

LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:30PM 27TH MARCH 2019 AT BRO CERNYW CENTRE

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1** Einir Willaims (EW) welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 1.2** Present: Diane Roberts (DR), Ann Vaughan (AV), R. Emlyn Williams (REW) Gwynfor Davies (GD), Elen H. Edwards (EHE), Clwyd Roberts (CR) and Gwyn Williams (GW)
- 1.3** Apologies: Garffild Lloyd Lewis (GLL) and Gwydion Jones (GJ)

EW reported at the outset of the meeting that she had recently attended a course for chairpersons of Community Councils which was interesting and very useful.

An invitation had been extended to Daisy Devero (PCSO) to attend tonight's meeting but she had sent apologies. An invitation to be extended to her again in the future.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO BE APPROVED/MATTERS ARISING

20th February 2019

- 4 Litter Collection Day. EW reported that a photo from the day is now on the website and in the Gadlas.
Hand rail at the cemetery is being dealt with, REW had also asked Kevin to mend the gate also as it has still not been done.
- 12. DR – spoken with Emyr Jones from Conwy Council, CCBC had informed NRW that there are two pipes running next to each other under the road and it seems that one is damaged. NRW/CCBC dealing – they need to establish who is responsible for carrying out remedial works. Also works being done on Tyn Pistyll road.
DR reported that Kerry Morris (Dog Unit) is dealing with dogs straying in Glan Collen.
- 6.1 – see 6.1 below.
- 6.2 – see 10 below.
- 6.3 – see 11 below.
- 6.4 – see 7.3 below.
- 6.5 – see 6.2 below.
- 7. Insurance – EW has obtained a copy of the policy via email and will go through this and report back at next meeting.

Minutes proposed correct by AV, seconded by REW.

4 ROAD MATTERS AND ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1** Correspondence received about temporary traffic control near Rhyd Eden – BT works. It was discussed that the Council don't receive notification about all local road works. Need to know when roads are going to be closed, no issues when routine maintenance works is arranged and the use of traffic control in such instances.
- 4.2** Garden waste collection fees. This is for the Council's information only. There is currently a community skip on a monthly basis. Individuals to respond if desired.
- 4.3** Rural Conwy Tidy Communities Project - Bro Cernyw. EHE has sent correspondence on. AV has completed an application on behalf of the Gardening Club for flowers, paint and gardening equipment – good idea to get people together to make improvements in the three villages - £500 available.

Application for litter picking equipment and jackets has been made by Llangernyw Merched y Wawr for Bro Cernyw. If the application is successful, the equipment would be available to other organisations in the three villages to borrow from MyW Llangernyw.

The project's intention is to encourage different groups to contribute to their local community. The Gardening Club and MyW were thanked for taking part. A training pack is available from the CCBC. Community Council to assist in marketing in the three villages.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Application 0/46021. Appeal has been received, application to proceed with some conditions.

5.2 Application 0/45967. A previous application for change of use of an outbuilding to a dwelling has been discussed by the Council. Objection submitted by the neighbours. Discussion that the roads to the property are unsuitable and the location was deemed odd to sell cars. No local enquiry was carried out prior to the application. There was concern that if consent was given the business could grow and be sold on. Following discussion, it was decided to support the application on the condition that a personal condition not to overdevelop was noted on the permission.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 Town and Country Council Charter

EHE reported that the County Council is going to be looking into this shortly as it needs updating. Decided to leave on the agenda until an updated version has been received to be reviewed at such time.

6.2 Empty seat in Llangernyw ward

EW has asked Sian Branwen at the County Council about the process, EW to email back to notify that Gerallt has resigned and for information about how to proceed/the correct process to follow. Councillors also to ask if there is interest in the position.

Also need to contact Tracey, Llandudno's Clerk or Ross Morgan, Llanrwst Clerk about how long to keep Council historical documents.

EHE thanked Enlli Vaughan for preparing the minutes and commented how tidy they were. Recent minutes are all now available bilingually on the Bro Cernyw website. EW thanked Enlli Vaughan for dealing.

7 MONITORY MATTERS

7.1 Bank mandate

Frustration at the process with the bank. The bank has discarded the application therefore this needs to be started again.

GD had been to the bank at Mold – had received a form to change the name of the second account to 'Cronfa Bro Cernyw'. Needs to be completed and returned to the bank.

Elwen Owen's name still on correspondence from the bank, need to write a letter to change this and for two signatories to sign said letter and return to the bank. The bank also needs to see a copy of the minutes when it was decided that the name should be changed. EW to speak with Dylan Owen.

7.2 Cemeteries upkeep tender

One tender had been received last month from Dei Evans – no others have been received. Tender for £400 a cut. Decided to accept the tender. REW to inform Dei.

7.3 Additional points:

Iona Edwards – has agreed to take on the VAT work. EW reported that Iona Edwards would rather the council carries on dealing with the accounts and she would deal with the VAT aspect and auditing the accounts only. EW to enquire with Iona if Gwenda Cooper still needs to audit the accounts internally.

Enlli's wages – need to set up a process for her to submit hours and payment to be made. Decided that Enlli is to send her hours monthly via email to the Community Council email address and also to Iona (Accountant), for Iona then to respond to confirm how much is to be paid so Gwynfor/Diane can arrange payment.

8 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

See County Councillor's March newsletter at the end of the minutes.

9 EISTEDDFOD GENEDLAETHOL

On the agenda as a discussion was held at last meeting – nothing further to be done at the moment regarding decorations etc as the site of the Eisteddfod is being considered in light of the recent flooding.

Exhibition at the Cwm, to ask the school what the plans are.

EHE mentioned that there are plans in the works in motion to arrange trips around the surrounding villages during the Eisteddfod week. REW asked if an application had been made to change the use of the money allocated from Cronfa Bro Cernyw, EHE reported that nothing had been arranged yet but this could be discussed further as Llangernyw had met the fund raising target of £10,000 and the money would be better spent to benefit the community by contributing towards transport for visitors etc.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- BDO update – councillors glad that this is coming to an end.
- Wales Independent Panel and acknowledgement fee - waiting for further correspondence.
- Eisteddfod yr Urdd – monitory application for the Eisteddfod. Decided not to contribute as the Eisteddfod is in Cardiff.
- Application for money from Air Ambulance – decided not to give as there are local events to raise money for this cause.
- Playing Scheme – Task and Finish. EHE to report back from the meetings as she will be attending with her work. Decided that a second councillor need not attend, but this was left open for the future. Discussed that there is more use of local playgrounds and parks rather than spending money on expensive days out for families.
 - Pwyllgor Cymdeithasol Pandy Tudur - thanking the Council for keeping ownership of the telephone box.

11 BILLS

- Un Llais Cymru – Membership Application. Decided at the last meeting that it was a good idea to continue with the membership. EHE and GW disappointed with the provision. Felt that Un Llais needed to be more independent. GD proposed that a question be raised in the annual conference why there isn't better representation in the North. EW signed the membership application. Decided to carry on with the membership and pay the fee of £155.
- Conwy CBC Transport Match Funding – decided to pay £132.42.
- Chairperson Course - £40. To be paid.
- Howell Jones Cyfreithwyr Solicitors – two invoices: 1) Application for adverse possession £400; 2) Voluntary Registration £270.00. Both to be paid together.
- Kevin Roberts, recent works at the cemetery as discussed at last meeting: £420. To be paid.
- Bob Roberts, Tŷ Capel for staining - £140 to be paid.

12 LOCAL MATTERS

DR – reported that the next Un Llais meeting is at Pentrefoelas next week.

AV – Meira Woosnam has said that the bench will be ready soon, need to arrange someone to install the bench. Decided to ask Kevin Roberts, if he wasn't available, Dyfrig Howatson to be asked.

Water across the road near Glanrafon recently, twigs and branches blocking the pipe again.

EHE – water on the road going out of the village during the recent floods. DR advised that Conwy are dealing.

REW – damage on the bridge near Tyn y Bryn – EW to contact Conwy.

GD – road signs need to be cleaned. EW to contact Garffild.

GW – sign Cefn Isaf is now correct. Trees have been cut in hedges recently, help with road visibility. To report back to Garffild that this has been done.

13 CRONFA BRO CERNYW APPLICATIONS

Decided to discuss both applications fully at the next meeting.

Amgueddfa Syr Henry Jones has asked for a contribution towards preparing a booklet about Bro Cernyw's connections with the National Eisteddfod. EHE asked if it could be agreed to report back to the Museum as time is of the essence (the booklet is to be published in time for the Eisteddfod in August). £1,000 has been applied for – 80% of the cost of the project. Discussed that this is an important project for the community. Decided to report back so the Museum could carry on with the project, that the Council will support the application but not confirming how much until the matter is discussed fully at the next meeting.

14 NEXT MEETING

1st May 2019 at Gwytherin Centre

Meeting concluded 9:45pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan

Councillor Garffild Lloyd Lewis Newsletter, March 2019

At the start of a new financial year, I'd like to take this opportunity to place on record some of my work over the last few months.

