

Minutes of the meeting of the Llandyrnog Community Council on the 17th April 2018

Present: A.Evans G.Butler,M.Parry,H.Wright,G.C.Evans,E.Williams,
R.Griffith;P.Gore Rees,A.Thomas

Apologies: A.Rowley Williams

The meeting was chaired by R.Griffith

1.0) Community Policeman

Had confirmed receipt of minutes but unable to attend but more than happy to receive any issues of concern.

No issues of concern were raised

2.0) Declaration of interest

Cllr Evans declared an interest in an item under AOB

3.0) Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes as presented were a true record of the March meeting and were signed by the Chairman

4.00) Matters Arising

4.1) Stocks – Mr Turner unable to proceed Cllr Evans to approach Mr Elwyn Evans and or Rod Waterhouse

4.2) Traffic counters – results had been circulated Clerk to seek simplified version

4.3) roads signs in Speddyd area had not been attended to despite e mail 28th Feb confirming matter would be attended to however allowances to be made because of extremely inclement weather – Clerk to contact T.Carr

4.4) road cleaned by Smithy Crossroads however gully between Smithy Crossroads and Bryn Egwaltt – Clerk to contact Trevor Carr

4.5) tree branch overhanging road above Rhiwbeyll Isaf – Clerk to relay to DCC

4.6) Beech trees Red Lane – uncertainty whether work was carried out by DCC or private individual situation to be monitored

5.0) Correspondence

5.1) letter from Coleg Llandrillo acknowledging receipt of letter concerned about closure of Denbigh College

5.2) letter of thanks from St Kentingern

5.3) request for financial assistance from Eisteddfod Llandyrnog – decided to donate £50.00

5.4) estimate from Playquest for phase two cae nant – decided to ask Emily Reddy for guidance

5.5) E mail from Adrian Walls – DCC have no obligation under Highways Act to maintain By Ways open to all traffic.

5.6) Details about Steve Morgan foundation

5.7) Stop sign at Gladstone Terrace – e mail from B Wilcox Jones – going to review the junction

6.00) Reports

Presentation by PC 1952 David Allen from Rural Crime Team given to One Voice Wales meeting at Denbigh 11th April attended by Clerk

PC David Allen has been an officer with the North Wales Police for 16 years. During his service with the force he has been stationed as a response officer in Colwyn Bay, Flint and Holywell. Previously he has been stationed in Mostyn along with a team of three PCSOs. His beat covered a large rural area where he had a large amount of daily interaction with the agricultural community.

Dave has first hand experience of the devastation to people's livelihoods that can be caused by the theft and damage of farm machinery and livestock. He appreciates the impact that such crime can have on our close knit rural communities, in terms of the economic costs and people's perceived fear of crime.

He has a degree in Environmental studies and previous experience as a wildlife crime investigator. Dave is currently learning Welsh and has attained level 3.

Based in Corwen DA is one of seven PC's throughout North Wales who dedicated to Rural Crime.

Their work includes:

Dealing with cold callers selling chainsaws, generators, tools etc that are purchased in Ireland on sale and return basis – quite often these cold calls are followed by thefts from farms

Hunting Act – hunting with dogs is still legal but with strict guidelines – only two dogs working etc – again difficult to prove with a pack of hounds.

Scrap metal theft – dealers need to be licensed and can only operate in the county that has issued a licence they also need waste carriers licence

Fly tipping – work closely with NRW to monitor hot spots – PC suspects that loads come in from Merseyside and Manchester down the A55 tipped and then back again

Theft of quads – most tractors have sophisticated equipment to prevent theft or track if stolen – quads have no such equipment as standard and easy targets

Illegal slaughterhouses – quite a few been discovered in North Wales eastern European residents do not share same enthusiasm for food hygiene

Dog attacks – 80% of attacks are caused by dogs that have escaped from gardens or houses not let loose by owners while out walking - huge problem

Badger baiting becoming more of a problem – extremely cruel with both dogs and badgers sustaining serious life threatening injuries – examples of badgers

being caught alive and taken to cities where they are kept for illegal

dog/badger fights in garage pits.

7.0) Financial report

Members were given a written report as follows

Receipts of £3374.84 against a budget of £12049

Payments of £2477.75 against a budget of £15503 – Clerk explained that the over payment was due to the £16980.40 for the green gym equipment

Balance of Treasurers Account £15,157.52

Balance of Business Account £9256.11

8.00 Matters for Payment

Mrs Rawthorne	£29.00	Cleaning cocoa rooms
J.A.Jones	£58.00	Litter picking
HMRC	£128.00	Tax on Clerk Wages
HMRC	£80.00	National Insurance
Eisteddfod Llandyrnog	£50.00	contr
Church Yard Fund	£200.00	

Members agreed to pay the amounts shown above

10.00 Planning Matters

There were no planning matters to discuss

Members Items:

- Inconsiderate parking by drop kerbs – residents to be vigilant and advise people not to park on the white lines by the drop kerbs also report to 101 if necessary

AOB

Arwyn Evans brought along the proposal for a new football pitch by Arla Creamery – these were not for discussion or comment but a pre application consultation with the CC – opportunity to comment when application is received

Unfortunately our Cleaner Mrs Rawsthorne is unwell and does not wish to continue to clean the cocoa rooms – Helen Wilson Jones had offered to take over the post at the agreed rate of £7.25 per hour – one hour per week.

There being no other matter the meeting closed at 20:45

Next meeting to be held at Cocoa Rooms, Llandyrnog, Tuesday 15th May at 7:15 but with the AGM at 7:00

Signed.....

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