

**LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**7:30PM 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2021**  
**(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), Einir Williams (EW), R. Emlyn Williams (REW) and Gwynfor Davies (GD)
- 1.3** Apologies: Elen H Edwards (EHE) and Garffild Ll Lewis (GLL)
- 1.4** Absent: Gwydion Jones (GJ) and Gwyn Williams (GW). CR will contact GW again to ask if he wants to carry on as a Councillor as he has not attended for a while and has not sent apologies.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration.

**3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Proposed correct by REW and seconded by AV.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** 0/48117 – no remarks, support application.

**6 MONITORY MATTERS**

- 6.1** Enlli's wages: EW discussed that she had queried translation rates at work and that these appear to be £50-£80 every 1,000 words. Enlli to keep track of time taken to translate by next meeting to discuss further.

**7 COUNCIL MATTERS**

- 7.1** Covid-19: support for local residents. EW reported that she had been in contact with a project that had worked with retired residents to teach them to use computers – during lockdown, this had enabled them to keep in contact with their families through technology. Suggested a similar project could be held in the area after lockdown ends. CR raised a previous discussion regarding providing laptops that could be rented out by families for children to do school homework. An idea at present, to be discussed again once Covid-19 restrictions ease/end. Everyone agreed that EW should contact Meira Woosnam at the County Council to progress the idea further.
- 7.2** Solar bench: CR to arrange meeting with Kevin Roberts at the new site.
- 7.3** Application for bench: REW had been to Garnedd Cemetery to look at suitable locations for the bench, advised that a concrete slab would need to be laid as a base for the bench. AV will send information about benches Sir Henry Jones Museum have recently purchased for CR to provide to the family who have sent in the application. CR also noted that the family would need to cover the cost of the placing and fixing in place the new bench, he would make enquires with Kevin Roberts about obtaining a price on behalf of the family to ensure that it would be fixed in place securely as the Council knows that Kevin's work is of a high standard and reliable.
- 7.4** Letter from Eisteddfod Dyffryn Conwy: advising that due to Covid-19, the Eisteddfod has been postponed this year. The Council was thanked for supporting the Eisteddfod over the years.

**7.5** Speeding in Llangernyw: CR had received an email from a family in Llangernyw complaining about speeding through Llangernyw although 20mph signs have been erected for some time now, although some people are not taking any notice of them. Request if there is any way of asking the Police to come out to monitor the situation. Discussion that the signs are not clear and not visible. CR will contact GLL to enquire if there is any possibility of moving the signs so they are more visible. DR also enquired whether 20mph could be painted on the road to draw attention, CR will also make enquires about this with GLL.

## **8 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Received in advance in his absence. CR will forward this to all Councillors following the meeting.

"County Council Matters

2021/22 Precept and Council Tax (Full Council Meeting 4th March):

In their annual report, the Chief Finance Officer declares that spending budget for 2021/22 has been especially difficult due to the challenges faced following the effects of the pandemic, and also the financial uncertainty from the Welsh Government and the UK. It is foreseen that there will be a £4million deficit in the precept this year and due to this the Cabinet has decided to raise the Council Tax 2.95% (Gwynedd is 3.7% and Denbighshire 3.8%). This means a raise of £29.73 annually for a property in Band D. Regarding cuts and savings, the Council proposes no cuts to Schools, reduction of 1% in Social Services and 2% for other services.

Education:

Key Stage 1 pupils are all back in school, and from 15th March, Key Stage 2 (primary) and secondary years 11 and 13 (and possibly year 12) will return also.

General:

Covid figures in Conwy (and Gwynedd) are still high – among the highest in Wales, there is no clear explanation for this. Across North Wales, 240,000 Covid vaccinations have been given up to 1<sup>st</sup> March.

