

Minutes of the Llanarmon yn Ial Community Council Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2005 at the Old School Rooms, Llanarmon Yn Ial at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Cllrs S P Burkhill, D E White, R Barton, H E Jones, M W Davies, R E Lloyd, G A Roberts, M B Jones, O Griffiths (Clerk) .

1. Apologies for Absence – None.

2. Confirmation of Minutes – AGM 18th June 2004 – these were signed as correct.

3. Election of Chairman – Cllr S P Burkhill was re-elected.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman - Cllr H E Jones re-elected.

5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office – This was not necessary. (Only required at the beginning of term of office)

6. Election of Playing Field Committee – It was agreed the whole Council would continue to serve together with the members of the public who had been co-opted onto the Sub-Committee, Mr Rod Elms, Mrs Jenny Bailey & Mrs Laura Mann.

7. Election of Burial Ground Committee – All Councillors would continue to serve together with the vicar, Revd. Butler and the church warden Mrs Howarth.

7a. Election of Bonfire Committee – All Councillors would continue to serve together with the members of the Public who had been co-opted onto the Sub-committee, Mr Rod Elms, Mrs Olga Elms, Ms Denise Deegan and two further members to be confirmed. It was decided to request that the committee notify the Council of any meetings and that a copy of their Minutes be sent to the Clerk.

8. Election of Denbighshire Association of Local Council Representatives – Cllrs. R Barton and Davies were re-elected.

9. Election of Quarry Liaison Committees – **Graig Quarry** – Cllrs H E Jones, S P Burkhill, H Roberts, G A Roberts and one other member yet to be elected. **Pant y Gwylanod** – Cllrs R Smith and D E White and Mr Bryan. **Burley Hill Quarry** – Cllr D E White.

10. Election of Police Liaison Representative – Cllr R E Lloyd

11. Chairman's Report - 2005.

I intend to keep this as brief and to the point as possible.

As is usual, planning has been the most problematic area for Councillors over the last 12 months. We have had some contentious applications which the Council could not support i.e.

- The Sun Inn and the buildings on the car park,
- the Eryrys caravan park
- encroachment onto common land at Hen Ardd
- and kennels at Bryn Haidd.

We have also supported many more including:

- Ochr Y Foel
- And housing for local young people.

One problem which occurs more frequently within planning, which does not sit easy with myself or many of the other Councillors, is the issue of retrospective planning.

During the last year the school at Graianrhyd has been put up for sale, on the open market, and the community council is currently in talks through our County Councilor to acquire the field for community use.

The play equipment has now been installed in Llanarmon, and I hope the momentum can now be maintained to fence the area, create the car park and carry out remedial work on the road entrance. This will then provide a safe area for children to play within the village. I hope that during the next few years this council will continue to invest in play areas in the other villages of Graianrhyd and Eryrys.

The Hen Ardd site is once again under discussion at County level, and with luck some movement will be seen soon. Another issue which affects the community is the condition of the roads. This has been highlighted to the County at every Community Council meeting.

Our County Councilor has, earlier in the year, in an effort to highlight this situation, escorted one of the officers of the County Councils' highways department around our parish pointing out the most problematic stretches of road.

Affordable housing for young people in the area is yet another issue for this council, and we are currently addressing this by commissioning a study into the needs and types of housing required through a rural initiative.

Finally I must thank Olwen Griffiths, Clerk to the council, for all her hard work on behalf of the council throughout the year, and especially for the effort regarding the playing field.

I'd like to thank our County Councilor for his efforts, on behalf of the community council, with his colleagues in Ruthin.

Mike and Glenys for representing the council at planning committees and meetings and last but not least, all Councillors for their help and support at Community Council meetings.

S P Burkhill

12. County Councillor's Report – To be e-mailed by Cllr Barton.

13. Annual Risk Assessment.- Checklists for the three villages would appear on the Agenda in July.

14. Burial Grounds and Fees – This was deferred to the June meeting when a site visit would take place to discuss any issues.

15. Any Other Business – Cllr Barton reported that the full Planning Committee of Denbighshire County Council would meet on Wednesday the 26th May 2005. A site visit was proposed at Mountain Hall Farm. Eryrys Caravan Park would also be on the agenda. Representation would be made by the Community Council on both these applications. The Clerk was instructed to inform the County council.

The greatest number of complaints to Community Councillors from members of the community inevitably focused on the condition of local roads which were always compared unfavorably with surrounding areas.

As a member of The Quarry liaison Committee, Cllr G A Roberts had pointed out the need for signs locally indicating directions to the quarry, during a site visit earlier in the year. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Gareth Jones- Minerals Officer to establish any further progress.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm.