Minutes of the Meeting of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl Community Council
Held at the Church School Room, Llanarmon-yn-Iâl
Thursday 6th November 2008 at 7.00 pm

Present: Martyn Holland (Vice Chair), Cllrs Glenys Jones, Carol Robinson, Andrew Roberts, Paul Burkhill, Bob Barton.

1. Apologies Glenys Roberts (Chair), Christine Evans, Haydn Jones, Rupert Lloyd, Norma Wright (Clerk). The vice chair chaired the meeting and reported that the clerk was unable to attend due to the sudden death of her father. a card had been bought for members to sign.

2. Meeting Open to the Public No public attendance.

3. DCC Monitoring Officer Ian Hearle, the Monitoring Officer, had sent his apologies. He is willing to attend a meeting, but needs confirmation. 3rd December will be investigated. Clerk to send a formal invitation.

4. Confirmation of Minutes The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 1st October 2008, held at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys – the following amendments were agreed:
1. *After* Ceirian Evans *add* (RHE)
8. *after* Graianrhyd *replace* has a planning *with* does not have a development …
14 *add* v C Ebbs letter about Quarry Liaison Committee – clerk to advise him to contact the DCC Minerals Officer
15 4 *replace* to say farewell *with* wished her well
The Minutes were confirmed as a correct and true record: Proposed Carol Robinson: Seconded: Glenys Jones To be signed: by the Vice Chair.

5. Matters Arising Item 2 ii Al Bromley, Cllrs Martyn Holland and Bob Barton inspected the bus shelter. Replacement guttering was ordered and delivered the same day. As some slates on the roof need repairing, quotes have been sought. Cllr Martyn Holland stated that we did not want to delay this matter any further as it had been raised by a member of the public earlier in the year. The quote would be dealt with under Payments and Financial Matters. The guttering will be erected once the slates have been repaired.
Item 8 last para Cllr Andrew Roberts had circulated, by email, Flintshire's Executive Report for the WAG Rural Sustainability consultation: *'Planning Policy Changes to Support Sustainable Development in Rural Areas – Meeting Housing Needs'*. Cllr Bob Barton had circulated, by email, Denbighshire's response. Not everyone had received the emails so they will be resent and a suitable response will be sent to WAG.
Item 10 Finance sub committee needs to be arranged.
Item 11 Cllr Bob Barton had carried out the inspections at the Bonfire site– Rod Elms had taken tyres to the dump and a lot of recently cut branches had also been dumped on the Bonfire site. A *'no dumping rubbish'* sign needs to be erected.

6. Declaration of Interest Cllr Glenys Jones declared an interest in the Cemlyn planning application.

7. Police Report No Police attendance.

Meetings Attended Cllr Bob Barton attended the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales AGM in Llandudno on 16th October. There was strong support for rural county wards to have a lower ratio of Councillor Numbers to voters than urban wards. A report will be sent to all delegates. Cllr Barton will circulate it on receipt. Two further letters had been received from LGBCW.

Post Office Cllr Martyn Holland had been asked to raise this issue by the Chair as a matter of some urgency. After the raid on Friday 31st Oct – Nia is in a state of shock and trauma. Members of the community have asked what the Community Council can do to help. Council will assist in any practical way and offer our full support. Cllr Holland will liaise with Nia.

8. Clerk's Contract Cllr Martyn Holland outlined progress made with the standard contract and the points system to award a salary grade. The Finance sub committee will be asked to make a formal recommendation to December's meeting. An annual review should be set up with the Chair and Vice Chair to ensure the Clerk is meeting the Council's expectation, and that the Council is meeting its obligations.

9. Planning Matters

15/2008/0991/PF Erection of two storey extension. Cherry Cottage, Graianrhyd Road, Llanarmon yn Iâl, Mold.
No objection.
15/2008/1127/PF Demolition of part of outbuilding and erection of two storey extension. Location: Tyn Twll, Plas Lane, Llanarmon yn Iâl, Mold
Support the principle of the development but are concerned about the raising of the window level and the apex above the established roof line.
15/2008/1167/PF Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling. Cemlyn, Ffordd Rhiw Iâl, Llanarmon yn Iâl, Mold.
No objection.
15/2008/0840/PF Erection of first floor extension to provide 10 additional bedrooms, residents lounge and associated additional staff/visitor parking. Valley Lodge, Llanarmon Road, Llanferres, Mold. A revised plan, including photographs from surrounding vantage points, had been received.
The Council welcomes the removal of the second storey at the end of the building as this alleviates some of our original concerns. However, if there is potential to lower the ridgeline that would mitigate the perceived impact on the AONB.
Our Highways comments remain as previously submitted:
Policy TRA 6 Impact of New Development on Traffic Flows
i) given the dangerous junction adjacent to the entrance, which is clearly a pinch point, the additional traffic generated by the proposal could unacceptably affect the safe and free flow of traffic. In considering these development proposals, the LPA should require a traffic impact assessment as the traffic generated could be detrimental to highway safety.

10. Authorisation of Payments & Financial Matters

Accepted Brian Hughes quote to repair Bus Shelter roof. Cllr Martyn Holland will liaise
Councillors agreed to pay the following:

035	£5.39	Kent Supplies (Guttering paid by Bob Barton)
036	£35.20	B&Q (Guttering paid by Al Bromley)

Grass cutting contracts - tenders need to be invited. Refer to Finance sub committee

11. Improving Communication with the Public

This issue had been added to the agenda at the request of Cllr Carol Robinson because of her concerns that the public are not aware of the work done by the Community Council.
It was agreed that the feasibility of an A4 newsletter outlining the work of the Community Council should be explored. It would be delivered to all households.
Cllr Robinson agreed to produce a draft version of a newsletter for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr Martyn Holland pointed out that it should be purely factual and also suggested that if other councillors wished to contribute to the draft version then they should do so. Cllrs Robinson, Burkhill and Barton would obtain prices from printers.
Cllr Robinson will find out the charges for delivery as an insert by Royal Mail.

12. Playing Field

Cllrs Martyn Holland and Bob Barton had inspected the play equipment and the risk assessment has been completed. Vandal(s) had set fire to one of the benches. The middle lower rail was missing and the other two were burnt. All three need replacing.
Following the site visit with DCC officer Mike Hall last July, Cllr Holland had received a quote for the car parking area, but it was more than fives times the grant from Cllr Bob Barton's Members Priority Fund. A further quote, based on the Council arranging for the groundwork to be completed by volunteers, was still more than double the grant.
Authorised Cllr Barton to draw up plans for car park, to be completed within grant budget.
Authorised Cllr Barton to obtain replacement rails for bench. A local resident has offered to fit them.
Clerk to convene formal meeting of the Playing Field Committee on 26th November.

13. Hen Ardd

Still awaiting details of Open Day for newsletter/poster and a date. Council will formally request these from David Shiel.

14. Correspondence

i Denbighshire Care & Repair Annual Report. The precept includes a £25 donation. Request Finance sub committee to check whether this has been paid/requested during this and previous financial years. The annual donation to Ysgol Bro Famau will also be followed up.
ii Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council Annual Report and notice of AGM and

Funders Fair on 21st November at Morfa Hall, Rhyl - Cllr Barton will represent the Council.
iii Clwyd Community Health Council Annual Report. All three reports to be circulated.
iv Poster giving details of the Denbighshire Local Service Board's Community Forum Meetings – nearest is at Ysgol Brynhyfryd on Thursday 13th November. All are 7 – 9pm
v two letters from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales. The Review of Community Council Election Results 2008. Denbighshire had 265 (71%) uncontested seats and 43 (11%) vacant seats.
vi letter from Ian Miller, Chief Executive of DCC, included:
Further to the visit that Tim Towers and I paid to the Llanarmon yn Iâl community on 28 July I am now able to let you have a list of work recently carried out in the area. No other works are programmed at present but reactive works will be carried out as and when necessary.

1. *Micro asphalt to road from county boundary to Pant Du crossroads, Eryrys.*
2. *Jet patching to B5430 and various other minor roads in this area.*
3. *Re-graded two unsurfaced roads, one from Graig Harri to Eryrys, the other from The Piggeries Lane Llanarmon yn Iâl to the Sinet Road Graigfechan.*
4. *Re built a stone wall in Aberduna farm which collapsed due to flood water from the highway.*
5. *Carried out drainage repairs to the Piggeries Lane in Llanarmon yn Iâl.*
6. *Installed kerbs across the access to Tan yr Ogof as drainage improvement works.*
7. *Spread salt on the footway outside Llanarmon school to kill the moss.*
8. *Potholing / patching works Llanferres to Maeshafn road.*
9. *Re filled all salt bins and commenced salt heaping.*

Other correspondence received was taken as read.

15. Other Matters Brought to Councillors' Attention

Cllr Glenys Jones had been asked to raise the issue of the poor state of repair of the Shelf Road (from the Llandegla crossroads). Council agreed that it should be reported to DCC.
Cllr Paul Burkhill asked that DC C should again be requested to clear the bank of slurry that has built up on the roadside between Graianrhyd and Highgate. It is now so high walkers have no safe refuge when lorries are passing each other.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys.

Meeting ended 10.05pm

Chair ……. Dated…….