

**Minutes of the Meeting of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl Community Council
Held Canolfan Dewi Sant Eryrys. Wednesday 4th March 2009, 7.30 pm**

- 1. Present:** Glenys Roberts (Chair), Martyn Holland (Vice Chair), Cllrs, Carol Robinson, Christine Evans, Bob Barton, Haydn Jones, Rupert Lloyd, Paul Burkhill, Norma Wright (Clerk).
- Apologies:** Andrew Roberts, Glenys Jones.
- 2. Public Meeting** No members of the public attended.
- 3. Confirmation Of Minutes** The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 4th February 2009, were confirmed as true record. Proposed: Haydn Jones, Seconded: Martyn Holland, Chair signed.
In order to save time and prevent meetings taking too long, all Councillors receive copies of the minutes in advance of meetings by email or post. Councillors are to inform the Clerk in advance of amendments required.
B Barton complained that the minutes had not reached him, as his computer was broken, (although the Clerk had telephoned and offered to take him a copy) he wished to make amendments. 1. He did not like the 'tone' used by the Clerk in the minutes. 2. He requested the removal of the sentence concerning the inclusion of Councillor's emails on retrospective planning. Agreed to save time. Members of the Council informed the Chair they were satisfied with the minutes, and stopped B Barton. The Council voted to continue the practice of commenting on the minutes in advance, as the Clerk will continue to leave at 9.30pm. thereby ending the meeting.
- 4. Matters Arising**
1. M Holland, B Barton, A Bromley attended to the guttering of the bus shelter in Llanarmon. The slate roof is in need of repair/replacing. B Barton stated he could quickly secure a grant, to fully cover the cost of all the required work. He was instructed to gain three local quotations, for the re-roofing and to include the installation of seating in two shelters within these quotes, within the next two days. Only if a sufficient grant is available to cover all the required work, (including the LCC Precept bus shelter maintenance allowance) – was B Barton instructed to authorise this work, keeping the Clerk & Chair fully informed of the situation, at all times. If the grant was not available, he was clearly instructed not to place the Council in debt for any work what so ever. Prop M Holland Sec. P Burkhill. LCC Voted in favour of this.
 2. As County Cllr, C Evan held a surgery Saturday 28th February, in Capel Bethel Rhiw Ial. Unfortunately, no members of the public attended.
 3. A public meeting had been held for the proposed building improvement work at St Garmon Church School Room, Llanarmon-yn-Iâl - progress is being made.
- 5. Declaration of Interest** None
- 6. Authorisation Of Payments**
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| 058 | £381.34 | WCBC Clerk's salary |
| 059 | £178.48 | Office Expenses |
| 060 | Void | Council approved the annual contract with WCBC for Clerk's salary £60 |
- 7. Planning**
- 15/2009/0147/PF** construction of vehicular access for Cam yr Alyn, Llandegla Rd, Llanarmon. This would entail the removal of a substantial portion of the hedge; it was appreciated that the new access would provide a shorter route to the village for the occupant. Unfortunately, it would open the way for other properties to gain a new vehicular access, on to this fast road. **Not supported**, but the Council would support a pedestrian access.
- 15/2009/0193/PF** alterations and extend to existing dwelling Foel Las Cottage, Eryrys Road, Mynydd Du, Eryrys. **Supported.**
- 15/2008/1337/PC & 15/2008/1336/PC** D.C.C. reply was unclear if an application had been made for change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian.
- Certificate of Decision:**
- 15/2008/1127/PF Tyn Twll Plas Lane, Llanarmon, archaeological design brief. Approved.
- 15/2008/0598/PF Erw Fechan, Llanarmon Rd, Llanferres, conversion and extension. Granted
- 15/2008/0542/PF 3&4 Maes Garmon, Llanarmon, structural repairs with brick cladding. Granted.
- 15/2008/1255/AC for 15/2007/1281/PF Raven Inn, Llanarmon windows and landscaping. Approved.
- 15/2008/0967/PF Bryn y Gwynt, Cefn Nant Lane, Llanarmon, erection of extension. Granted.
- 15/2008/1018/AC land Tyn Llidiart, Bryn Haidd, Cyfnant Bach, and Llanferres, planting of hedge. Approved.
- 8. Correspondence**
1. B Barton complained that the Clerk did not bring all the correspondence to the attention of the Council. One photocopy of an insurance letter, which the Clerk had sent to him in 2008, had not been added to the correspondence list. The Clerk replied that all relevant correspondence is listed when it arrives in time to put on the correspondence/agenda. Late post is brought to the meetings.

Clerk stated she had requested that insurance letter, after a telephone conversation with the insurance company. Then photocopied it for the Bonfire Committee. The Chair stopped the conversation and read out part of the Code of Conduct to B Barton.

