

**MINUTES OF LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:30PM 28TH NOVEMBER 2018**

Present: Gwydion, Emlyn, Ann, Elen, Clwyd, Diane, Einir (Chair)

County Councillor: Garffild (taking minutes)

Before commencing formal meeting following the agenda, it was agreed to hear from Elen about the enquiry into Clocaenog Wind Farm. Councillors were shown a map of the area and different options for which areas were included.

Disappointment was expressed that the 'blue' circle included vast areas of Llangernyw parish, but Elen explained that the whole community could profit if a small part of the parish was included within the blue circle – but this isn't certain. It was emphasised that it was important that as many people as possible should respond to the enquiry.

After discussion, it was agreed to call a special meeting of the Community Council soon to draft a formal response.

Elen also mentioned Brenig Wind Farm and that there is also an enquiry in this respect. Another map was shown depicting that Denbighshire would benefit mostly benefit from this development and nothing for Conwy. This also to be discussed.

On another matter, Diane wanted to draw attention to the report of BDO to the Community Council accounts. BDO had judged the Council for keeping too much money in reserve – although Diane had explained that it wasn't 'precept' funds in reserve, but Account 2 (Maelogan).

It was to be recorded that the BDO report was discussed, but that correspondence needed to be sent to correct the misunderstanding about the money in reserve, Diane and Elen to draft a letter to BDO and copy to AM Llyr Huw Gruffydd. Iona Edwards, accountant, also needed to be made aware of said letter.

It was noted formally that the accounts were correct, but to add that the money in reserve was high due to Cronfa Bro Cernyw.

Formal Meeting:

1. Apologies: Gwyn and Gwynfor
2. It was noted that Gerallt had handed in his resignation after original agenda had been drafted, therefore the new agenda was referred to and point 9 (empty seat on agenda). In drafting advertisement for empty seat, it was noted that the advertisement board in Llangernyw needed mending, and Emlyn was going to review best way to fix it.

3. Declaration of interest – Diane declared a family interest relating to planning application Trofarth 5.2.
4. Minuntes 24th October. It was noted that Pandy Tudur were still experiencing issues with insurance for the defibrillator, and were still considering the options including placing the machine outside the Centre.

Einir – point to action regarding the mandate (on the agenda)

Einir – potential to share a clerk with Eglwysbach, but Eglwysbach have already appointed, to be discussed further with Bro Cernyw.

Clwyd – need to confirm formally with Enlli that she is agreeable to take minutes and translate, Einir added that an accountant needs to deal with the financial matters, to take the strain off the Councillors.

Ann – awaiting an estimate from Bob to fix and tidy the bus stop.

Einir – need to change the address on the ‘precept’ document with Conwy CBC – Diane to make contact.

Points to action – need to look at the Town and Country Charter. This to be put on next meeting’s agenda.

Ann – note that Community Councils have a look more work these days, and a full agenda is required month to month.

Einir – request for reclaiming VAT (Diane and Elen)

Einir – angen trafod adroddiad adeiladau gwag (ar yr agenda)

Derbyniwyd y cofnodion gydag Anne yn cynnig a Clwyd yn eilio.

5. Road and Environmental Matters

Diane has started to investigate into correspondence regarding Yr Hen Efail. Copies to be provided to Garffild who is trying to find a solution. Noted that a minute from 2012 states that the ex-councillor Dilwyn Roberts had said that the ‘ball was in the owner’s court’.

Ann – noted that the judge for the Rural Wales competition had been very judgmental of the Stag Yard. Clwyd said that he would send a copy of the report from Rural Wales to Garffild.

Ann – (4.2) noted that a discussion had been about Waterloo Hill, and that the County Council is aware of the issue. Garffild to contact the County Council about the matter.

4.3 A suggestion asking for a 'Steora' bench in Llangernyw near the Church gateway. Einir to confirm with Meira Woosnam, Conwy Cynhaliol.

4.4 Elen had asked for a list of the empty buildings in the Parish. Einir to discuss with other councillors and prepare a list for Elen.

4.5 Cemeteries – Thanked Clwyd for sending bilingual versions to everyone. Emlyn proposed passing this report to a meeting in the future to have more time to consider.

Emlyn also said that the plans for the cemeteries needs to be updated and added to each time a new grave is opened. All the details are in a minutes book but a new map/plan is required and a new minutes book. Garffild to contact the County Council to find out who is responsible for updating the information.

6. Planning Applications:

5.1 0/45675 Garage. Support and no objections.

5.2 0/45684 Glamping at Trofarth Isaf. Support and no objections.

7. Council Charter – to be discussed in the new year.

8. Monetary Matters – mandate. Einir had been investigating with HSBC, need to check the names on the bank mandate (Gwydion, Emlyn, Gwynfor, Gwyn and Einir). Need to take names of previous councillors off the mandate. Einir will complete an online form with HSBC to notify.

7.2 Precept – this to be passed to December meeting agenda.

9. County Councillor's Report – Garffild gave his verbal report as follows:

- It is likely that the County Council financial deficit in 2019/20 will be over £15million, and the effect of this will be 4% budget cuts to Social Services and Education budgets and 7% cut in other services and an increase to over 11% to Council tax. There will be many difficult decisions to make over then next 3 months when setting the final budget.
- Praise for the new recycling service in the area (the skip in Llangernyw). It also appears that the new refuse collection every 4 weeks is working well and that recycling levels are increasing with refuse reaching landfill reducing.

10. GDPR course – Ann had prepared a full and detailed report – important that everyone is aware of the new guidelines and new rules. Ann to send her report to councillors.

11. Council Survey Report (BDO) – has already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

12. Empty seat – it was recorded that Gerallt's resignation had been formally accepted. This is a Llangernyw seat – will need to advertise with a closing date etc.

13. Telephone boxes – Einir has communicated with Bro Cernyw and Pandy Tudur

14. Bills– Translate £102.43 – to be paid

Einir – clerk costs £75 to be paid

Water bill £17 to be paid

Gadlas advertisement – new cheque for £4 to be paid

15. Local Matters – Einir noted that there are complaints about inconsiderate parking in Pandy Tudur (Garffild suggested raising with this PCSO), the dangerous turn in the road to Llansannan direction and trees growing over the road near Plas yn Trofarth (Einir to note both matters with the County Council).

Ann – Water collecting near Glanrafon (Ann to note)

Diane – complaints that the road is subsiding near Capel y Cwm (Diane to note)

16. Next meeting – 18th December at Pandy Tudur