

LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 22TH SEPTEMBER 2021
(VIRTUAL MEETING VIA 'ZOOM' WEBSITE DUE TO COVID-19)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Ann Vaughan (AV), Gwynfor Davies (GD), Einir Williams (EW), Diane Roberts (DR), Mark Davies (MD) & Gwydion Jones (GJ)

1.3 Apologies: Garffild Ll Lewis (GLL), Gwyn Williams (GW)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 28TH JULY 2021

Proposed correct by EW and seconded by REW.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Nothing to raise.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/48724: (application already approved) no remarks.

5.2 0/48732: (application already approved) no remarks. EW advised about agricultural pollution rules that are coming into effect, it is likely similar applications will be received.

6 MONITORY MATTERS

6.1 DR asked if the audit can be placed on October's agenda.

6.2 GD had received a letter from the bank to advise they are changing the current account, they are closing community accounts and changing them to new charity accounts from 1st November 2021, they will be charging a monthly fee for the account and will be charging various other fees. If the Council does not accept the new terms, the account will be closed. DR raised that she has experienced this issue with Merched y Wawr and Show and that the Plaid Cymru account had been closed. DR reported that Santander was the only bank that would offer a new account but that there was nothing to say they would not do the same in the future. EW raised that there did not seem to be much point moving banks under the circumstances. REW felt that the Council should write to the local MP (David Jones in particular) regarding this issue. CR asked for the Councillor's opinions. EW asked for more time to consider and discuss at next meeting to see what would be possible regarding electronic payments. To discuss next month.

7 COUNCIL MATTERS

7.1 EW informed the Councillors that there must be an option available for people (councillors and members of the public) to be able to join digitally in each meeting (multi-location). She asked if the time had come for the Council to purchase a new laptop to take to each in-person meeting as an additional screen if a member of the public wished to join electronically. MD asked if there was sufficient internet capability in Gwytherin and Pandy Tudur, REW & EW confirmed that Gwytherin's connection is strong enough. GD did not believe there was connection in Pandy Tudur.

CR asked for the Councillors' opinion on re-commencing meetings in the three villages, REW felt that this was a duty, DR was concerned about meeting in confined spaces. CR noted that the three locations are large. He decided that the meetings would stay on zoom for the time

being. EW advised that there was a grant available from the County Council to purchase a zoom licence. All were in agreement for EW to deal with this and to pay herself (if necessary) and obtain a refund from the Council.

7.2 Still an issue, CR had been corresponding with GLL today. Although Go Safe were supposed to come to the village in July, it appears that there is a problem with the local authority therefore they have not attended. CR has not had a response about what the problem appears to be. Letter received from Stephen & Anette Lockier about speeding between the row of houses and Felin on the way out of the village towards Llanrwst. Complaint about speeding and that a vehicle hit their fence recently. CR to respond to the letter and will report that the Council is doing its best to find a solution. MD also raised that a 20mph sign should be erected on this part of the road as it is narrow.

AV raised that the 20mph signs have been moved in the village and are now easier to see.

AV had received a phone call from a County Council member of staff recently regarding the 20mph in the village. They had offered a flashing 20mph sign. Merched y Wawr are also concerned about this issue and feel that the signs should be purchased for the local children's safety.

DR had emailed the County Council asking if she could paint 20mph signs on the road, she has not yet had a response! All were agreed that something needs to be done to prevent an accident from occurring.

AV asked about purchasing signs. She had discussed with Berwyn Evans from Llansannan who said they've experienced similar issues with obtaining flashing 20mph signs there also. REW proposed passing the matter on to GLL. CR raised that GLL is already aware of the matter.

7.3 CR discussed ongoing remedial works on footpaths.

7.4 EW discussed the consultation and the clerk qualifications. EW had made enquires and it appears that this is going to be huge problem. It appears that this is one of the three points that Community Councils needs to be qualified: electoral process, having a clerk with qualifications and two consecutive years of faultless audit.

MD asked how many other councils do not have clerks. Discussion that this is a large problem. EW asked DR if Un Llais had an opinion about this. DR had not heard that Un Llais had raised this but that they do have online courses, she will make enquires and report back. Need to know where the Council stands if it is not 'qualified'. All agreed for EW to respond to the consultation and to reiterate that Llangernyw County Council does not have a clerk.

7.5 DR had received a complaint that the grass in Llangernyw cemetery had not been cut prior to a recent funeral. Discussion that the grass may need to be cut more frequently next year, weather has played a part this year over the summer months.

REW raised that cemetery matters need to be discussed.

GJ joined meeting 8:25pm

CR will arrange cemeteries meeting prior to next meeting. REW raised that branches had fallen in Llangernyw cemetery.

7.6 Discussed 7.1 above.

8 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report received in GLL's absence.

9 BILLS

9.1 Enlli: £156.22, agreed to pay.

9.2 Ednyfed Vaughan renew cemetery gates: £495.84, agreed to pay.

- 9.3** REW received invoice for cutting grass from Dei Evans, £570, agreed to pay together with August invoice for £420, total £990.
- 9.4** GD has paid invoice for skips.
- 9.5** AV invoice for bulbs and flowers, bench for Pandy Tudur and stain for Gwytherin, total £271.25. Agreed to pay. Grant available for this as discussed during last meeting.
- 9.6** Accountant: £60 for wages work for year 2020-2021, agreed to pay.

10 LOCAL MATTERS

GD raised that a number of road signs need to be cleaned.

EW a member of the public had brought her attention to a yurt in Felin Isaf, Gwytherin and that it was being let as a holiday let through Air BnB, no planning application made for this. Need to make enquires.

Had received a complaint about a tree in Gwytherin cemetery as it was dangerous, EW had been there and could not see there to be a problem but need to make enquires about the yew trees (in Gwytherin and Llangernyw). AV raised that a risk assessment could be undertaken. DR had contacted the County Council regarding the trees in the Remembrance Garden but no response received. Asked if Andy Fowler of Nant Conwy Tree Services could be asked for a quote. EW to make enquires through her work also.

AV had received a complaint about the road that passes the chapel in Gwytherin, potholes, will use Report It. REW had passed and not noticed a problem.

Grant available to grow trees and to grow orchard/hedges, school children could have trees for free to create an orchard at school.

DR raised that 20mph signs need to be considered in Gwytherin, speeding in the village over summer.

New building being erected near Lodge, Hafodunos and also a new house being built in the middle of the trees, and public footpath moved.

Bench in Llangernyw not safe and request for another bench in another location without the worry of slipping on the grass.

Had received a complaint and a request if the 30mph sign near Fedwen Arian could be move further away from the village towards Hafodunos, the road is narrow and the signs are quite late approaching the village. DR to make enquiries with Wil Roberts, Highways Officer at Conwy Council to discuss further. Also public footpath needs to be cleared, will use Report It for this.

Had received a question about what has happened to the two crosses on the cemetery gates in Llangernyw, asked if the two stainless steel crosses could be put back instead of the new ones that have been put in place. GD noted that the gates were previously black and the crosses stood out as they were silver colour.

CR raised that GW had advised that a static caravan at Llwyn Llydan and asked if planning permission had been granted for it. CR to make enquires about this.

11 NEXT MEETING

27th October 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting concluded 9pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan