

LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:30PM 26TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1** Clwyd Roberts (CR) welcomed all to meeting
- 1.2** Present: Ann Vaughan (AV), Diane Roberts (DR), Einir Williams (EW), R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Garffild Ll Lewis (GLL) and Gwynfor Davies (GD)
- 1.3** Apologies: Elen H Edwards (EHE) and Mark Davies (MD)
- 1.4** Absent: Gwyn Williams (GW) and Gwydion Jones (GJ)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

AV: 11 below.

3 MINUTES TO BE APPROVED 30TH JANUARY 2020

REW proposed and EW seconded them to be correct.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM 3) ABOVE

EW has placed advertisements for local contractors to carry out the relocation work for the solar bench on the website with a closing date of 10th March 2020. **EW** to place another advert for local contractors to contact the Chairman if they are interested in carrying out work on behalf of the Council.

GLL has sent an email with an update of all the points raised in the last meeting. **CCBC** are aware of the work that needs to be carried out locally. **GLL** to follow up over the next couple of weeks. He reported back regarding the nappy bins and the Council have asked for examples if there are issues, the residents need to contact the Council to arrange this.

Bank Mandate: **REW** asked if there was an update. All Councillors that needed to sign have now done so as required. **CR** to take the mandate to the bank tomorrow. **GD** reminded that he would need to take the minutes to the bank to confirm the names.

REW had been in contact with the archives, due to the archive in Llandudno having closed, decided to wait until April to take the most recent documents from Ruthin to Conwy.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL AND ROAD MATTERS

- 5.1 Solar Bench:** **EW** updated in 4 above. Will need to contact Meira Woosnam (**CCBC**)/Paul (Glan Collen) for assistance in relocating the bench following obtaining an estimate for the work to relocate.

- 5.2 B5382 Road:** **GLL** reported that the work should be completed by Friday (28th February 2020). It has transpired that the work envisaged was not as bad as originally believed.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No applications.

7 COUNCIL MATTERS

- 7.1 Calendar:** add cemetery contract to February.

- 7.2 Update Rules:** nobody had time to review these, item on next agenda.

- 7.3 Un Llais Report:** **DR** had attended recent meeting. Reported that refusing acknowledgment payments if a councillor is in receipt of universal credit could have an impact on benefits, this is to try and encourage people that are not already Councillors to become Councillors in the future. Everyone to be encouraged to apply for Lottery Community Grant (up to £500,000 available for community benefit). **REW** had received an email from Menter Iaith

about these grants. Suggested that people contact the Lottery to discuss prior to making an application.

DR also reported that contact numbers/email addresses for the Councillors needs to be available for the public to be able to contact them. Reported that 30% of Councils do not comply with the rules.

Next Un Llais meetings 29th April 2020 in Pentrefoelas and 1st July 2020 in Bodelwyddan.

Need to update Bro Cernyw Council's website, item on next agenda. Discussed that a list of which wards the councillors are representing needs to be on the website, EW to deal with this. EW also to arrange for a biodiversity report.

7.4 Town and Community Council Forum: EW has attended previously, beneficial meeting. CR/EW will try and attend the March meeting on behalf of the Council.

7.5 Creating Spaces for Nature: discussed the available projects. GLL asked if there was a possibility of involving the public footpaths in the project. The multi weather pitch in Llangernyw was mentioned for the project. DR raised the possibility of having allotments through the project. Agreed to declare interest in the project before 6th March, CR to deal.

7.6 Advertise cutting grass: REW had spoken with Dei who carries out the work, confirmed that the agreement signed in 2019 includes 2020 cuttings.

7.7 Drop in sessions: EW raised that she had been in discussions with iCan regarding mental health in North Wales and also Dementia Friends. Volunteers hold awareness sessions, EW raised that it would be a good idea for the council to ask these organisations to attend the drop in sessions to raise awareness. GLL also happy to attend these sessions. AV raised that the Council could ask for assistance to fund the sessions from CVSC. GD felt that it would also be appropriate to ask CVSC to attend, EW also advised it would be beneficial to ask the PCSO and Cartrefi Conwy and Grŵp Cynefin. Agreed the following dates for the sessions:

Llangernyw: 23rd May 2020

Gwytherin: 13th June 2020

Pandy Tudur: 11th July 2020

Item on next agenda.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

8.1 Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llanrwst 2020 request: agreed a contribution of £30, AV proposed and DR seconded.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Following recent floods, and after the second storm, two of the Council's flood team attended the homes that had been affected by the floods in Llangernyw with GLL. CCBC had prepared an interim report following the floods. The stream and river near the Bont Faen had flooded their banks and a blockage under the bridge in the middle of the village. The situation is very complex regarding liability for the aftermath. The agencies are in discussion as to how to move on to the future, it appears that they blame each other at present. GLL of the opinion that everyone (agencies, farmers and landowners) need to work together and set up a task force for the future. An application for funding will be made to the Welsh Government to assist the area. There is £500 available for each household that was affected, an officer of the Council needs to visit the homes to see the damage and the money would be issued. A form for this is available on the Council website.

GLL had attended a meeting with the Council and received a report that 68 council staff members had been out during and after the storms to assist with clearing up.

He reported that the storms would have a detrimental effect on the mental health of the people affected.

The Welsh Prime Minister is visiting the area tomorrow, as GLL is unable to attend, Ifor Lloyd (Llanfair TH councillor) will discuss the problems in Bro Cernyw also.

The council's policy for sand bags is for diversification purposes only. Suggested that homeowners look to protect their own property (such as flood gates etc), GLL is investigating whether funding is available for this.

GD raised it was a positive thing that the Prime Minister is visiting Llanfair TH tomorrow to see the area.

DR raised that the Community Council had purchased sand bags following the floods in St Asaph a few years ago and that these are stored by Gwynfor Swn y Nant.

Community Council Clerk's Forum: project to help clerks with audit and other matters.

Following transport survey that has been ongoing for the past two years, a pilot scheme is starting in May, a dial a ride bus service in the rural areas available 6 days a week. A publicity campaign will be held before May to make people aware of the new scheme.

Gwytherin park is closed due to being dangerous following flood.

Next Hiraethog Business Club meeting: 24th March 2020.

GLL reported that the increase in Council Tax was most likely to be 7%.

10 BILLS

10.1 Pandy Centre hire: £80, paid.

10.2 Enlli: £78.46, paid.

10.3 Application on behalf of Menter Bro Cernyw for the £500 noted in the precept 2019/2020, paid.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

EW had received a questionnaire from CCBC regarding public facilities, wanting to know how much money the Council has put aside in the precept for these services. **EW** to complete the form and send back on behalf of the Council.

AV noted that the road needs cleaning opposite Bethabara Chapel. Pothole in the road between Bryn Gwylan and Bryn yr Aur. To use Report It to notify CCBC.

Conwy Wledig Certificates, **CR** to remind Jane Roberts to arrange to put these up.

GD the road between Tan Ffos and Felin in Llangernyw. GLL had reported this to CCBC. Garreg Newid/Newydd Bridge: river has eroded the foundation, GLL to report this to CCBC.

REW consultation regarding audit to change from annually to every three years. Closing date of the consultation is 19th March. Decided to hold a sub-committee to discuss prior to the next meeting together with the Council Rules on 16th March 2020 in Llangernyw.

Water and damage in Llangernyw following the recent storms. **REW** reported that work had been carried out but that more still needs to be done. Not had a response from CCBC about the damage to the road, GLL will follow this up.

All councillors reported many potholes in the local roads.

12 NEXT MEETING

25th March 2020

Meeting concluded 9:40pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan

Items on next agenda:

- Bank Mandate
- Solar Bench
- Update Rules
- Update website
- Drop in sessions

