

LLANYBYDDER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING DATE 26 OCTOBER 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

E Jones, Vice Chairman, D Owen, N Morris.

Apologies: P Okeefe, K Jones, I Bell.

Clerk received a Notice of Co-option from Shelley Williams, Electoral Services to which the Clerk displayed in our Llanybydder notice board and website. A letter of interest to become a Community Councillor member at our Council was received. This matter was discussed, but unfortunately, even though the Councillors agreed for acceptance at our meeting, no acceptance could take place due to low number of Councillors in attendance.

Letters of resignations were received from our Chairperson Bev Pold and P Baker. Clerk is to send them a letter of thanks for their past services and notify Shelley Williams of their departure.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

LLANYBYDDER MATTERS

CLLR I DAVIES

In attendance.

THE PARK

Email received from Neil Pigdon. The quote for Llanybydder will be sorted out soon.

We need a price for an older child swing and more astroturf which was previously discussed and budgeted

for. The Clerk has learnt the little bits that have come off the play unit are safe with Lyn Jones. There were 2 Tenders received for a new notice board in the Park. It was decided to go for the quote submitted by

Roy Thomas & Son Ltd for £595.00 + vat £117.00 = £702.00. Cllr I Davies is to give them the go ahead for them to supply the notice board. Email received from Stephen Morgan, Strategic Asset Manager. He

is happy to amend the terms of the Lease so that the annual rental will be peppercorn.

The rent of £10.00 per annum has not been collected since the commencement of the Lease. The rent owing, allowing for

RPI increases in accordance with the current Lease, stands at £121.20. Clerk is to confirm agreement of this amount, and we will then receive an Invoice accordingly. Stephen Morgan will then arrange for the

Deed of variation to be drawn up and available for signing. Pay Invoice £4635.00 received from L Jones for the upkeep Contract of the park. A reminder is to be sent to Carms CC in respect of Mr Garside.

Clerk is to contact PCSO Weller with regards to a lorry that is always parked at the entrance to the park.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Clerk received an Invoice for £2497.75 from EDF, which was very high. After contacting EDF another meter reading was forwarded to them. There is something wrong here, so hopefully this matter will be resolved soon. The Clerk drew a cheque awaiting for this large Invoice to be sorted, but has not yet been used. Cheque No 1651 refers. Pay Invoice £314.39 received from Dwr Cymru.

TOWN WI-FI

D Owen is going to check the name.

TEN TOWNS

Matters are going well.

HEOL Y NEUADD – VEHICLES TAKING A SHORT CUT

Clerk is to write to S Lewis & S Quick to ask for a meeting in the near future.

GWRDY BACK ROAD – SPEEDING

Clerk is to write to S Lewis & S Quick to ask for a meeting in the near future.

FLOODING & STORM CHRISTOPH

Clerk is to collect the package from B Pold and deliver to D Owen.

MUD & WATER ON PATHS – LAY-BY GER Y GLYN – GWRDY

Clerk is to write to S Lewis & S Quick to ask for a meeting in the near future.

HEOL CAEBANC SUBSIDENCE

We are still awaiting their feedback. Clerk is to write to S Lewis & S Quick to ask for a meeting in the near future.

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY VEHICLE ON THE B4437 ROAD

In between meetings the Clerk replied to Richard Waters, and informed him this matter had been further discussed by our Councillors and came up with the following comments. “The incident involving a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle did not happen in the 20mph zone, but happened further up the road past the school towards Llansawel near Rhydybont Garage where this area is a 30mph area with no pavements. The person who reported this incident has been struck 3 times at this area over the years. There is an increase of traffic, which gives rise to an accident waiting to happen. This Council would like the whole section of the B4437 between Tymawr and Llanybydder Old School be looked at. We have previously asked if the speed limit between Tymawr and Bro Rhydybont could also be lowered to 40mph rather than being 60mph as it is now, which is much too fast and poses a lot of danger”. Clerk is to contact Richard Waters again to ask if he could arrange for a site meeting at this location.

CHARGING POINT IN THE CAR PARK

Reply received from Thomas Evans. Signage would have to be designed and installed and at present there is no budget available, and has asked the Welsh Government for

additional funding to achieve this. They have also informed him they would be seeking to install 2 additional rapid charging points within the car park adjacent to the charger he has installed. He is hoping that as part of this commission they will also install signage.

PERMANENT RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING SPACES – STATION TERRACE

Reply received from Mike Jacob. He informed us they would only consider its introduction where there is a proven issue with non-residents parking within the street. It would be necessary to undertake a series of parking surveys over 6 – 8 weeks in order to confirm non-residents on the street. Once the surveys have been completed and analysed a decision will be made as to whether the street is suitable for residents parking. Should the street be suitable it will then be added to a schedule of accepted locations and considered for implementation as and when budgets allow. The schedule is reviewed on an annual basis. There is a lengthy process involved in the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order, which can take a minimum of 12 months to introduce and up to 18 months if objections are received. This legal process involves extensive consultation with local residents, stakeholders, Police, County Councillor, Community/Town Council, the emergency services, as well as formal publication of the Order to invite wider views from all road users. Any objections received are then considered by the Cabinet Member for Environment, where a decision is made whether to proceed or not with the introduction of the Order. There are charges for permits and they are not guaranteed spaces outside their property, nor are they guaranteed a space if the zone is full to capacity. Clerk is to write to a resident at Station Terrace and to send a copy of the reply this Council has received from M Jacob.

ROAD SWEEPER IN THE VILLAGE AND FOOTPATHS

Clerk is to write to S Lewis & S Quick to ask for a meeting in the near future.

“ROAD NARROWS” SIGN NEAR BRIDGE

Clerk is to write to Gary Owen and M Jacob and ask for a site meeting here as soon as possible.

BRAMBLES IN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk did speak to the owner of Highmead Dairy and he immediately arranged for the cutting of the brambles which is very much appreciated. Clerk is to write to S Lewis and S Quick to arrange for all the brambles at various locations be cleared.

PATH OUTSIDE CROSS HANDS, PAVEMENTS, BUS STOP HEOL Y GAER

The same problem still exists here. Clerk is to write to S Lewis and S Quick.

NEW SPEED REDUCTION SIGN FROM TYMAWR – THE CROSS ROADS

There has been no reply from Gary Owen and M Jacob in respect of a new speed reduction limit on this road. Currently the speed signs are 40, 60 and 30. There have been more requests by the public asking for this to happen. Clerk is to ask for a site meeting here as soon as possible.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

A review of all single track lanes and all residential areas of the village has been requested before. This is due to the increased speeding that occurs throughout the village. A serious accident is waiting to happen.

There has been no reply so Clerk needs to ask for a site meeting as soon as possible with Gary Owen and M Jacob.

CARMARTHEN DIRECTION SIGN – BRACKET DAMAGE

Letter to be sent to Signage telling them of the bent bracket here that either needs repairing or replacing. It also needs re-adjusting to point in the right direction.

LACK OF FACILITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS IN THE VILLAGE

A report was received from the Carmarthenshire Youth Support Service. Sian Morgan and Ann Richards met up with Cllr Ieuan Davies. It was agreed that staff would pilot a programme of sessions, working with the young people of the community to ascertain what the needs are. A meeting was held with the Ceredigion Youth Service, spoke to the school based youth worker in the secondary school in Lampeter, two staff looked at the community infrastructure, spoke to the people that run the rugby and football clubs, a meeting with the local Police, some contact with local residents, with 2 members of staff visiting Llanybydder every Thursday evening linking with young people.

57 BRO EINON – DISABILITY ACCESS

There was no reply from Maria Tucker, Housing, requesting a dropped kerb outside this property in order to improve the disabled access, so Clerk is to send a reminder.

RESTRICTED PAVEMENT – PEDESTRIAN ACCESS – BRYNDUAR, NEXT DOOR DOWN FROM DOCTOR'S SURGERY

Letter to be sent to the PCSO Weller telling her of the obstruction on this pavement.

SPEED HUMPS HEOL Y GAER & BRO EINON AND YELLOW LINES HEOL Y GAER

The re-applying of double yellow lines was discussed. Park users are seen blocking/parking near the park entrance. Clerk is to write to Gary Owen and M Jacob to ask for a site meeting as soon as possible.

MILLENIUM GARDEN

Arwel and Alan are going to take a look at the metal horse. The behaviour of some of the youngsters that gather at this garden is deteriorating. Clerk is to contact Ps Weller.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

There has been only one response to our Tender. Clerk is to contact DTS Services.

PATHS FOR WELL BEING – RAMBLERS PROJECT

The Clerk attended the meeting on 6/10/21 at Aberduar Chapel Vestry.

XMAS TREE AND XMAS LIGHTS

Clerk is to contact E Jones and Eddie Davies soon to discuss the lights, and organise the Xmas tree.

COLLAPSED DRAIN OPPOSITE 10, STATION TERRACE

No reply. Clerk is to send a reminder to S Lewis to inform him of this collapsed drain. It appears someone has placed traffic cones around this drain.

VICTORIAN LAMP CORNER OF STATION TERRACE

Clerk is to confirm this lamp is on the corner of Siop Y Bont – Old Roy Thomas.

LLANYBYDDER POPPY APPEAL

£150.00 Donation. (S137).

LIGHT NOT WORKING 34 HEOL Y GAER

Clerk is to notify Public Lighting, this light is not working.

BRO EINON DOG FOULING

Clerk is to contact the Proprietor at this address in Bro Einon to ask him to clear the mess after his dog.

RHYDCYMERAU MATTERS

RHYDCYMERAU PARK

Email received from Neil Pigdon, Kompan. Matt should be in contact with the programme shortly.

SPEED DETECTION SIGN RHYDCYMERAU

Email received from Andrew Morgan. The estimated cost for the manufacture, erection and commissioning of 1 No solar powered 30mph driver feedback signs (DFS) will be in the region of £2654.00 + vat. The price includes the manufacture, erection and commissioning of the DFS sign as well as the cost of providing the necessary post and solar panel. All future maintenance costs will also be borne by the County Council. Clerk is to confirm our Council will be willing to pay 50% of the cost, which will be £1327.00 + vat, and the County Council will then pay the remaining 50% of the cost of the works. As soon as our Council confirms payment of the 50%, then this scheme could be carried out within this financial year 2021/22.

NEW NOVELTY BIN REQUEST AT RHYDCYMERAU PARK

Clerk is to contact E Jones for the information on the 3 prices.

CATTLE GRID PANTGLAS – CWMIST – HIGHMEAD DAIRY – MOUNTAIN ROAD

Clerk is to write to S Lewis again as cattle grid is very loose.

CATTLE GRID BY THE MAST ON THE MOUNTAIN ROAD

Clerk is to write again to S Lewis as this work is still not carried out.

XMAS TREE & LIGHTS.

Clerk is meeting up with Eddie Davies soon.

DRAINS AT HEOL Y GAER - GWRDY ROAD, MAIN ROAD HEOL Y GAER – GWRDY MAWR, OUTSIDE LLYS MEL

Letter to be sent to S Lewis to ask him to arrange for the drains to be cleaned at all these areas.

FENCING AT REAR OF BRO MERAU ESTATE

Letter to be sent to the Housing Dept asking them to inspect this fencing which contains rusty nails, and is dangerous, and is so close to the playing field.

GENERAL MATTERS

NATWEST BANK

Current A/c	Bank statement No 462	Balance	£79744.89
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The Clerk attempted to place the on line banking in motion, but failed due to being unable to fill in the debit card number (which has never been supplied). Further attempts will be made soon.

Business Reserve A/c	Bank statement No 110	Balance	£4430.58
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HSBC BANK

Bank Statement No	122	Balance	£3879.31
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TALK TALK

Oct 21 Invoice - £48.45.

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Oct 21 - Invoice £34.33.

M Y BEYNON - SALARY

Following on from advice given by Paul Egan. The Clerk is expected to work 16 hours per week @ £14.05 per hour.

(i) Grading the post on an incremental scale - with a starting grade at POINT 22 (£14.05 per hour) and to be reviewed on the 1st April each year. This is in recognition that our Clerk/RFO has over 33 years of service and warrants an entry point at this level.

(ii) Back-dating the Award to March 2021 as this is the first date that the matter was raised and the back-dated salary to be paid in a lump sum to bring matters up to date

(iii) In addition to the above, an allowance of £26 per month in line with HMRC guidelines regarding home-working which the Clerk/RFO will claim at the end of the financial year with other expenses, which will be backdated to March 2021.

To bring this matter up to date and to be correct, calculations were as follows :-

16 hours x 52 weeks = 832 hours x £14.05 = £11689.60 per annum - divide £11689.60 by 12 (months) = £974.13 per month. In addition, it was agreed the Clerk was to receive back pay to March 2021.

Shortfall on 3/2021 salary = £974.13 less £602.05 already paid in 3/2021 = £372.08

Shortfall for 6 months salary = £974.13 less 6 x £350.00 already paid over 6 months.
£624.13 x 6 months 3744.78

October 2021 salary
974.13

Total salary paid to Clerk
£5090.99

Less Income Tax
1018.00

Cheque paid to Clerk
£4072.99

HMRC - Clerk Income Tax £1018.00.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The Clerk's Contract has been sent to Bethan Enoch, Audit Wales.

BHIB INSURANCE

The Clerk is nearly complete with the update to BHIB.

XMAS TOYS APPEAL

Donation £200.00. (S137).

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

It is imperative that any Councillor that has not been to a Code of Conduct recently must do so as soon as possible. Please contact the Clerk immediately.

PLANNING

None.

CHEQUES

Cheque No	1657	Xmas Toys Appeal	£200.00 (S137)
	1658	L Jones	4635.00
	1659	Dwr Cymru	314.79
	1660	Poppy Appeal	150.00 (S137)
	1661	M Y Beynon	4072.99
	1662	H M R C	1018.00

N B 1651 This cheque is still unused.

Donations: S137 £350.00 S19 £0.00

Meeting closed 9.15pm

NEXT VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING
TUESDAY – 30 NOVEMBER 21 – 7.00pm