

Minutes of the meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council held on 20th June 2023

1. Present: Cllrs R.Griffiths, G.Butler,E.Williams,E.Morris,G.C.Evans, M.Parry,J.McGuire . Two members of the public and Clerk. Cllr Griffith chaired the meeting
2. Apologies: Cllrs A.Evans, H.Wright,J. Borthwick
3. Declaration of Interest : Cllr Parry in all planning matters
4. Community Policeman – note from PCSO David Jones re incident of dangerous dog in Maes Clwyd being investigated and he would attend Tuesday club soon to give practical advice on home security
5. Correspondence
 - Jobs fair Ruthin
 - Community Ownership fund – the shop had accessed this successfully
 - DCC Micro Provider initiative
 - Update on coronation tree
 - Note from PCSO David Jones
 - 20 IS Plenty – information
 - DVCS Bulletin – circulated
 - DCC acknowledgement re Japanese knotweed at Llangwyfan
 - DCC properties in Llandyrnog – some movement on Kinmel Terrace
 - Planning : 18/2023/0237 – Cwm Hyfryd
 - Planning 18/2023/0120 – change of use of stable to dog day care facility at Wern Llandyrnog
 - PCSO – speed monitoring guns now available and services offered – suggest monitoring at Capel Dyffryn and Ty Coch/Nyth yr Hebog to monitor cars entering the village
 - DCC Naming of new estate – Maes Penpalmant
6. Matters Arising
 - Cae nant gates – would closing the gates reduce the risk of children entering the road – it was decided that closing the gates was not an option – it would lead to inconsiderate parking which would be an equal hazard
 - Shop shares - had sold well and in the region of £50k

7. Reports

AONB Champions Meeting 15 th June in Loggerheads

Interesting meeting attended by several other community councils within AONB

We received an overview of the Management Plan which was published in September 2022, copy I will leave with the clerk.

Presentation on work with agriculture within the AONB (Huw Morgan happy to visit and give advice to any landowner and can advise on and even submit grant applications)

Progress of the National Park designation – additional areas to be added to the present AONB boundary so it may go as far as Powys castle, certainly to include areas of The Berwyn Mountains as this will add areas of “wilderness”. They expect it to be discussed in the Senedd who have pledged to make a decision during this term (therefore by 2025/26). It is up to NRW to make the submission but Senedd will determine the application.

Very interesting presentation on a project to protect the rapidly declining population of curlews.

Curlews can live 30+ years and are often seen on mudflats at the sea side but they come inland to breed. Their ground breeding habitat has been changed so much by agricultural practice (silage cutting at crucial times of the fledging season for example) that they have lost 80% of the population since 1980s. The Senior Ranger has researched the areas where curlew are still found nesting (Llandegla / Bryneglwys for example) and has worked with farmers to protect them. May be necessary to remove endangered nests and incubate eggs then release the birds later.

(Did you know that many rare migratory birds come here to breed- ring ouzels visit Pencloddiau and nightjars are heard in Llangwyfan forest.

Each area has a ranger – AONB are happy to attend community meetings.

Ruthin Hospital League of Friends AGM 8/6/23

The usual elections – all remain in post.

L of F has an excellent treasurer who went through the recent expenditure – purchase of clinical equipment, contribution towards the refurbishment of reception and new tea bar which is now fully open. L of F have bought a very good coffee machine (fresh ground beans) for the tea bar which is available 24/7. Although you need £1.50 in actual money for a cup of coffee it does every variation (flat white, latte etc) so this is rather a bargain.

Reports from various contributors including matron (of Ruthin and Denbigh) who said adverts for nursing staff are being sent out. There are 23 beds all full (although fewer than pre pandemic days as they have retained spacing to assist with infection control)

BCHUB representative also spoke of ongoing challenges and feels it will be necessary to change expectations and the mindset regarding how the NHS is used by the public in the future, but also the way hospital service are run and the relationship with social care.

A Summer Fete will be held on 15 th July in the hospital grounds between 10 – 1 pm, all welcome.

LDP Meeting 15 th June – County Hall, Ruthin

Meeting attended by Arwyn Evans and Emyr Morris

Informal meeting presented by the Planning Team. Candidate sites maps, Completed assessment forms and NRW Flood Maps available for inspection.

1. When will you require representation from C.C.

There is no specific date stipulated at the moment but it is expected that it will be around the end of this year. (2023)

2. Timetable of public consultation / what will be the format

No formal date or information available at this stage but expected to be in 2024. It has not yet been decided if these will follow previous such public LDP meetings which in Llandyrnog was held in the village hall. More information will follow.

It is expected that the new Denbighshire LDP will be in place in 2025

3. They have already completed visits and assessments of all the candidate sites covering areas such as – agricultural land, any NRW issues etc These are categorised Green, Amber, Red.

Copies of these we only available at the meeting and should be included with the pack of information for Community Council consideration.

4. Number of houses will be NEEDS not target led

5. Policy on affordable housing – there will be an opportunity to comment on issues such as 1 in 10 ratio etc and local demand, if any for affordable houses for both buying and renting.

6. Policy on affordable housing – can request a copy from Council Strategic Dept.

7. Issue of National Park potential in Denbighshire before LDP ends in 2033 – whilst there is nothing specific to consider at this time in regards to any changes to AONB but these would

be taken into consideration as and when changes happen.

8. Previous work done on the LDP prior to Covid by the CC will have been considered and it is recommended that this is revisited in terms of its current suitability when making our response.

8. Financial Report

Statement 487 Current account £18,099.91

Statement 188 Business account £19,462.73

9. Matters for payment – all members agreed to pay the amounts shown below

HMRC	Tax and NI	£63.40
J A Jones	Cae Nant Duties	£78.26
R B Davies	Wages	£176.65
One Voice Wales	Training Community Engagement Module II Emyr Morris	£38.00

10 Planning

application	18/2023/0237
proposal	Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of fodder/implements including sheep pens, two stable formation of access track and associated works
location	Cwm hyfryd Llandyrnog
Community council response	<p>The original comments stand</p> <p>'The council considered the shed to be disproportionately large for the size of the holding and the justification statement is unclear</p> <p>There is no indication as to the expected frequency of vehicular movement . although the shed has been repositioned to the detriment of the neighbouring property Clwyd Bank and there is very minimal information regarding the frequency of vehicles</p> <p>revision 6 as presented lacks detail in terms of landscaping etc and does not demonstrate measures to reduce the visual impact from the B5429</p>

	<p>The shed is located much too from Cwm Hyfryd and does not form a logical extension in any shape or form and presumably there is no holding number and therefore would not be covered under agricultural permitted development rights</p> <p>The council are unable to support the application in it's current amended form</p>
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application	18/2023/0120
proposal	Change of use of stable to dog day care centre facility
Location	Wern, Llandyrnog
Community council response	<p>The yard and buildings – former stables - which was the source of most of the noise that affected the nearest neighbours has now been shown as internal stable area for rest/ sleep rather than exercising so presumably the noise from that area will reduce however included in the amended retrospective application is a large field which will be used for 'lead walks' however this is going to be difficult if not impossible to actually monitor whether or not the dogs are on leads or not – presumably if they are on leads the person exercising the dog will have more control of their barking and if there are only two staff presumably the dogs will be taken maximum four at a time assuming each staff takes two dogs of course</p> <p>There are concerns that the public protection officers subjective noise monitoring – Tuesday 18th May for an hour from 11:52 to 12:52, Friday 26th May from 9:35 to 10:35 and Wed 7th June 14:43 to 15:42 does not according to neighbours reflect the situation properly and the community council would like the public protection officers to monitor for full days from the time of arrival to time of leaving make a judgement on the results of those tests.</p> <p>Although the stables are now shown as areas for rest of sleep the reality of situation is that it is impossible to train a dog to 'sleep' at any given hour and inevitably when taken to these buildings they will bark and therefore – as had been mentioned – there will need to be full – not token – noise mitigation measures agreed within an agreed time limit - it has been mentioned previously the investment in noise mitigation is minimal to say the least</p> <p>Although the community council does support the development in principle since clearly there is a need for such facility and to encourage farm diversity however a number of conditions need to be attached to any permission to ensure that the very real concerns of neighbours about the noise is addressed and monitored. The community council would like this matter to be</p>

	discussed at full council to give all parties a fair hearing and a site meeting if possible.
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Members Items

1. Cllr Butler had kindly agreed to represent the community council at the Raising the Flag day at Ruthin on 15th June
2. Cllr Morris – the share issue had raised circa £50k and awaiting result of a community facility grant which was imminent
3. Clerk report that the Audit was complete needed to be signed by the Chair and would call a meeting to sign off the returns before submission to Wales Audit Office

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