

**MINUTES OF LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:30PM 6TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT CAPEL Y CWM VESTRY, LLANGERNYW**

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Einir Willaims (EW) welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1.2 Present: Diane Roberts(DR), Ann Vaughan (AV) Elen H. Edwards (EHE), Garffild Lloyd Lewis (GLL), R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Gwyn Williams (GW) and Gwynfor Davies (GD)

1.3 Apologies: Clwyd Roberts and Gwydion Jones

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

GD – point number 9 on the agenda. No other declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

28th November 2018 – points raised:

- Letter to BDO not been done – DR a EHE to deal with this.
- Bench near the entrance to the Church.
- List of empty buildings – EW to send on to EHE.
- Change address on precept document – EW dealing.
- GLL to find email address for relevant Conwy Council department that deals with correspondence from the Community Council. GLL also to enquire what needs to be done to advertise for a new councillor and the steps that will need to be taken to arrange.
- Bills – GD enquired about the water bill to be paid, EW handed the bill to GD to deal.
- Gadlas – EHE enquired about two cheques to be signed.
- Dangerous bend in the road towards Llansannan – reported this to have been safe during the recent cold spell.
- Council Charter – to be put on next month’s agenda.

12th December 2018 – no points raised.

9th January 2019 – need to note Elen H. Edwards and Clwyd Roberts also present.

REW proposed the minutes to be correct apart from points raised above, seconded by EHE.

4 ROAD MATTERS AND ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Yr Hen Efail Buildings - GLL reported that he had a meeting with the owner (Annie Mackeson Sandbach) on the 29th December 2018. He reported that the owner had initially denied that the buildings were unsafe and it was discussed that planning applications in the past had been rejected. After discussions with the owner, she admitted that it is dangerous but did not want to invest to renovate the buildings. She did make two proposals to the Community Council: 1) give the buildings to the community in their current state on a leasehold for 25 years for £1 on the condition that they are used for the benefit of the community (not necessarily the Community Council) or; 2) she would consider demolishing if that is what the community wanted.

DR had been through old Community Council minutes from November 2013 concerning the buildings – Conwy Council had said on 29/6/13 that the owner had 5 years to do something with the buildings.

A discussion followed and the feeling was that the Community Council did not want to take on the burden of the buildings on a leasehold. GLL asked whether it would be an option to ask if the community had an interest in taking on the buildings and it was decided to put a

notice in the Gadlas to advertise. GLL will also write to the owner to decline the offer of the buildings on a leasehold but would rather they be demolished on behalf of the Community Council. GLL to update Linda Kettle of the discussion.

4.2 Village Prize Certificates – Protection of Rural Wales Campaign – AV reported that the Ganolfan Committee had given permission to put these up in the extension. EW to arrange purchasing frames for the certificates.

4.3 Closing the road in Pandy 20/02/19 until 03/03/19

EW raised correspondence notifying that the road is to be re-surfaced from Arfryn down to the bridge in Pandy. The correspondence isn't clear whether the road is to be closed entirely temporarily or not but it was most likely to be the case due to the road being narrow.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CR had asked for an extension to send comments as the meeting had to be postponed due to the weather last week.

5.1 Application 0/45882. EHE raised that the bedroom had to be ancillary to the main house and not to be used as a separate dwelling. No objections.

5.2 Application 0/45891. REW against changing the use from an agricultural shed as the council had previously noted that agricultural use was incorrect. It was decided to send a neutral comment back as the first application had been *sui generis*.

6 CLERK DUTIES

EW raised that Enlli Vaughan would be taking the minutes and translating them from now on and liaising with Arfon Parry to upload them to the Bro Cernyw website. Wages to be clerk pay grade - £9.02 plus travelling expenses. EW to confirm.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Bank account mandate – update from EW. Taken Ian Griffiths, Ifor Edwards and Elwen Owen off the account. EW waiting for the bank to advise to be able to arrange going forward to sort this matter.

7.2 Offer financial work to an accountant - EW to have a further discussion with Iona Edwards. EHE had sent an email to Iona Edwards to ask whether she would be prepared to take on all the financial matters that need dealing with for consistency to start April 2019 to coincide with the financial year. EW to enquire about the cost of taking on all the work.

7.3 Cronfa Bro Cernyw – late application in from Cymdiethas Rhieni ac Athrawon. EW enquired whether the Community Council would be willing to consider new applications or whether this could be dealt with on its own. It was discussed that it was convenient to have applications together but no objections to having applications throughout the year. Need to look at the guidelines before advertising next time – need a separate meeting to discuss this. Need to look into Elwen's computer to locate the electronic copy of the guidelines. This application and any others that come to hand in the meantime to be discussed in March's meeting. EW to enquire further about Menter Hiraethog.

8 REPORTS

8.1 County Councillor – Garffild Lloyd Lewis

Stag Yard - GLL has asked the owner - Antoinette Mackeson Sandbach (AMS) what her plans are for the Stag Yard. She had advised she wants to develop it into rented private housing. It was discussed that the site has been designated as an economical development. AMS didn't agree with this designation. She would have to go through the process to change the use. AMS has other ongoing projects at the moment but she will consider this in the future.

The Old Vicarage – has corresponded with the owner again. The insurance company has now settled on the staff wages. Letters are being sent to the staff from the owner about this. GLL has written again to enquire what the intention is with the building.