2. Community Safety Action Plan Consultation. An audit of crime, disorder, and antisocial behavior.

3. Proposal for the future of Community Health Councils in Wales – this was passed around the meeting. C Evans reported that these councils were being streamlined, and they perform a good job. B Barton wished this item to be returned for the April meeting. Council voted against this, as C Evans's previous experience more than qualified her to speak on the subject.

4. Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2007-2008.

5. D.C.C. replied to LCC Highway request for - the bank of slurry that has built up on the roadside between Longhope and Highgate to be cleared away. D.C.C. stated the footpath does not continue beyond Maes Gwyn. Councillors reported that this section had been promised a footpath to be extended, when the kerbstones were installed. Now the danger has been reported, it should be acted upon. C Evans will raise this gain and the Clerk will write again.

6. Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County of Denbighshire. Cllr C Evans felt the situation for Llanarmon caused no concern. B Barton wished the item to be raised in April meeting. Prop M Holland. Sec C Robinson - not to return to this issue. The Council voted against raising the issue again in the April meeting. B Barton wished it minuted that he objected.

7. WAG- views on the Welsh Language legislation more information www.assemblywales.org

9. Improving Communication with the Public

C Robinson and C Evans had produced hard copies of the newsletter for Councillors to circulate. Also, copies via emails from databases, as a trial version had been sent out. Council thanked C Robinson and C Evans for this. It was agreed for a quarterly colour and A5 size publication, the next being March/April. A grant is being applied for, and printing costs considered.

Members of associations of the village had met to discuss further the community web page. This could include a synopsis of the minutes of the community council meetings. Also, articles from the church, the school, Gardening Club, Conservation Society and Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre. Progress is being made.

It was agreed to hold a competition to design a three-village logo, to use for the Council, on the web and newsletter. Councillors will contact the school.

10. New Agenda Headings

Council voted the approval of using two new headings on the agenda.

1. County Councillor's Report. – This may be a pre-written report if the County Councillor cannot attend or a verbal report.

2. Additional Information from the Clerk – If the meetings run out of time, the Clerk will add important information to the minutes that she felt the Council needed to be made aware of.

11. Police Report

C Evans met with Community Police Officer P Holmes (who unfortunately is leaving to go to St Asaph), and gained an update on matters affecting the parish. She informed the Council that we are hoping to have a road sign erected, of a Sat-Nav with a red cross through it. This is to reduce the number of vehicles constantly get stuck/lost on the narrow back roads. Discussion followed as to the best place for this sign to be erected.

Speeding traffic in the village is causing concern. It was agreed that a speed cameras should be requested to be brought to the village. Along with a regular and more, frequent intermittent patrols by the Police.

12. Meetings Attended

1. Town & Country Council Cluster Meeting 19th March Chair and Clerk will attend.

2. Chair and Clerk will attend 'An evening with D.C.C.' at St Asaph on 22nd April.

13. Risk Assessments

Clerk requested the return ASAP of the Risk Assessments files: Llanarmon - B Barton, Eryrys - A Roberts, Graianrhyd - P Burkhill apologized for his delay. Now extremely overdue.

14. Other Matters Brought to Councillors' Attention

1. County Councillor C Evans had been involved in trying to gain 30mph warning road signs for the B5431, in order to reduce the speed of vehicles along this road.

2. As County Councillor, C Evans and H Jones will travel around the parish to list outstanding highway problems: - Rhydtalog to the Rose and Crown 4 accidents had been reported. Many potholes are deep and in need of urgent attention. Some roads are just disintegrating. C Evans will report these to D.C.C.

2. C Evans confirmed that she would request that before the bus timetables are completed and finalized there is consultation period.

3. C Evans informed the council that D.C.C. are seriously considering withdrawing the mobile library service, due to lack of funding.

4. C Evans cancelled her GMC registration, she is the Denbighshire Homelessness Champion -

sleeping out for Red Nose Day; attended the AONB Meetings, and the Bilingual Forum.

5.M Holland reported that the Vicarage footpath work has been completed by D.C.C.

6. H Jones reported inconsiderate parking in the centre of Llanarmon village, around the Raven and on many of the back narrow roads. It was agreed that this could be an item put on the web page and newsletter, to ask locals to be more considerate. Inconsiderate parking makes the farmers work very difficult with their large machinery.

**15. Hedd Ardd/
Playing Field**

1. Cllr Christine had spoken to Dave Shiels D.C.C., who stated he had enough funding to complete the required work for Hedd Ardd.

2 The Denbighshire Members Priority Fund – Capital Projects in Llanarmon, allocation via B Barton was discussed. B Barton stated that if the community council do the prep-work for the car park, in the Playing Field it would be possible for the remainder of the required work to be carried out within budget. He requested the figures concerning funding were not to be minuted. The community council stated they were confused by this budget arrangement and would appreciate a very clear update /status at the next meeting of the situation as it is the end of D.C.C. financial year.

**16. Date of
Next Meeting**

7.p.m Wednesday 1st April 2009 at St Garmon Church School Room, Llanarmon

Meeting ended 9.45p.m.

Chair.....

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