

**Minutes of the Meeting of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl Community Council**  
**Held at Capel Bethel Rhiw Ial, Llanarmon (Due to no heating in Canolfan Dewi Sant)**  
**Wednesday 7th January 2009 at 7.30 pm**

- 1. Present:** Glenys Roberts (Chair), Cllrs Glenys Jones, Carol Robinson, Paul Burkhill, Andrew Roberts, Christine Evans, Bob Barton, Haydn Jones, Norma Wright (Clerk)
- 2. Apologies** Martyn Holland (Vice Chair), Rupert Lloyd,
- 3. Meeting Open to The Public** One member of the public attended only to observe.
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes** The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 3rd December 2008, were confirmed as a correct and true record. Proposed: Carol Robinson, Seconded: Paul Burkhill. Chair signed.  
B Barton complained that the minutes relating to the visit by Mr. Ian Hearle (Monitoring Officer) were too short and additional items should have been minuted for members of the public. The Council voted to disagree and was more than happy with the minutes.
- 5. Matters Arising**
- 1.B Barton stated that he had not agreed to the cheque being paid in December to the school. Council insisted that the necessary work had been achieved and no further interruptions were necessary.
- 2.B Barton complained that his name was not used in full throughout the minutes, yet others were. The Clerk stated that the same format was used every month; being full names used in present and apologies, and to clearly confirm minutes. Initials throughout the rest of minutes. Council were happy with the format of the minutes. Council requested no further interruptions were necessary, 'As it was a new year; let it be a new beginning'.
- 3.Brian Hughes has completed the repairs to the bus shelter – invoice will follow.
- 6. Declaration of Interest**
1. 15/2008/1314/PF A Roberts and G A Roberts declared an interest - the applicant being a relative. They took no part in the discussion or vote.
2. P Burkhill and C Robinson declared an interest in the Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre; they are members of the Management Committee.
- 7. Precept** Following a long debate the Council voted to raise the Precept to £12,000 (twelve thousand pounds) for 2009/2010 Proposed: P Burkhill, Seconded: A Roberts. Due to lack of time, the Council will discuss further, the detailed expenditure headings in the February meeting.
- Authorisation of Payments & Financial Matters** The Council requested a business plan and set of accounts for the Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre. Financial help from LCC was initially to be temporary. It was acknowledged that they do fund raise. However, it was appreciated that running-costs have risen sharply e.g. for heating, whilst the courses, which brought in revenue, have decreased/ended. The Council will consider this item further for the Precept in the February meeting.
- The Council agreed the payment of the following: -
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| 050 | £1,510.00 | D Evans Grass cutting for 2008/09 |
| 051 | £381.34   | WCBC Clerk salary (Jan direct)    |
| 052 | Void      |                                   |
| 053 | £10.00    | Bench-slats (maintenance)         |
- The Council accepted the Grass cutting contracts/ tenders.  
Llanferres Gardeners £75 per cut £10 per cut for verges +VAT  
D Evans £1605.00 +VAT
- 8. Post Office** Following the raid on the Post Office on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2008, it was disclosed that the person to be prosecuted had escaped. This obviously caused great concern and the Post Office had closed. C Evans will continue with the request for the installation of CCTV surveillance outside the Post Office. Moreover, requested that the village fully support Nia in the shop in every possible way.
- 9. Planning**
- 15/2008/1314/PF** H Jones Chaired this part of the meeting Prop: P Burkhill, Sec: G Jones  
Erection of agricultural building for the housing of sheep and young stock. (Renewal of planning permission code 15/2003/1458/PF) Dalar Wen, Llandegla Rd, Llan. **Supported.**
- 15/2008/1337/PC** Continuation of use of land for siting of stable block (retrospective) Nant y Palmau Farm, Llanarmon. **Not Supported by Council unless there is further information.** Is there change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian?
- 15/2008/1336/PC** Continuation of use of converted office and games room as self-contained residential accommodation ancillary to main dwelling. (retrospective) Nant y Palmau Cottage, Llanarmon. **Not Supported by Council unless there is further information.** Due to no supporting evidence for personal, special justification, this is not fulfilling the criteria.
- 15/2008/1293/PF** Change of use of agricultural building and land to haulage contractor's vehicle depot and alteration to existing vehicular access. Farm Building at Bryn yr Ogof, School Lane Llanarmon. Several members of the Council disagreed or abstained from voting on this application. However, the majority of the Community Council voted **Not Supported.** This application appears to be the same as the one refused in 2007.

There will be an unacceptable impact on the natural environment. It will unacceptably affect the amenity of local residents by virtue of the increased activity, disturbance, noise, dust and fumes. The report submitted with the application indicates operating hours commencing 0500 and predicted noise levels at 76dba. There is no indication if the calculations allow for the echo effect when the doors of the buildings are opened at such an unearthly hour. It would be out of character with the surrounding land uses in terms of nature and scale, and would unacceptably harm the landscape. This development would also have a detrimental impact on the AONB, including views into and out of the area. It will prejudice the AONB’s future designation as an AONB The plans viewed by the Council did not include any details of the proposed alterations and thus this application seems incomplete.

C Evans wished it to be minuted that she believed that officials give farmers in AONB a hard time. It was her opinion that farmers are the custodians of the land and should be fully supported.

**CERTIFICATES OF DECISION FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**15/2008/1167/PF** Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling. Cemlyn, Ffordd Rhiw Iâl, Llanarmon yn Iâl, Mold. **Granted**

**15/2008/1196/PF** Erection if single storey double garage with loft. Llwyn yr Ewig Graianrhyd Rd Llanarmon yn Iâl, Mold **Granted with conditions**

**10. Improving Communication with the Public**

C Robinson has produced a draft version of a newsletter for discussion. Council agreed that C Robinson should be the editor of the LCC Newsletter. B Barton stated that Rhyl Community Group could print copies for approximately £35 per 500 sheets, plus a skin, plus VAT.

C Evans volunteered to personally pay for the first run of the newsletters. She also volunteered to personally deliver them to every household in the parish, with C Robinson and B Barton.

**11. Playing Field**

1. Clerk had previously given the Risk Assessments files for completion to Councillors.

Llanarmon to B Barton, Eryrys for A Roberts, Graianrhyd to P Burkhill.

2. B Barton will contact Dave Shiel before the next meeting concerning his Members Funding allocation for the car park work in the Playing Field.

3. Following a complaint it was agreed to add to the new notices (when purchased) that no horse riding is allowed on the Playing Field.

4. Replacement bench-slats had been purchased, as agreed for £10.

**12. Hen Ardd**

B Barton will contact Dave Shiel concerning Hen Ardd. Council informed that one delay is due to the issuing of a license, which is required before work can commence.

**13. Other Matters Brought to Councillors’ Attention**

1. As County Cllr C Evans requested that Community Councillors contacted her directly with a list of highway problems. She will contact D.C.C. Highways Dept. in person to request: - the bank of slurry that has built up on the roadside between Graianrhyd and Highgate should urgently be cleared away for the safety of pedestrians. It is now so high walkers have no safe refuge when lorries are passing each other. In addition, several potholes reported around the village e.g. On the Shelf Road and the Back Road, Llanarmon and in Graianrhyd by the school bend on Llanarmon Road. In addition, complaints about the back roads in Llanarmon being dangerous during the recent low temperatures, as they were not gritted.

2. As County Councillor, C Evan will be holding a surgery. This will be to gain a closer relationship with the whole parish. The public can report problems, talk about complaints, or ideas etc. On Saturday mornings, first one on 24<sup>th</sup> January, then 28<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am-12noon, in Capel Bethel Rhiw Ial, Llanarmon. Community Councillors P Burkhill will attend for Graianrhyd, C Robinson for Eryrys, and M Holland for Llanarmon. If this is successful, then they will continue once a month. Posters will be put around the parish with further details.

3. The Blue Bags scheme is being operated by the school. Any unwanted clothes bedding, materials would be appreciated, as the school will raise £250 per tonne. G Jones volunteered to collect any donations if required.

**14 Correspondence**

D.C.C. Rural Transport Forum Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> January, at 2pm Committee Room 1A, County Hall Ruthin.

D.C.C. Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2pm, County Hall Ruthin.

D.C.C. Social Services and Housing Scrutiny Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> January 10am, Conference Room Ty Nant, Prestatyn.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

Clerk informed the Council that she will be leaving all future meetings at 9.30pm 7.30pm –9.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at St Garmon, Church School Room.

*Meeting ended 10.15p.m.*

Chair.....

Dated.....