

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2023

1. Present: Cllr H.Wright, J Borthwick, E.Williams, G.Morris, G.C.Evans, R.Griffith, A.Evans,M.Parry, J.McGuire,G.Butler , PCSO David Jones and Clerk the meeting was chaired by Cllr Ruth Griffith
2. Apologies – all councillors were present
3. Declaration of Interest – Cllrs G.Butler in application 18/2023/0118 – Vron Yw and Cllr Parry in all planning matters
4. Community Policeman

An enquiry had been made by the Community Council aboutt the recorded road traffic accidents around the Waen/Green/Brynllys area over the past twelve months and PCSO Jones confirmed there had been four over the twelve months January,February,May and January 2023 but luckily there had been no injuries

There was concern about the speed of traffic along that stretch of road and Cllr Parry was going to see if DCC Highways would be willing to supply speed monitoring equipment and share the information with NWP

PCSO Jones confirmed that there had been reports of a suspicious vehicle in the area with the driver offering to undertake gardening work etc and thanked the public for being vigilant and reporting such incidents – helps the police to build up a picture.

There had been a daytime burglary into an insecure building on the Bodfari Road and PCSO Jones advised everybody to lock their buildings and invest in a basic security - camera linked to mobile phone, security lights, secure locks set up a what's app neighbour group so if a phone is alerted all neighbours can be contacted immediately

There had been two incidents with a rogue dog attacking other dogs in and around the village – the owner of the dogs that suffered did not wish to press charges and therefore the Police had limited powers save to offer advice to the dog owner

There were two incidents around the Llangwyfan area involving member of the public and resident out on exercise with carers – one was a physical assault the other extremely challenging reaction when advised they were on private land – MCH are acutely aware of the incidents and are in touch with the person affected and the matter will be brought up in the next Liason meeting

5. Correspondence – had been circulated prior to meeting
DCC – Homelessness support project – briefing
Press release re the AONB meeting
Planning – 6 Maes Clwyd – agenda item
Remuneration Report – County Councillors allowances etc
Denbighshire Voluntary Services – Volunteer network meeting
One Voice Wales – membership request
Report from Phillip Burrows – Digital Officer – already circulated
Planning – Wern Farm – agenda item
Pre application Creamery site – to be discussed when an application is submitted
Playground Inspection Report – to be circulated and discussed at future meeting
E mail re incidents at Llangwyfan

E mail re illuminated sign by school – unlikely to be repaired in near future due to budgetary restrictions

6 Confirmation of minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the February meeting as presented were a true record of proceedings and they were signed by the Chair

7 Matters Arising

Shop project – had submitted another grant application and launching a community share initiative next month

School Governor – Cllr Borthwick agreed Clerk to contact Chair of Governors

Notice of co option – there had been no responses to the notice of intention to co opt – ongoing

8 Reports

Cllr G.C.Evans reported that the Headmaster of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd was moving to Ysgol Pen y Bryn, Colwyn Bay.

G Butler gave a report on a meeting of AONB Champions held in Llysfas on 2 nd March 2023 which was attended by representatives of communities from throughout the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The meeting relaunched “AONB Champions for Communities” and it is intended to meet as a group every six months although officers will be available to the champions at any time for feedback or advice. The meeting was very interesting and included an update on

Progress of the potential National Park status;

a Heritage Lottery funded project called Picturesque Landscape which is concentrated on Llangollen area An excellent computer generated film of Dee Valley Past and Present can be seen on www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk

Dark Sky Initiative .

9. Financial Report

Current account as per statement 483 £18,604.20

Business account as per statement 185 £19,397.77

The above statements have been scanned and sent to the Chair and Vice Chair to confirm that the amounts reported are correct.

10 Matters for payment

JA Jones	Cae nant duties	£78.26
RB Davies	wages	£148.58
HMRC	NI and Tax	£56.40
Play Inspection	Annual inspection	£78.00
One Voice Wales	membership	£168.00

Request for financial assistance – the following have been received during the financial year

St Kentigern	£100
Eisteddfod Llangollen	
Ty Gobaith	£100
Tuesday Club	£100

Clerks Wages

You may remember that November 2022 I reported to you that there was an increase in clerks wages – ongoing since April 2022 but not settled published November 2022 – appendix attached

Situation as follows – pay at April 2021 at SCP 12 £11.73 per hour increased to £12.73 per hour from April 2022 therefore request that the pay next month be increased from £11.73 to £12.73 per hour backdated to April 2021

The finance sub group also agreed to pay an additional £500 per annum for the additional work involved with preparation for meetings etc and to date that has not been claimed so I request that I am able to claim that next month nett of tax and NI that will safeguard you as an employer.

SCP	1 April 2021		1 April 2022		Scale Ranges
	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
1	£18,333	£9.53	£20,258	£10.53	Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
2	£18,516	£9.62	£20,441	£10.62	
3	£18,887	£9.82	£20,812	£10.82	
4	£19,264	£10.01	£21,189	£11.01	
5	£19,650	£10.21	£21,575	£11.21	LC1 (5-6) (below substantive range)
6	£20,043	£10.42	£21,968	£11.42	
7	£20,444	£10.63	£22,369	£11.63	LC1 (7-12) (substantive benchmark range)
8	£20,852	£10.84	£22,777	£11.84	
9	£21,269	£11.05	£23,194	£12.06	
10	£21,695	£11.28	£23,620	£12.28	
11	£22,129	£11.50	£24,054	£12.50	
12	£22,571	£11.73	£24,496	£12.73	
13	£23,023	£11.97	£24,948	£12.97	
14	£23,484	£12.21	£25,409	£13.21	LC1 (13-17)

The council agree to the above pay rise

It was also agreed through the viring process to transfer funds from reserves to pay for a sum of money circa £540 to pay for a hundred mugs to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles and these to be given to each child of school age in the village.

11. Planning

application	18/2023/0158
proposal	Erection of single storey extension to front of dwelling
location	6 Maes Clwyd, Llandyrnog
Community council observations	No objections

application	18/2023/0120
proposal	Change of use of stable to dog day care centre retrospective application
location	Wern farm llandyrnog
Community council observations	<p>Whilst supporting the principle the application the community council are also aware of the concerns of the neighbours regarding air borne sound and therefore a sound reduction plan needs to be a condition of any planning permission that may be granted</p> <p>It was felt that the offer of anti dog barking devices was somewhat a token gesture and a robust sound reduction plan that should be agreed with both the Planning and Environmental Health who are aware of the residents concerns and should include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walls of proposed kennels be lined with sound absorbing panels - and consideration give to lining the Onduline sheeting • erect a soundproof fence along the north and north east boundary along with landscaping which when established would assist to absorb some of the noise emanating that particular area - again proprietary sound proofing fencing panels are easily available . <p>There should be a management plan confirming that there will be staff on site for the full working hours.</p> <p>Whilst wishing the business well - the consultation does clearly show there is a need for it - there does need to be some more investment in sound proofing to address the neighbours concerns</p>
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application	18/2023/0118
proposal	Change of use of part of the existing dwelling - class 3 use – to form a guest house and b & b accommodation – class C1 use
location	Fron Yw Manor
Community council observations	<p>Whilst difficult to object to the principle the following concerns were raised which I trust you will be able to address before issuing your decision</p> <p>In order to minimise the impact of vehicular movement, noise and light on the adjoining property the parking should be re positioned to the north west of the building - as it stands any car headlights sweeping into the car parking bays as shown will shine straight into the living area of neighbouring properties</p> <p>having re positioned the parking the treatment of the boundary between the said properties should be conditioned - type, height, landscaping etc this will also reduce the impact on neighbouring property especially from the use of the large patio that has recently been installed and a 1800 retaining wall which is bound to be used for entertaining purposes and therefore best to mitigate now.</p> <p>Biodiversity - the area is well known for badgers - a report should be provided confirming there are either no signs of badger movement or activity and if there are then mitigation</p>

	<p>measures should be taken. There may well be other protected species or even if not protected they should be offered the same protection</p> <p>Highways - can the narrow lane from Llangwyfan Church to Rhiwbebyll accommodate the additional traffic considering there is another application on the former Llangwyfan Garage/ Wards site - no traffic assessment has been carried out and the applicant should be required to submit this before the Highways department commit - there is a major employer in the immediate vicinity and they have peak vehicular flow times - change of shifts - and the traffic assessment should be carried out during those times not the quiet in between times - as a community council we are regularly reminded of the mayhem on the roads during these change of shift times but this does not relate directly to this application just sharing local information</p>
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Members Items

- Dog owners disposing of the dog poo bags in the salt bin by London Bridge – DCC unlikely to fit a dog poo bin due to it's remote location and owners to be educated to dispose of their bags responsibly – should we consider a sign on the bin reminding owners not to dispose of poo bags?
- The LFSA required a copy of the public liability for Cae Nant – Clerk to forward electronic copy
- Due to the gates being left open at Cae Nant children had been witnessed running into the B5429

There being no other business the meeting finished at 9:10pm

Signed.....