Community Transport Project – going to be making enquires in the 4 villages (Llangernyw, Pandy Tudur, Gwytherin and Llanfair Talhaearn) to find out whether there is enough demand for a dial-a-ride service as the feeling is that the current buses are not regular enough for residents. An application has been made. EHE still not sure how much grant is available. A questionnaire is to be sent to all houses and a surgery to be held in the villages to assess the need and discover what type of service is required. Transport for Wales has already started to look at buses in the rural communities to create better connections between town and country.

Local forums in 5 rural districts – to bridge the gap between the county and community councils to share information. A place to share the voice of the rural communities with the County Council. EHE also mentioned a workshop on the cards to bridge and feed into the forums. GLL to give feedback when he has further information. BDO still has 2 years left on tender before coming to an end.

Sign near bottom of Cefn Isaf hill – still no news. GLL has written again to enquire when the work would be done. Conwy officials have been out with GW and GLL – have promised to change the sign before the end of February.

County Council – full Council meeting at the end of February to set the budget. There will most likely be cuts on all Council departments. GLL reported that Conwy has a higher % of older people in the county than in Japan. A possibility that the council tax will raise 9% or 11%.

8.2 Diane Roberts – Un Llais Meeting *Challenges Facing Local Governments in North Wales* 16/01/19. Report on the matters discussed. Working in partnership is the way forward was the main message from the meeting. Many complaining about BDO. All councils need to be preparing annual reports, guides to be released by Un Llais soon. Next meeting at Pentrefoelas 16/04/2019. EW thanked DR for attending on behalf of the Community Council.

9 PANDY TUDUR PHONE BOX

Correspondence in from Pandy Tudur Social Committee who have made enquires about insurance but have been able to obtain quotes as they are not the owner. It is asked that the Community Council keep ownership and insure the box but the Social Committee would be responsible for the everyday running of it. GW proposed agreeing to the suggestion and EHE seconded. EW to write back to the Committee to confirm.

Discussion about the insurance – need to make sure that the telephone boxes and the storage hut in Gwytherin cemetery are insured. EW to make enquires about this.

Llangernyw Phone Box – EW has written to the School to offer it to them but has not had a response.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

Carer's Trust North Wales Crossroads Care Services asking for money. Decided not to as the Community Council supports other charities.

CVSC – relating to small grants. Decided to pass this on to Nicola Davies, Bwrlwm Bro (Cyngor Chwaraeon Bro Cernyw representative).

Need to know how long the minutes of the Community Council meetings need to be kept for as Elwen Owen has years of records. GLL to pass the contact details of Sian Branwen at the County Council to EW to make enquires on statutory length of time documents need to be kept. A discussion will then need to be had about what to do with the records as there will be historical value to the community amongst them.

11 BILLS

- Einir Williams for Elwen Owen's gift - a necklace and her and Emrys' meals at the recent dinner as a token of gratitude for all her hard work over the years. £100.50.
- Canolfan Bro Cernyw - £52 (to include membership fee and the cupboard in the Ganolfan)
- Elwen's wages - £485.76

12 LOCAL MATTERS

REW raised the matter of cutting the grass at the cemeteries. Need to advertise this in the Gadlas as soon as possible - REW to arrange. He will also call Dei to check when the contract is/was due.

- **EHE** - application for money for fibre broadband in public buildings across North Wales. Possibility to get fibre broadband in buildings where local Councils meet. EHE has declared that Pandy and Gwytherin has an interest only at for time being.

- **AV** - a tree has fallen in Llangernyw cemetery. Gwenda Cooper wasn't sure who owned the tree. REW confirmed that the tree falls within the Council's ownership. No damage to the head stones. Need to arrange clearing the tree and fixing the handrail. Decided to ask Kevin Roberts to do this - REW to ask him. AV to notify Gwenda Cooper.

Pot hole in the road between Bryn Gwylan and Bryn yr Aur, pot holes in the road by the Felin in Llangernyw. AV to notify Conwy on their website.

Bob Roberts, Ty Capel to provide bill for staining work and the estimate requested by next month.

£10 hiring charge for the meeting at the Vestry in Capel y Cwm - no objection.

- **REW** - complaint in Gwytherin after a lorry damaged house windows when driving past. Question whether it was possible to stop large lorries from going to Gwytherin, GLL to enquire whether it was possible to put signs up to warn drivers of large lorries of the narrow roads to Gwytherin. REW to report back.

- **GW** - condition of the road surface between Ffordd Buarth Cerrig from Gwytherin to Llangernyw has deteriorated over the winter. GLL to make enquires about this.

- **GD** - subsidence about fifty yards up from Plas yn Blaenau. Need to report via report it on Conwy Council's website.

- **EW** - question from a resident in Llangernyw - not enough space for school children to shelter from the rain when waiting for the school bus. Asked whether it was possible to put an extension on the current shelter. Feeling was that the shelter near the school wasn't being used and therefore the County Council wouldn't be willing to pay for an extension for the other.

Complaint about broadband speed in Gwytherin. One family get a speed of 2gb whilst another family 1 mile away get speeds of 17gb. The answer from BT was that they are in

two separate cabinets. The complaint to be passed on to GLL to chase the matter further with BT.

13 NEXT MEETING

7:30pm on 20th February 2019 at Pandy Tudur

Agenda 20th February 2019

- Charter
- Insurance

Meeting concluded 10pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan