payment of £150 to each Councillor remains the same and so do payments of up to £1,500 and £500 to the Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Payments to the Chair and Vice-Chair have to be approved by the Council. **RESOLVED** that a resolution was needed for each section, including clarification about pro rata payments and recovery if councillors resign; an item to be placed on the agenda for the precept setting meeting on 25/11/19.

611.2 Commuted Sums [email dated 30/10/19 from DCC's Strategic Planning Team]. The amount of funding available for Llanfair DC is £2,480.62. Town/Community Councils, community or voluntary groups/organisations, a public/private partnership or a local authority department can apply for funding from 01/11/19 until 31/01/20. Contact: 01824 708018/712968 or strategicplanningteam@denbighshire.gov.uk It was reported that the Llanfair Village Hall management committee plans to apply for commuted funds.

611.3 Update on Proposals for the Green Opposite Bron y Clwyd, Llanfair D C [557.1, 568.3, 579.2, 593.1, 603.2] Email dated 08/11/19 from Heather Battison-Howard, DCC's Greenspace Development Officer saying that the first planting session is planned during the week commencing 25/11/19. She has contacted the school and they are available any afternoon that week. Once a date is chosen she can arrange for a press release and the event can also be advertised on facebook and twitter and so on.

It was also reported that a resident had, in the meantime, emailed the Clerk on 08/11/19, a copy of which had been circulated to Councillors. The message appeared unclear; the author seems to think that there may be plans for the green to be removed. This is not the case.

RESOLVED that [a] the resident concerned be informed that the project will go ahead as planned doing exactly what was discussed and agreed at a site meeting, which the resident attended, earlier this year, then endorsed fully at a subsequent community council meeting. That is, the planting of a native species hedge, local provenance fruit trees and wildflower meadow on the green at Bron y Clwyd.

[b] representatives from the Community Council would be happy to attend the first planting session on a date to be chosen by the school and the Greenspace Development Officer.

612 Feedback/Report[s] on Conferences/Training/Meetings Planning Wales/OVW

612.1 Chairs/Clerks Meeting with DCC Officers 15/10/19 Councillors Jayne Mayers and Bob Barton attended this event. A discussion took place on the local authority's financial situation and how general political difficulties have affected the timing of the draft settlement. The draft budget will be done in the third week of November, hoping for final settlement in February. Precept timings will be the same as last year, letters going out end of November for a response by 15th January. Savings will have to be made across the board. Tara Dumas from waste management spoke about changes in waste collections. She is happy to come out to communities to discuss. Tim Towers discussed winter maintenance and Adam Turner, planning compliance. Planning will accept responses to the charter up to December. Ffion Angharad talked about the new customer service reporting system; there are 58 services live within this system and more will be added. There will also be an online portal for councils. Amy Selby and Fran Rhodes can provide support with Windfarm grants and any other grant opportunities.

613 PLANNING www.denbighshire.gov.uk/planning

613.1 Application 20/2019/0847 Erection of a replacement dwelling and extension to residential curtilage at Fron Bach, Graigfechan submitted by Mr & Mrs S Williams
RESOLVED Supported in principle but members expressed concerns about the development being on open countryside in an AONB area and the scale of the proposal.

613.2 Application 20/2019/0855 Erection of extension to rear of dwelling at 2 Ty Capel, Graigadwywynt submitted by Mr G Turner.
RESOLVED No comments were made.

613.3 Application 20/2019/0871 Proposed repair works to existing war memorial including re-copping, re-pointing, inscribing, installation of bollards, landscaping and associated works – War Memorial, Llanfair D C submitted by Llanfair D C Community Council.
RESOLVED No objection made as the Community Council is the applicant.

613.4 Application 20/2019/0884 Development of 0.125ha of land by the erection of a detached local needs affordable dwelling and associated works [outline application – all matters reserved] on land adjacent to Bwlch y Llyn, Pentre Coch submitted by Mr David Baker
RESOLVED The application was supported.

613.5 Application 20/2019/0885 Variation of condition 2 of planning permission code no 20/2018/0540/PF to allow amended design – land at Three Pigeons Inn, Graigfechan submitted by Mr/Mrs Paul & Debbie Henri
RESOLVED The application was supported.

613.6 Application 20/2019/0036 Works to 2 trees within a Conservation Area – 2 Tan Llan, Llanfair D C submitted by Mrs Helen Stalford.
RESOLVED No objections were made.

613.7 DCC's Draft Planning Compliance Charter Consultation Document Submitted – draft response. The Chair thanked Councillor Steve Whipp for preparing the draft document. **RESOLVED** that the response be submitted as drafted.

614 HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT Members considered the following matters:

614.1 Public Path Diversion Order – Highways Act 1980 – Section 119 – Application to divert a public footpath in the vicinity of Castell, Graigadwywynt
RESOLVED The application was supported.

614.1 Bungalows at Graigfechan [593.8, 598.6] The Clerk is awaiting a response from Glyn Forsdick [DCC Housing] about the bad condition of footpaths around the bungalows and leading on to the main road including the pot holes on their car park.

614.2 Parking on Layby near Llysfasi and Speeding [603.4] The Clerk is awaiting a response from the local authority. Members were reminded that it was important to make a note of vehicle registration numbers whenever possible when reporting speeding incidents.

PART 2 615 RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the following items:

616 FINANCIAL MATTERS

616.1 Payment of Accounts/Invoices RESOLVED that payments be made as follows:
£697.20 Sandra Williams [Translation Service]

616.2 Purchase of Christmas Tree RESOLVED that [a] Councillor Keith Mouldsdale purchases a tree [b] the Clerk to contact Grwp Cynefin to ask if electricity can be provided [c] consideration be given to holding a tree lighting ceremony.

616.3 Requests for Financial Aid No applications submitted but two are expected from Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn.

617 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

2019 25/11/19 [precept budget meeting – Coleg Llysfasi],
09/12/19 [Ysgol Llanfair]

2020 13/01/20 [Ysgol Pentrecelyn], 10/02/20 [Ysgol Llanfair, Guest Speaker Tara Dumas],
09/03/20 [Genus Centre]

The meeting ended at 9 pm _____ CHAIR _____ DATE