

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANNON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llannon Community Council
on
Wednesday 19th January 2022, 6.30pm
Held remotely via Zoom

Meeting commenced at 6:33pm

Minute no. 120 - Members Present

Cllr. M Jones (MJ)
Cllr. P Williams (PW)
Cllr. L Williams (LW)
Cllr. G L Jones (GLJ)
Cllr. LM Davies (LMD)
Cllr. S Acciaioli (SA)
Cllr. P Edwards (PE)
Cllr E Dole (ED)
Cllr EW James (EWJ)

Chairperson Councillor M Jones presided over the meeting.

Also present: C Hope - Clerk
Minutes taken by: P Hanbury

Minute no. 121 - Apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr K Thomas – illness
Cllr C Davies – illness
Cllr S Acciaioli – late arrival
Cllr D Jones – Other meeting

Minute no 122. Declarations of interest.

Cllr E Dole as Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council

Minute no 123 - To discuss correspondence received from Mr David Judd regarding St David's Day 2022.

The clerk informed members correspondence had been received from Mr David Judd regarding the 20-year anniversary of the Swiss Valley Cycle Path meeting at

Tumble. He presented some ideas and was looking for the community to lead the events.

ED – stated that it would best suit Cross Hands School as it had previously been involved.

LW – Asked if other schools had been approached

LD – no budget allocation was available

LW – respond in principle to indicate the innovative idea for the celebration, and would like an update on progress and response received

Action – Clerk to respond to Mr Judd requesting he makes contact with Cross Hands School and advises the council of the outcome.

Minute no 124 - To consider policing matters.

Members were informed of on-going anti-social behaviour on Bethesda Road, and Rev Emyr Gwyn had been subjected to further anti-social behaviour. A request was made for additional lighting with a view to reducing the route as being easy to escape from. The road is owned by Carmarthenshire County Council and will be highlighted as a safety issue in agreement with the Police.

LD – agreed the lighting would improve access to the school and park

LW – requested the Clerk to contact CC

PW – asked whether a single light or the whole lane?

Action – Clerk to write to CCC requesting lights are positioned.

The clerk also informed members present of the damage to the Christmas tree in Tumble and the staffing impact required to respond. A suspect is being interviewed on 1st February with a view to cost recovery from the family.

Minute no 125 - Confirmation of Minutes of:

a) The Hall Committee meeting held on 25th May 2021.

The clerk requested the confirmation moved forward to the next meeting as members had queries from the content of the minutes. The Clerk explained they had been produced from a recording prior to her joining the Council and she would revisit.

b) The council meeting held on 17th November 2021.

Proposal by Cllr P Williams - To agree the minutes of the Council Meeting, held on 17th November 2021

Seconded – Cllr P Edwards

All members present in favour

Resolved – Minutes of the Council Meeting, held on 17th November 2021

c) The council meeting held on 24th November 2021.

Proposal by Cllr E Dole - To agree the minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 24th November 2021

Seconded – Cllr EW James

All members present in favour

Resolved – Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 24th November 2021

d) The EGM held on 15th December 2021.

Proposal by Cllr L Williams - To agree the minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 15th December 2021

Seconded – Cllr P Williams

All members present in favour

Resolved – Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 15th December 2021

Minute no 126 - To appoint a representative to the Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Llannon.

The Clerk noted that only Cllr Christopher Davies had put his name forward for this position.

LW – Thanked Cllr C Davies for volunteering.

Proposal by Cllr EW James - To appoint Cllr C Davies as representative of the Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Llannon

Seconded – Cllr L Williams

All members present in favour except Cllr Llinos Davies

Resolved – To appoint Cllr C Davies as representative of the Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Llannon

Minute no 127 - To receive the Clerk's report for December 2021 and January 2022.

The Clerk reported back from the Ten Towns Project board where the Local Produce Food Shop and an APP for the town were well received. Llannon Community Council

would be the lead applicant for both the capital and revenue funding. Cllr E Dole and Cllr D Jones are both representatives on the Growth Panel Board with Cllr Dole and Cllr D Jones elected as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

Discussion took place regarding a social media post relating to an access road going through Mynydd Mawr Park.

Cllr Dole expressed he was aware of the information and that he had additional comments to make which were currently being responded to Ruth Lloyd.

LD – asked for the response from CC to be uploaded on the Council page for it to be shared via social media.

Tumble Hall

Works were undertaken on the ceiling of the hall, during the repairs further urgent work was identified and the contractors left the scaffolding up at no additional charge for Roger and Walford to conduct the remaining works. Painting completed and perspex screen added to the bar, also touch free hand sanitisers have been installed.

Minute no 128 - To receive a report from the Facilities Officer.

Recommendations made at the 2019 Fire Risk assessment have yet to be conducted. Fire detectors and emergency lights are not working properly. In addition, there are insufficient detectors in place. The system is completely out of date and an upgrade is urgently required. The projected cost is in the range of £7000 - £10,000 A formal quote has been requested from Dyfed Fire Alarms with a second quote to be conducted. Funding from the kitchen budget can be moved to cover the costs, for which going forward need to be budgeted.

The Clerk asked the members if they wished to approve delegated authority to proceed to start the works.

LD – Quorum of members are present, along with the Chair

PW – Agreed to delegated powers on the proviso there were two quotes to compare

LD – Agreed the budget from the kitchen is used to sort the fire report out

LW – Agreed for the Clerk to process as the issues were Health and Safety

Proposal by Cllr P Williams - To give plenary powers to the Clerk with two quotes presented, and the lowest used if appropriate

Seconded – Cllr P Edwards

All members present in favour

Resolved -To give plenary powers to the Clerk with two quotes presented, and the lowest used if appropriate

The Clerk informed members that Fire Marshall training has been undertaken by Roger and Fire Safety training by Clare, Paul and Walford.

The Evac-Chair in the hall has no one trained in its use at present. A few options were provided to the members. Potential funding was available from the Economic Resilience Fund.

LD – Asked if it was possible to source someone who has already done the training to train the members. The Clerk would investigate this.

The Clerk updated members of the bookings received to date for the hall.

LW – Asked the clerk for a list to be placed in the newspaper.

Cllr S Acciaioli joined the meeting at 19.23

The Clerk informed members that Cyfle I Bawb were starting back at the hall on the 15th of February meeting fortnightly. Due to the dwindling numbers a request had been made to help subsidise the room rental. An email has been received requesting financial assistance of £500 to support the group.

Cllr G Jones joined the meeting at 19.30

Proposal by Cllr P Williams - To provide an assistance grant of £300 to CYFLE

Seconded – Cllr L Davies

All members present in favour

Resolved – To provide an assistance grant of £300 to CYFLE

The Clerk gave the members an update of forthcoming events at the Hall. Toddler sports on Fridays, the use of white sole trainers is mandatory to limit the scuff marks made by darker soles.

Assistance from members would be welcomed for the Wizard of Oz production to be held on 25th and 26th February. Cllr L Davies offered to help in the afternoon along with Cllrs L Williams and P Williams in the evening.

The Welsh Wrestling is scheduled to take place on Friday 18th March 2022.

LD – Noted that posters placed on lamp posts is flyposting and requested that they do not flypost.

Christmas Food Parcels

Thirty-one food parcels were distributed in total through the Tumble Family centre, CCC Toy Box appeal local veterans and Impact 242.

An award of £2,300 has been received to enable more public members to access meetings.

The fees for the Skate Park have been calculated and are less than expected at £11,733.34 +VAT. Hopefully TFF funding.

People Speak Up group has requested the use of the park for a fun day. A risk assessment to be submitted.

The Clerk met with the solicitor to go through asset transfer documents that had a quick turnaround.

GJ – Asked if both quotes had been received for the works

The Clerk informed GJ that the council were waiting for the formal quotes to be returned.

Minute no 129 – To discuss the following planning applications

- a) **PL/03306** - Conversion of existing farm building into residential dwelling - Barn South of, Llechyfedach Farm, Upper Tumble, Llanelli, SA14 6EA.

No observations recorded

- b) **PL/03287** - The installation of a domestic Air Source Heat pump system - 11, Maes Becca, Llannon, Llanelli, SA14 6AX.

No observations recorded

- c) **PL/03339** - Single storey side extension to existing farmhouse - Tygwyn Farm, Llannon, Llanelli, SA14 8JR.

No observations recorded

Minute no 130 - To discuss a proposal from Caroline Ferguson (Countrywide Access Manager, CCC) to create a public bridleway from Carmarthen Road to Public Path 31/14

Cllr D Jones has expressed concerns regarding the above proposal. The Clerk advised members a site meeting would be required to establish the full extent of the request in terms of where the pathway is intended.

The following councillors expressed an interest in attending the site meeting:
Cllr M Jones, Cllr G Jones, Cllr P Williams, Cllr L Williams, Cllr W James, and Cllr D Jones.

GJ – Expressed concern regarding horses crossing whilst game play was on.

Minute no 131 – To receive Councillor’s Reports

Cllr L Williams informed members of the successful litter pick undertaken resulting in the collection of twenty bags of refuse.

Minute no 132 – To receive County Councillor’s reports

County Councillor Dole informed members that the school transport appeal had been deferred.

A complaint had been received regarding the change of use at Pont Abraham. There was a flooding risk on Carmarthen Road, Cross Hands

Minute no 133 – To discuss hanging baskets for Summer 2022

The members discussed the provision of hanging baskets for Summer 2022. Three quotes received at £17.50, £18.00, and £20.00 with quotes covering putting up, water and remove.

MJ – Asked if all quotes were local, as the previous supplier was Swiss Valley Nurseries.

The Clerk informed members the quotes were from one local, one Amman Valley and one Cardiff.

LD – Asked if the suppliers watered the baskets? And would it be worth paying extra to have it all done.

The Clerk informed members that a tender process was required due to additional cost spend.

PW – The new in-coming council could look at the possibility of employing a seasonal member of staff to cover the extra work.

The clerk informed members that a local agency was seeing a work placement for 16 weeks for a gentleman with interest in grounds maintenance.

GJ – For 50p extra suggested to stay with current provider.

Proposal by Cllr G Jones - To stay with existing provider for the hanging baskets

Seconded – Cllr L Williams

All members present in favour
Resolved – To stay with existing provider for the hanging baskets

Minute no 134 - To agree dates for the following committee meetings:

a) Environment Committee

The members present discussed the requirement of an environment committee before may, as the incoming members could look at a forward plane for the following 5 years.

LW – Expressed concern that plans already in place would not be lost, such as a wood and benches. That the funding opportunities would not be lost.

LD – Asked if there was a budget specifically for the environment? As there is no allocation at present, and should an amount be allocated?

All members agreed there was no meeting was required but wanted to ensure plans were not forgotten.

b) Hall Management Committee

The members present agreed that as the hall was due to re-open that a meeting of the hall committee was required. With the date set for:

Hall Management Committee: Wednesday 9th February 2022

c) Finance Committee

The finance meeting would take place in line with the precept setting.

The following dates were set:

Full Council Meeting: Wednesday 16th February 2022

Finance Meeting: Monday 21st February 2022

Precept Setting Meeting: Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Minute no 135 - To discuss a nomination for the Buckingham Palace Garden Parties.

Cllr M Jones expressed an interest in attending if no other member wished to go.

***Proposal by Cllr G Jones - To nominate Cllr M Jones to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.
Seconded – Cllr P Edwards***

***Cllr P Edwards, Cllr W James, Cllr G Jones all voted in favour.
Cllr L Williams, Cllr P Williams, Cllr L Davies, Cllr S Acciaioli (Abstained)***

***Cllr E Dole wished to record a retrospect agreed nomination for Cllr M Jones
to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party***

**Resolved – To nominate Cllr M Jones to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden
Party**

***In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2)
and the Local Government Act 1972, s100 (2) the meeting went in to camera at
this stage.***

Minute no 136 - To receive an update regarding the cemetery handover

The clerk gave the members present an update on the cemetery handover. There are some repairs urgently required on approx. 8-12 gravestones as they are unsafe. Training has been provided to Roger, Walford and Paul.

Some of the paperwork requires additional updating as a matter of urgency and the clerk was assured the support required would be provided.

Members expressed the need to look at setting up a Cemetery Committee for the future.

The clerk also informed members that the council was responsible for the graves located at Ebenezer Chapel also. Some members were not aware.

***At 9.00pm all members agreed to suspend standing orders to finish the last
item on the agenda.***

Minute no 137 - To discuss personnel matters.

The Clerk updated members on progress regarding issues resulting in the closure of the kitchen. All out of date stock was discarded and packaging recycled as appropriately.

Laura ended her employment at the hall on the 9th of January.

Members were informed that Walford and Roger have saved the council several thousands of pounds with the additional work that both have undertaken. Members agreed that the pay policy enabled them to award a bonus under the current rules.

***Proposal by Cllr E Dole – In line with pay policy to award £500 each to Walford
and Roger for their unfailing commitment***

Seconded – Cllr L EW James

All members present in favour

Resolved – in line with pay policy to award £500 each to Walford and Roger for their unfailing commitment

The clerk left the meeting at this point. The members were informed that the clerks probationary period ended of the 7th of December, and to approve the period was satisfactorily completed.

ED and GJ expressed that the clerk had more than proven her worth to the council and had no hesitation in agreement of fulfilled probationary period.

Proposal by Cllr G Jones – The Clerks probationary period completed satisfactorily

Seconded – Cllr E Dole

All members present in favour

Resolved – The clerks probationary period completed satisfactorily

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.15pm

Signed
Chair

Date