I was elected as Chair of the Local Area Forum – South two months ago. The Forum represents rural areas in South Conwy and deals with important topics for our communities, matters such as connectivity, flooding, transport and local feasibility in the area. The future of Llanrwst town is high on the agenda and how to develop the town into a centre for the whole area for economy, business and industry. A discussion is ongoing regarding developments at Glasdir and the future of the Council's Depot in Plas yn Dre. There will be a meeting soon to discuss establishing a Rural Flooding Partnership for the area – another relevant matter for our area.

Local

It's good to see many of the area's roads have been resurfaced recently and others have been repaired and hedge cutting is also being undertaken. This is all happening despite the pandemic and staffing levels across the Council's departments.

Unfortunately the issue of dog fouling has come up again, this time in Pandy Tudur. There have been numerous complaints, and despite the Council's workers attending to clear the mess a couple of weeks ago, there was a problem again in the area last week. I have contacted the Council to complain about the situation and to ask for notices to be placed in the village.

Following complaints that a vehicle has been left in the car park near the entrance to Glan Collen for nearly a year, I have been in discussions how to resolve the matter with the County Council. Unfortunately, the matter is complex – it involves two departments in the Council, the DVLA in Swansea and the Police.

I hope that the work of repairing the Bont Faen will re-start soon. You will recall that the extensive work was due to start before Christmas and then in January, but that a problem was raised by Cadw regarding the materials that were to be used in the repair works. From my understanding, discussions are ongoing between the Highways Department and Cadw to try and get to a resolution.”

## **9 BILLS**

**9.1** Menter Bro Cernyw: £500. This has been accounted for in the precept. All agreed to pay.

**9.2** Enlli: £37.84. agreed to pay.

## **10 LOCAL MATTERS**

- 10.1** Email received from Elwen Owen regarding dog fouling in Pandy Tudur. DR had been in contact with the County Council, had received assurance that pamphlets would be sent out to her, she would then go around Pandy Tudur and post them through letterboxes in the village. DR had also placed a notice on behalf of the Council in the Gadlas requesting that Bro Cernyw residents pick up after their dogs. AV had also contacted Elwen Owen regarding the pamphlets. AV had asked Elwen if there is a dog waste bin in Pandy Tudur. REW had reported that the County Council had refused to place one in Gwytherin. All agreed that the it is disgusting that the Dog Warden is not going out due to Covid-19 at present. The situation is not acceptable at all. EW will raise the matter with GLL. Elwen Owen had also raised that the public footpaths in Llangernyw need clearing. EW praised Pandy Tudur Society for holding their annual Eisteddfod via Zoom this year. GD raised that the condition of the roads is very poor and that there are many pot holes in the area recently, the road between Llangernyw and Llanfair TH is particularly poor. REW will report problems on roads in Gwytherin through Report It. Had also placed an advert in the Gadlas to cut the grass in the cemeteries. Dei Evans had contacted REW to ask to whom the tender should be sent to. REW to accept tenders. Bryn Castell, Gwytherin – looking likely that an extension is going up. CR to check position regarding planning. Playground fence condition is poor in Gwytherin, will raise the matter with GLL. AV reported that a member of the public had been collecting rubbish up the Hafodunos road recently. Asked if the skips are still currently coming to Llangernyw on Saturdays. REW confirmed that they are still coming at the moment. EHE had raised in the last meeting that this is project is nearing an end. CR to contact EHE to ask when this project ends, this would then enable the Council to order skips on behalf of the Community Council. EW had received an email to confirm that the cost of skips is £230 this year. DR had received complaints about the water flowing from Crel into the back gardens of Fedwen Arian. Asked if there was anything that could be done about this. Need to clean the gutter. On the road to Llangernyw from Eglwysbach, there are two holes in the pavement, danger to the public if they step into the road. DR will use Report It to notify the County Council about these two matters. Asked for an update regarding the Council's VAT. GD reported that he had not heard back from the accountant about this. GD asked if DR could contact the accountant to chase this up. DR will email the accountant and update GD after receiving a reply.

## **11 NEXT MEETING**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (Virtual Meeting on Zoom)

Meeting concluded 8:30pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan