

## Minutes of the Meeting of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl Community Council

Held at the Church School Room, Llanarmon-yn-Iâl Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30 pm

### 1. Present & Apologies:

Glenys Ann Roberts, (Chair), Cllrs Paul Burkhill, Haydn Jones, Rupert Lloyd, Bob Barton, Carol Robinson, Glenys Jones, County Cllr. Christine Evans. Norma Wright (Clerk).  
Apologies: Andrew Roberts, Martyn Holland (Vice)

The new Chair Mrs Glenys Ann Roberts wished to formally thank Paul Burkhill for so expertly holding the post of Chair for the past four years. She hoped to be able to follow in his footsteps with as much calmness. Also, thanks to go to Haydn Jones for all his help with this council and to all Councillors present, but especially those who had not returned. It was acknowledged that the community greatly benefit from such people who give of their time willingly, taking on these extra responsibilities.

### 2. Meeting Open to the Public

One member of the public attended. It was requested that the road surfaces were better maintained, with more roads being attended to. The Council agreed whole-heartedly with the comments about the poor condition of the roads around the parish. Unfortunately, they were informed that there was not a budget for back road repairs – possibly in future years. However, it was agreed to continue to press the County Council for more and better road maintenance. County Cllr C Evans will continue to raise this matter.

### 3. Minutes of the Meetings

The Minutes of the General Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were after discussion (and several minor alterations) confirmed as a correct record: Proposed: Haydn Jones. Seconded: Paul Burkhill. Signed: by the Chair.

The Clerk informed the Council that although there may be spelling mistakes, and grammatical errors in the minutes (and apologized for them), the intention of the minutes was to aid the Council. Some information was added for the benefit of the Council i.e. Payments that had appeared on the bank statement showing they cleared relevant and current invoices. Also, matters discussed at the A.G.M. – so they could be agreed and signed by the Chair, which were relevant for the auditors.

After much discussion it was agreed by the Council that small unimportant spelling mistakes, grammatical errors, layout, font, spacing, opinions on what was reported, opinions on the style of how it was reported, will no longer be commented on, as this was seen as informative but not productive. Therefore they will be over-looked.

Only serious errors or omissions will be commented on in future.

When extra information is added by the Clerk or requested by the Chair, this will carry a \* next to it, to indicate this has been added, but should continue to be included.

### 4. Matters Arising

The Council voted that in future the A.G.M. would no longer be a separate meeting. The A.G.M. will be held at the beginning of the May general meeting starting at 7pm with all business being dealt with, including County Councillors and Chairs reports.

It was agreed that it was important that the length of all future meetings would be concluded on time, by 9.30pm. At the latest.

### 5. Code of Conduct

The new model Code of Conduct (Wales Order 2008) was agreed to be adopted by the Council. The Clerk for publication by DCC had prepared a statement -informed now inline with other community councils.

### 6. Police Report

A white astra van is giving cause for concern in the parish - the Police are aware, of this vehicle i.e. reported missing lawn mowers, trailers etc.

### Meetings Attended

No meetings attended.

### 7. Planning Matters

1. LCC Planning procedure was discussed – and agreed that Councillors should visit planning sites in advance when possible. Particularly those with local knowledge and expertise in such matters. Those with the internet will look-up in advance planning in the parish, to benefit from this extra time. The Clerk will notify those who have not got the internet, when possible. The main aim must be to reduce the amount of time spent on unimportant planning issues at meetings, when there is no cause for concern. However, it will always remain possible for all Councillors to have the opportunity to comment on all planning if they so wish.

2. Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006-2021 – pre deposit public consultation. The document is available for consultation at County Hall Ruthin 16<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-8pm, Information available on DCC website.

3. **15/2008/0542/PF** 3 & 4 Maes Garmon, Llanarmon structural repairs to Airey PRC house types. Replacement of precast concrete cladding panels and columns with timber frame structure clad with mineral fibre insulation and render finish. Council strongly objected to this type of repairs and only want brick finish.

Previous planning application and letter of objection to be sort – if found the same planning application then again a strong letter of rejection to be sent to DCC.

4. **C15/2005/0015** Mountain Hall Farm School Lane, Llanarmon. Original static caravan has had a fire, but has been replaced by two touring caravan DCC informed.

Cllr Christine Evans abstained from any decisions made concerning planning matters.

**Certificates of Decision for Planning Applications - None**

**8. Authorisation of Payments** Councillors agreed to pay the following:

- 0019 £1525.07 DCC Election charges
- 0020 Clerk Office expenses

**9. Clerk’s Contract of Employment** After much discussion it was agreed to set up a new Finance Committee: - G A Roberts (as Chair), M Holland (as Vice), B Barton, and C Evans. They agreed to meet in the Chair’s home. On the agenda will be the Clerk’s Contract and salary, and the burial charges, as these were considered out of date.

**10. Playing Field Committee** The Playing Field Committee will meet on Saturday morning 7<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am The ROSPA Risk Assessment carried out will be taken along, (hinge and gates were on the report). B Barton & G Jones will attend with any other Councillors available.

**11. Hen Ardd** As a result of the Steering Committee H & S issues such as the addition of a handrail and other matters. Hen Ardd will hopefully be having an open evening on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Time TBA, then published on posters. The Clerk was requested to write to David Shields, for further information regarding ‘the timing of the next stage of development’ and an update on the financial situation. Although, very pleased with what had been achieved in this phase, progress with the playing area in the next phases was thought to be very slow – since it had not yet started.

**12, Declaration Forms** One remaining form to be collected.

**13. Correspondence:**

- 1 Denbighshire Adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance. B Barton took the copy.
- 2. Changes to the Structure of the NHS in Wales. C Evans, G Roberts, G Jones, B Barton will attend the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- 3. WAG Public Consultation - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-5pm Rhyl Pavilion.

Other correspondence received was taken as read.

**14. Burial Committee and charges review** The Finance Committee will consider new burial charges. It was agreed to delegate powers to the Chair and C Evans, for the maintenance work required for Llanarmon Church Grounds. Quotations from previously known reliable contractors, will be gained.

**15. Bonfire Committee Meeting** B Barton will contact the members of this committee to arrange a suitable date a.s.a.p.

**16. Any Other Matters Brought to the Councillors attention**

- 1, A long list of poor road maintenance problems was reported to the Clerk. It was agreed for the Chair to meet with DCC Highways Supervisors over these complaints if possible. If not, then the Clerk will arrange for an Officer of DCC Highways Dept. to attend the July meeting to justify the poor state of our roads.
- 2. The grass-cutting program is thought to be inadequate for the safety of road users. The grass in areas is too long for safety e.g. along the A494, and near the Valley Lodge property exit. LCC requested a copy of the grass-cutting program for the parish.
- 3. Another grass-cutting complaint concerning the wasteland/ car park area at 8-9 Maes Garmon, Llanarmon. Only 1/2 the fence was removed, the entire fence should now be removed. The land behind this fence is not having the grass cut. Clerk to contact DCC to request this is corrected as it is making the area unnecessarily untidy.
- 4. There is no Youth Club at Eryrys, yet there is a Youth Club Leader prepared and suitable to take the post. This was thought to be a most unsatisfactory situation. Cllr C Evans stated she would personally look into this problem.
- 5. The Council voted Martyn Holland the Governor for Ysgol Bro Famau.

**17. Date of Next Meeting** The Council will meet at St David’s Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys at 7pm before the July Meeting, then continue to Mae’s y Droell. This will enable new councillors and clerk to familiarize themselves with these grounds.

*Meeting ended 9.50pm*

Chair ..... Dated.....