Setting the County Council's budget for 2019/20 was a very difficult process. As a result of a very poor financial Settlement from Welsh Government, inflation and increasing pressures on our Social Care and Education services, Conwy Council faced a shortfall of around £ 15 million when we set the budget. As the Settlement accounts for approximately 75% of the Council's budget, we had to find the savings within the remainder of the budget, with the result that Council Tax had to be raised by 9.6%, school budgets were cut 3.2%, Social Care 4% and the remainder of our Council services 7%. It was a difficult decision for us as a Cabinet, and I am very aware of the impact this will have on individuals and families who will have to pay more Council Tax, and schools, teachers and pupils who will see the pressure in our schools again this year.

Whilst on the one hand dealing with cuts this year, on the other hand, we have to look forward too, and in the field of Education there will be an investment of around £ 40 million to improve schools and build new schools over the next 5 years. A new Education Curriculum and new methods of teaching and learning will also reach our schools, and a new measure introduced to protect the rights of young people with Additional Learning Needs with the advent of the new ALN Reform Bill.

Turning to local issues. Over a year has elapsed since the fire that destroyed the Old Vicarage Care Home. I have been working with former employees of the Home to try to secure their employment rights and we have recently been informed that the insurance company has agreed to discuss with each individual in order to try to secure a fair settlement. Unfortunately the news is not so good about the Home itself, as the owners' bank has decided to keep all the insurance money leaving nothing left to rebuild the Home. In a recent meeting with the owners I was told that they are still eager to rebuild, and that they are looking for other sources of funding to do so.

The condition of the Old Smithy building in the centre of the village has deteriorated significantly over recent years, and following complaints from individuals and the Community Council, I had a meeting with the owner, Mrs Annie Mackeson-Sandbach over the Christmas period. She acknowledged that something needed to be done with the site, and offered to donate the Old Smithy to the village on a long term lease, with certain conditions – such as a guarantee that the building would be used for the benefit of the village and the community. She asked me to convey her offer to the Community Council or any other group or organisation in the village, and I did that in the last meeting of the Council. Whilst appreciating the proposal, members did not see the proposal as acceptable or appropriate in terms of the Community Council's responsibilities.

I would therefore like to appeal to any group or association to contact me if you are interested in Mrs Mackeson-Sandbach's proposal. If there is no interest, it seems that demolishing the Old Smithy would be the only other option.

I have mentioned many times before that I am keen to try to establish some sort of Community Transport scheme in the area. With the help of Elen Edwards and the County Council's Rural Team, grant funding has been obtained to carry out a survey and questionnaire to try and measure the level of demand in the area for such a service. I hope that a questionnaire will go to every home in Llangernyw, Pandy Tudur, Gwytherin and Llanfair TH in due course. It was decided not to include Pentrefoelas as the village is on the A5 and the nature of the public transport services are quite different there.

And in Pentrefoelas - after many months of campaigning and working with the Community Council and Conwy and Denbighshire County Councils and the Police, the Welsh Government has agreed to pay for average speed measuring cameras on part of the road between Pentrefoelas and Denbigh, which is known as the 'Evo Triangle'. A number of accidents have occurred in this area, and speeding and reckless driving has been a problem for years. The cameras should be installed on the A543 by the end of March, and a bid has been submitted to the Welsh Government for a grant to put similar cameras on the opposite side of the 'triangle', which is the B4501 down to Cerrig.

Also in Pentrefoelas, I recently had the pleasure of visiting Meryl and the staff at Bryn yr Eglwys Care Home to see exciting plans to build a new modern extension to the home. This is a major investment and will be a very valuable asset to the area and the community. It is hoped that the work will be completed within a year.

I also recently had the pleasure of taking Iwan Davies, Chief Executive, and Jane Richardson, Conwy County Borough Council's Director of Economy and Place around the Ward. I had invited them so they could get to know the area better and understand our strengths and problems. Thanks to Dewi Pentre Wern, Gwydion Ty'n y Ffynnon, Gwynfor and the team at Brodwaith and Einir Ty'n Bryn for the welcome and for some very interesting and useful discussions.

As a local Councillor I have supported a large number of individuals and families in the Ward in areas such as planning, roads, education, care and benefits - all of which are of course personal

and confidential matters which I can't include here, and I am proud and happy that the residents of the area contact me regularly by e-mail and phone, and are able to call by Cymerau when they need advice and assistance.

Finally - the monthly community recycling skip scheme has been a great success and a very valuable resource. Also on recycling, I would like to thank the hardworking and enthusiastic crew who have been out in all weathers clearing rubbish from the roads and footpaths in the area.

It's been a busy, exciting and difficult year at times - so thank you very much for your help, support and friendship, and for the privilege of being your elected representative on Conwy Council. ***Garffild***