

Minutes of the meeting of the Llandyrnog Community Council
held on the 18th February 2014

Present:

Cllrs.R.Griffith,D.HumphreysG.C.Evans,A.Thomas,H.Wright,M.Parry (part of meeting) Clerk.

Also present were two members of public

Apologies:Cllrs.J.A.Jones and H.Sinclair.

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr.R.Griffiths

Community Policeman: PCSO.s 3476 and 2637 were present.

The Officers reported that there were no matters of concern to report in the village and similarly Members had no particular issues to report apart from two vehicles regularly driving at excessive speed through the village late at night. PCSO advised that public should make a note of the vehicle registration numbers and contact 101 – it was only on receipt of timely information could matters be acted upon.

Cllr Parry and PCSO's addressed the members concern of about an open meeting hurriedly arranged at short notice 21st January to discuss one matter in particular. PCSO accepted that maybe the meeting had been not publicised well but was effective in that residents were assured that the matter in question was being dealt with effectively.

They also confirmed that regular bi monthly surgeries were held at the Post Office details being available on the North Wale Police website – agreed that these should be better publicised so that residents made aware of them.

Adrian Walls – Denbighshire Countryside Rights of Way Officer.

Adrian explained the background to the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2003 and how the legislation expected the County Councils to

demonstrate that they can work effectively with Community Councils in ensuring reasonable unrestricted access to the local path network.

It was suggested that maybe a community council could nominate either from within the community council or a resident to be a local path network co ordinator and that person would be trained to a level to understand the basic law regarding access to public footpaths and would be kitted out with current maps of local paths and identify any weak links and report on frequency of paths being used – effectively one point of contact between community and county level.

Members questioned whether this could be one person or could a group and one member be responsible for each area. Adrian was quite receptive to the idea but at the end of the day information would need to be relayed through one person.

Adrian was thanked for his very informative and informal presentation and Members agreed to discuss the matter in more detail at a future meeting and inform DCC of their decision as to whether they wished to participate at this particular time or at a future date.

Confirmation of Minutes

- Cllr Evans raised the point that PCSO's 3428 and 3008 were not present at the Council meeting – they were present at the open meeting during the day and only PCSO 3476 was present at the council meeting. Clerk apologised for this oversight. Otherwise it was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the January meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

- Church Square – although the DCC had tidied around the BT cover they had not carried out all works as planned – back kerbs to prevent surface water run off. Clerk to contact
- concerns about the condensation in cocoa rooms – de humidifiers cost in the region of £150 but Clerk to seek quote for replacing fan with in built humidistat.

Correspondence

- request from D.Sylvester for Community Council to re consider the matter of trees from Woodland Trust – decision to remain.
- DCC – request response to DCC Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Clerk to see if Wayne Hope could attend next meeting to give an overview of the strategy
- DCC – stickers have been placed on bins to confirm that dog waste is accepted.
- DCC – Dog Control Orders – Clerk to see whether DCC would consider including Cae Nant as an area whereby DCC could issued fixed penalty notices.
- DCC – grass cutting consultation – before members could make an informed decision they would need to know the existing arrangements but DCC had not to date made this available – Clerk to follow up.
- DCC – acknowledgment that Lon Goch enquiry had been referenced E394710 on 22nd January but no response to date.
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Reports

- Cllr. Parry gave a verbal report on the situation regarding Arla – having spoken to J.Grive the site director Arla had recruited circa 27 additional staff and were about to invest heavily in a separator to separate wey. They were also considering re introducing the pre pack line and if this happened then they would be recruiting again.

The matter of the balancing tanks were discussed and these were effectively inherited from the previous owners however Arla were considering fitting these 2015 providing funding was available

- Cllr Griffith gave a report on the AGM of the Llandyrnog Sports Association and Summer League who had effectively taken over from the LSA – the group was in it's infancy however Cllr Evans voiced his concern about the interface between the Trustees/Charity Commission and the use of the fields. It was agreed that at any future meetings of the new group this matter should be given further consideration.

Financial Report

Each member was given a written report confirming as follows:

Receipts to date of £11423.09 against a budget of £11,461.50
Payments to date of £10.454 against a budget of £10.971.12

reconciliation of treasurers account showing total of £9960.78
reconciliation of business account showing total of £9235.45

Clerk reported that there was no room for concern and that the budget was being adhered to.

Matters for Payment

Mrs Rawthorne	£25.00	Cleaning of cocoa rooms
J.A.Jones	£50.00	Litter picking at cae nant
Firemaster	£37.32	Servicing of fire equipment
B.Davies	£27.00	stationery

It was proposed and seconded that the above matters be cleared for payment.

Planning Matters

application	18/2014/0122
proposal	Alterations and extension to dwelling
location	Llwyn Helyg, Llandyrnog
Observations of CC	No observations – support the application

Certificate of decision also received referring to application no 18/2013/1223 permitting the conversion of outbuilding to form habitable accommodation ancillary to dwelling at Cross Keys.

Cllr. Parry was not present at this part of the meeting.

Members Items

- Cllr.Humphreys relayed concerns that certain residents of Maes Clwyd were crossing the open large open space at the estate to reach their homes and that it had turned into a virtual mudbath during the extreme weather conditions. Clerk to relay concerns to DCC Housing to see whether consideration could be given to hard landscaping.
- Water run off – Cllr Evans raised the point about surface water run off the fields between Speddyd Lane and Cerrigllwydion – no attempt by landowners to attenuate surface water leading to excessive surface water run off along that particular stretch of road – it was also reported that at times this was not just surface water but could well be slurry and pose a danger to health. Clerk to contact DCC to see if site meeting could be arranged.

Any Other Business

- A. Murgatroyd was present and gave a presentation on a new website he could set up to replace the present Word Press website – a Blogger website more accessible and community based . Members thanked Andrew for his presentation and decided to consider his kind offer of setting up and running a website at the next meeting.

There being no other matter the meeting closed at 21:20

date of next meeting - 18th March

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