

# Cyngor Cymuned Llannon Community Council



## **Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Llannon Community Council**

**on**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 6.30pm**

**Held remotely via Zoom**

**Meeting commenced at 6:32pm**

**The Vice-Chair, Cllr. Julie Owen presided over the meeting.**

### **Minute No. 209 – Members Present.**

Cllr. J. Owen (JO)  
Cllr. Ll. Davies (LD)  
Cllr. R. Lloyd-Davies (RD)  
Cllr. P. Owen (PO)  
Cllr. M. Jones (MJ)  
Cllr. D. Jones (DJ)  
Cllr. R. Jones (RJ)  
Cllr. N. Thomas (NT)  
Cllr. C. Davies (CD)  
Cllr. E. G. Evans (EGE)  
Cllr. J. Anderson (JA)  
Cllr. G. Jones (GJ)

### **Also Present:**

Mrs. C. Hope – Clerk (CH)  
Mrs. Ff. Lewis – Deputy Clerk (FL)

### **Minute No. 210 - Apologies and reasons for absence.**

Cllr. S. Stewart – Family funeral.

Cllr. C. Bowkett – Work commitments.

Cllr. S. Eldridge – Work commitments.

### **Minute No. 211 - Declarations of interest.**

There were no new declarations of interest.

### **Minute No. 212 – Discuss the Carmarthenshire County Council Revised Local Development Plan (LDP).**

The Chair asked DJ whether she could provide any information to the Council with regards to the LDP as DJ was present at the meeting held by CCC.

DJ informed the Council that whilst at the meeting she discussed private cases that she could not disclose to the Council due to the nature of the case. DJ also informed the Council that Llys Ifan is due for completion at the end of May and that there were discussions around the proposal for the Bethesda site. DJ has shared this information on her social media page.

The Chair asked DJ if she could share such information on the Council's page? The Chair informed the Council that according to the Planning Application for the Bethesda site, the planning has now expired and that they would need to resubmit another application.

RD asked DJ if there was anything that LICC could do and if there was a way this could be removed from the LDP?

DJ informed the Council that the LDP is at the public consultation stage and would encourage members of the public to submit any comments or concerns.

RD asked DJ what would DJ advise the Council to do?

DJ replied stating that the Council should follow the town policies etc and that highways can be fed into the LDP.

LD informed the Council that previously the comment made by LICC, with regards to the Bethesda site, was that the housing should be for affordable housing and elderly accommodation. LD also informed the Council that a new

planning application would need to be submitted as the current one has lapsed.

*LD proposed that the Council respond to the LDP making the comment that if houses are built on the Bethesda site, those houses should be affordable housing and elderly accommodation. PO seconded the proposal. All in favour.*

**Resolved** that the Council responds to the LDP stating that if houses are built at the Bethesda site, those houses need to be affordable housing and elderly accommodation.

**Minute No. 213 – Discuss tenders received for Cross Hands Playground and appoint a company to carry out the work.**

The Clerk reported to the Council that five companies were asked to tender for the work. One of the companies withdrew as they were unable to meet the deadline. The Clerk received four very different tenders from four different companies. All four tenders were very well presented. One very specific requirement for the tendering process was that the Council receive as many items as possible out of the budget, there was one company that stood out with the amount that they could offer. All four tenders provided the Council with different completion dates as follows: One at the end of June. One the beginning of July. Two at the end of August. The Assets Committee looked at all four tenders in great detail and there was a unanimous decision over the design. This company was based in Wales and fell into all categories. The Clerk informed the Council that during the consultation period, the general consensus between the children that took part was that they would like to see a zip wire, football goals and a main feature within the playground. The Clerk also informed the Council that around three hundred people participated in the consultation and out of those people three were against the new playground in Cross Hands.

GJ asked the Clerk where the playground would be situated? The Clerk replied that it will be where the current playground is at the moment, where the woodland equipment used to be.

RJ asked the Clerk what will happen to the old playground? The Clerk informed the Council that some of the play equipment has already been removed in preparation and that when the excavation has been completed the excess soil will be used to extend the carpark.

DJ asked the Clerk if the zip wire will be outside of the playground and whether the land will be long enough? The Clerk confirmed that the zip wire will be outside of the playground and that the land is long enough.

JA expressed to the Council how happy that she was to see the progress with the playground and that the residents of Cross Hands were very excited. JA also stated that she thought that option two was the most appealing tender and that it would be a good idea to extend the carpark.

JO informed the Council that whilst looking at all of the tenders, some of them had grass in between the equipment which would be difficult for the groundsmen to maintain.

RD stated that she felt that the Community would have felt short changed with the other options and that option two had the most equipment within the budget requirements.

JA asked the Clerk what is the floor material used in option two? The Clerk informed the Council that it will be made from wet pore, similar to Tumble playground but with less of a design element. There will also be grass mat surfacing.

*JA proposed that the Council accepts option two. NT seconded the proposal. All in favour.*

**Resolved** that the Council accepts the tender made from option two.

The Clerk informed the Council that she has received an email from the Cross Hands Action Team with what equipment they would like to purchase for the playground. The suggestions sent in did not match the plans but they would like to make a contribution. The Clerk has asked how much they would like to contribute but they haven't committed with a figure yet. The Clerk spoke to all of the companies that tendered for the park and each company stated that the best option would be to extend the sensory section. Now that the Council has made a decision to use option two, the Clerk can now contact the Cross Hands Action Team to see which section of the playground they would like to contribute towards. RD asked the Council if the Clerk could provide the Action Team with a deadline to respond.

*RD proposed that the Clerk provide the Cross Hands Action Team with a reasonable deadline to respond. MJ seconded the proposal. All in favour.*

**Resolved** that the Clerk provide Cross Hands Action Team with a reasonable deadline to respond.

The Clerk thanked the Assets Committee for attending the tendering process on Monday and thanked the staff for all of their hard work during the process.

The Chair thanked the Clerk and the staff for their hard work.

***The Chair closed the meeting at 7.16pm***

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**

**(Vice-Chair)**