

LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:30PM 2ND OCTOBER 2019 AT THE VESTRY, PANDY TUDUR

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Clwyd Roberts (CR) welcomed all to the meeting.

1.2 Present: Ann Vaughan (AV), R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Elen H. Edwards (EHE), Diane Roberts (DR), Einir Williams (EW), Gwynfor Davies (GD) and Gwydion Jones (GJ)

1.3 Apologies: Garffild Lloyd Lewis (GLL), Gwyn Williams (GW) and Mark Davies (MD)

Following a recent family bereavement, the Council sympathised with GLL in his absence.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

7.3 – EHE related to her work. No personal interest.

3 MINUTES TO BE APPROVED 31ST JULY 2019

AV proposed and REW seconded these to be correct.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM 3) ABOVE

5.2: EW had contacted Meira Woosnam – see 5.1 below.

7.1: Need to arrange a small meeting prior to the next meeting to update these. EW raised that the declaration of interest record needs to be updated. EW raised that this needs to be done since Elwen Owen left her post as clerk.

7.2: REW asked if forms need to be obtained from the County Council for a new Councillor. EW to contact Lucy Steele in the election department in the County Council. AV raised that there was a book for new Councillor's to sign to confirm they agreed to the rules, need to find this.

7.3: Elwen Owen needs to know the date to place an advert in the Gadlas. 10th January 2020 was proposed, this was passed. CR to let Elwen Owen know and ask her where the rules are. To go on next meeting's agenda to update the rules.

8.2: GD reported that the accounts have now all been changed correctly. GD informed the Council that he has had difficulties with the bank and had to go through an interview.

10.4: Invoices not paid, no further correspondence received. EW had contacted to advise that the standard of the work was not acceptable, no further correspondence received. No further action unless/until any further correspondence is received.

10.5: CVSC – EW to send the membership form with a cheque for £15.

5 ENVIRONMENT AND ROAD MATTERS

5.1 Solar Bench: EW had discussed with Meira Woosnam how much use is being made of the bench. It seems that the bench in Llanfair TH is more successful than the other two in Conwy, it appears that the reason is that it is located in an open area near the tennis courts. Discussed that a new open location needs to be determined to place the bench, options proposed were on the pavement near the bus stop next to the school, on the grass opposite the museum and near Tŷ'r Gôf. Decided that consideration needs to be given for the most suitable location, decided to place this item on next meeting's agenda.

5.2 Parking in Llangernyw: correspondence received advising of plans to put restrictions in place near the small shop in the village.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 0/46576 – application refused by County Council on the basis that the dwelling was not affordable. Decided to support the application again. CR to deal.

- 6.2** 0/46618 – decided to support to the application and ask the County Council why there were none of the usual reports associated with applications. CR to deal.
- 6.3** 0/46696 – decided to support to the application. CR to deal.

7 COUNCIL MATTERS

- 7.1** Discussed at 4) above.
- 7.2** Discussed at 4) above.
- 7.3** EHE went through and completed the form with the Councillors' input during the meeting. She was thanked for her work in completing the form.
- 7.4** EHE reported that the Brenig Grant is now open for applications. Bro Cernyw Community falls within the 15km radius of the wind farm. To be eligible for a grant, there is requirement to show that benefit from the fund would go to the locality within 10km of the windfarm. Discussed that it was therefore going to be difficult to gain benefit for the local area unless, for example, groups from the area take trips to the area to Brenig Centre or within the 10km.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

- 8.1** EHE reported that there had been no response following request for the invoice relating to the audit to be broken down.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The following was received by the Council prior to the meeting from the County Councillor who had sent his apologies that he could not be present:

- "County Council – the 'term' has re-started and the main discussions at the moment involve how the Council and the new Cabinet will deal with the possible deficit of £13 million in the next financial year. Although there is an expectance of a little more money to the Education and Social Care from London and Cardiff, things are not looking very promising. There will be a number of briefing meetings held over the coming months and I will share any information with you.
- Community Transport Project. Although I have attempted to set up a project for local transport following requests from local residents, it appears that there is not much of a demand for such a service. A grant was received to hold a feasibility survey and almost 1,000 questionnaires were sent to homes in Llangernyw, Pandy Tudur, Gwytherin and Llanfair TH. Unfortunately only 39 were returned (4%) and of those there was very little demand for a transport service in the area. Despite this, I will work with the County Council and the Local Area Forum to try and improve the existing transport facilities.
- There is an intention to update the Local Area Forum to make it more relevant to the villages and communities and to try and provide more support to the Community Councils. This is in the pipeline.
- Yr Hen Efail – following the Community Council's decision in February this year not to accept Mrs Mackeson-Sandbach's offer to transfer ownership of the building to the community, the offer was extended publicly to any society that may have an interest. I received no interest at all therefore I am writing to Mrs Mackeson-Sandbach to ask her to demolish the old building and make the site safe.
- I would also like to apologise – the Councillors had asked me to write an article for the Gadlas explaining the changes to the election wards and why this has happened, but unfortunately due to the Eisteddfod and family circumstances, I have not been able to do so as of yet. I will be sure to do this as soon as possible.

- To conclude – the Welsh Assembly have announced that the County Councillors’ ‘term’ will be extended for another year due to the conflict of dates with the Assembly election – you can decide whether this is good or bad news!”

10 BILLS

- 10.1** Canolfan Bro Cernyw £15, to be paid.
- 10.2** Remedial works to public footpath in Llangernyw – DR has been in contact with the County Council arranging for reimbursement. DR has provided CR’s contact details as Chair to the County Council. Await for County Council to revert.
- 10.3** Cemetery grass cutting in September - Dei Evans £400. To be paid.
- 10.4** Enlli’s wages £29.31.

DR advised that a new budget needs to be prepared. DR to prepare this with information to be obtained from GD.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

Llangernyw Phone Box: EW reported that Sioned Green had shown interest in the box being placed on the school grounds. Need to prepare an official letter to transfer ownership from the Council to the school. CR to deal. The school to arrange to move the box.

Historical Council documents: CR reported that Elwen Owen still has documentation and proposed that the Councillors come together again to go through these. Arranged 8th October at 7:30pm at the Vestry, Pandy Tudur.

EHE raised for information that the Town and Community Council Forum is being held 6:30pm 16th October. The Council is looking at playing fields to transfer to Community Councils.

DR raised that there had been complaints locally about noise and air pollution during the Bank Holiday weekend following an off-roading event on local roads and fields.

Correspondence from BDO had been received advising that the inspection had not been completed.

Note to be placed in the advert boards – CR to deal.

Speeding in Llangernyw. CR to discuss with Daisy Devero (PCSO). A young person had also raised this with EW.

AV planting flowers in the boxes in the villages. She will liaise with the Gardening Club. AV to report back at next meeting. Money has been put aside in the precept for the bulbs. A member of the public from Gwytherin had contacted her about the skip, EW has dealt with this. AV had sent thanks to the County Council for tidying the roads and signs in the area prior to the Eisteddfod.

EW skips have been ordered for Gwytherin 29th October and Pandy Tudur 30th October. Adverts to be placed in the Gadlas and posters in the villages. Add Councillors’ duties and bank mandate in the next agenda.

REW had received a complaint from a member of the public that the minutes were not available on the website. These are on the Bro Cernyw website, the most recent being June 2019. Another complaint that a car parked next to the cemetery at Garneidd was dangerous. Discussed that Daisy Devero (PCSO) needed to be contacted asking if she could deal with the matter. CR to deal.

GD had received correspondence from Sian Williams at the County Council following the complaint about the change to the electoral system. The response was not satisfactory. Not much Conwy could do about the matter due to correcting the wards.

GJ asked how often the grass is cut in the playing fields. This is a County Council matter.

12 NEXT MEETING

23rd October 2019

Meeting concluded 9:30pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan