

LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:30PM 21ST OCTOBER 2020
(MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID-19)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: Ann Vaughan (AV), Mark Davies (MD), Diane Roberts (DR), Gwynfor Davies (GD) and Elen H Edwards (EHE) (arrived late)

1.3 Apologies: Einir Williams (EW), Garffild Ll Lewis (GLL) and Gwydion Jones (GJ)

1.4 Absent: Gwyn Williams (GW)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO BE APPROVED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Proposed correct by AV and seconded by MD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

AV raised the contractors' letter – CD had received a draft letter from GLL. CR to send on to the Councillors to review and ask everyone to confirm they were happy with it via email.

AV also raised the grids near Bethabara, there was an issue regarding ownership. It appears that there is DCC (Denbighshire County Council) therefore the County Council owns them. CR to ask GLL to chase the County Council about this.

AV has received a cheque for the flowers but its dated 26th September, before the last meeting date (30th September). GD had mistaken the date, the cheque stub to be corrected to ensure accounting consistency.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/47684: AV reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary. No comments, all in agreement to support.

5.2 1/LGW/3897: the Council has been chased about this application but no response received. Council to be chased again.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 Solar bench: had received quote of £480 from Kevin Roberts for the work to re-locate the bench including a new concrete base, move the bench and get rid of the existing base. All were happy with quote and agreed to continue with work.

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Received via email prior to meeting:

Dear Clwyd and co-councillors

I had hoped to join you tonight but due to personal reasons I am unable to attend.

The new 20mph sign will be placed near the school and local area on or around 2/3 December. This is a temporary measure over 9 months as part of a project, if there are no objections after this period, there is a real prospect it would be permanent.

Around the same time, there will be works commencing on the Bont Faen. There are 3 elements to the work – foundation, stonemasonry and the road surface. The work is anticipated to take around a month, during this time the road will be closed.

Work will also commence to build up the wall and fill holes opposite Bwthyn yr Afon.

The floods in February was the cause of most of the damage, it will be interesting to see Natural Resources Wales' report on the effect of the flood and NRW's future strategy.

Following the last meeting, I have been in contact with the County Council regarding the local works that needs to be undertaken, cutting hedges, road resurfacing on Tyn Pistyll road etc. I also received other complaints from residents and all the work has been recorded. Some of the work has already been completed.

The gutters near Bethabara have been cleaned but not to a high standard, I have complained again to the County Council.

I have recently had a briefing meeting with the County Council's leader and reports by various members of cabinet, some departments are under a lot of pressure at the moment – Social Care, Child Care, Residential Homes, Education and Business sectors who are dealing with thousands of applications for business grants and other financial help due to Covid-19. Wales will enter a period of 'firebreak lockdown' on Friday, the Council officials are working with other councils to see what will be faced after this period ends.

A difficult period for all.
Garffild.

No comments by the Councillors. GLL was thanked for all his work during the last few months and prioritising local projects.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

8.1 Half year accounts – DR had attempted to send the document to everyone prior to the meeting but had not been successful. A few cheques have not been cashed (totalling around £600). DR discussed the figures in the document as prepared and advised that she would try and re-send following the meeting. She advised that there is £20,944.29 in the current account, under-spending due to no clerk wages being paid. Difficult position at the moment for community councils not spending due to Covid-19.

EHE and EW had recently met up to go through matters. EW had discussed with BDO a few points, she was thanked for her doing so. Comments are being sent to the Council's email address rather than DR only. DR thanked both for their work.

GD raised that he had asked the accountant about the VAT due back to the Council, nothing had come in yet. DR raised that no invoice has been received by the accountant yet.

EHE raised that BDO had made contact about the outstanding payment due from 2018, she has gone back to ask for a breakdown of the cost.

8.2 Enlli Vaughan wages: raised in the last meeting by EW. EHE proposed raising the wages according to current guidelines with a back pay from April, DR seconded this. EHE to enquire with the accountant about this.

9 BILLS

9.1 Cutting grass September (£400) and Gwytherin cemetery (£150) Dei Evans, £550.

9.2 Enlli's wages: £45.10.

Agreed to pay above.

10 LOCAL MATTERS

DR – complaint about the map with the details of the work to be carried out at Bont Faen, the Give Way sign and speeding in general through the village. She asked if there was any possibility of moving the snake stones that was created to support the NHS during Covid-19 to somewhere safe. EHE noted that the school had raised that they may take them at the school when it was safe to do so. Another proposal was to place them in the Remembrance Garden.

(REW had contacted CR to advise that he was having internet connection problems and had left the meeting).

AV – trees on Waterloo road growing over the road and hitting vehicles. She had contacted GLL.

Road between Bryn Gwylan and Bryn yr Aur had deteriorated and also between Bryn Gwylan and Nant Mawr.

Grant from Clocaenog Wind Farm, Menter Bro Cernyw had received a grant for PPE. EHE advised that the County Council's public toilets will be closed during the firebreak lockdown period to keep council workers safe.

GD – asked if Elwen Owen had received a contribution from Cronfa Bro Cernyw account for her work. DR believed that it was a set sum that she received. CR to ask REW if he remembers. GD asked if there was a need for a meeting to discuss the fund this year. EHE noted that the fund needs to be advertised as other similar funds are advertising that grants are available. GD asked if the aims of the fund needs to be revised. Proposed and passed to place adverts in the local papers and on the website in November. EHE raised that Ffion Foel and Prysor Williams are arranging a meeting this Friday to try and arrange a Christmas event for the local children and everyone in the community (to be decided) to try and raise everyone's spirits and asked if there was any monitory contribution available). Need to put an application in to Elwen Owen and then it can be discussed. Meeting to be held at the end of next month's meeting to discuss any application that had come in by then. CR to contact Elwen Owen to arrange advertising.

CR had received a message from EW that the skips for Pandy Tudur and Gwytherin had been postponed due to the new Covid-19 measures coming into effect on Friday.

11 NEXT MEETING

25th November 2020 (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

Meeting concluded 8:30pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan