

3rd January 2024 7pm Ordinary Meeting of Llanarmon yn Ial Community Council**Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom**

1. Ymddiheuriadau /Present: Susan Jones (Chair) Darren Pollard (Vice Chair) Kevin Ford, Simon Garrett, Richard Rogers, Hannah Munro, Norma Wright (Clerk) Four Members of the public attended.

Apologies: Simon Kane (bereavement), Trevor Brand (bereavement).

2. Meeting Open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes: Zoom code available from Clerk to join meeting. No public attended by video conference. Brian Jones complained about the problems caused by the lack of maintenance from DCC of our local roads.

3. Community Council Vacancy: Acceptance of Office signed by Hannah Munro.

Members welcomed Hannah to the Council, she will attend the 'Code of Conduct' course by One Voice Wales on 24th January; and declined (in writing) the home-payment and consumables repayments.

4. Declaration of Interest & Gifts:

S Jones declared a family interest in planning 15/2022/0378 and left the building when the council discussed it.

5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: Read and confirm the Minutes of the General Meeting held **6th December 2024. Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: D Pollard Sec: K Ford. Council voted in favour. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

6. Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda:

- a. D Pollard confirmed the drawings for the intended parking area at Hen Ardd were progressing. He will also ask about plans for Maes Awelon, Llanarmon parking area.
- b. S Garrett complained that the Clerk had contacted him regarding his Christmas lighting at his property.

7. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:

Progress is being made with many issues. DCC Highways budget is to be cut further from £4m to £2m for 2024; the submitted "Wish List" will need to be revised. Assured the Llanarmon School road works would remain. Planning Application 15/2022/0378 in Llanarmon is still on hold because of the Phosphates issue. It is not before the Planning Committee - he will deal with any public concerns. Aware that the Avenues in Eryrys and Hen Ardd parking are waiting for drawings and quotes. Fully supports the idea of extra parking at Maes Awelon, Llanarmon.

8. Planning: Members should view the applications prior to the meeting on Denbighshire County Council's website: <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/planning-and-building-regulations/search-and-comment-on-applications> **15/2022/0378 33 dwellings, Llanarmon.** Councillors reviewed the original comments made to DCC planning, agreed at this stage the original comments will remain the same. This planning application has not yet reached the DCC Planning Committee, which members of the public can attend, also they can add their own comments for and against directly on the DCC Planning Portal. Clerk apologised she hadn't realized she had received the planning details once from T Mendies then again from DCC.

15/2023/0824 Smithy Cottage Llanarmon; removal of 4 elm and 2 ash trees. Supported.

15/2023/0823 Bronallt Llanarmon; removal of one ash tree. Supported.

9. Finance Matters, Schedule of payments of bills and invoices: D Pollard had checked the bank statements against all transactions on all accounts they were correct and signed. S Jones confirmed authorisation for internet banking / card payments and balances and all transactions were correct and sheets were signed. **Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record. Prop: D Pollard Sec: K Ford. Council voted in favour. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried Council voted to authorise the following payments schedule;

£6.60	HSBC charges
£924.00	Broxton Gates (Graianrhyd Shelter) card
££310.67	TG Builders Merch (Graianrhyd Shelter) card
£27.00	TG Builders Merch (Graianrhyd Shelter) card
£1116.00	Easy Gate (Llanarmon field)

£922.98 Clerk Pay December (annual back pay)
 £250.59 HMRC December
 £200.00 WAG Audit Wales

10. Maintenance Contract:

Councillors reviewed the submitted quotations and voted for White Oak Services to be awarded the 3 years maintenance contract. **Resolve:** Prop: D Pollard Sec: K Ford. No votes against or abstentions, motion carried. It was agreed that not only White Oak Services standard of work was excellent their quotation was competitive. Council thanked them for their work and care they have shown when carrying out maintenance work in the community.

11. Graianrhyd & Llanarmon Playing Field:

(a) Llanarmon Playing Field. The water butt has temporarily been removed, when the weather improves it will be placed on a slab and strapped to the shelter to make it secure, by White Oak. The new pedestrian, child-friendly, self-closing gate has arrived and will be installed by White Oak. The bottom gate and dog-walkers gate have had bolts added to prevent them being removed. White Oak will repair the fence behind the shelter which is continually being damaged by children climbing over; this is not an official right of way.

(b) Graianrhyd Community Field: Council thanked Kevin Ford and the 10 volunteers who helped with the 'Food Garden Starter Package' from Keep Wales Tidy on Sunday 17th December. All the fruiting shrubs, climbing plants, wild herbs; strawberry plants; lavender shrubs, edible flowers, were planted with trellis, and growing boxes installed. Kevin will try to gain free Wild Flower seeds from where ever possible to plant around the community. Council agreed to assist in principle to help with finances if required.

12. CAER ODYN, Eryrys parking area: Still waiting for quotations for this work to progress.

13. Dates: a. 10th January 7pm. One Voice Wales zoom meeting: **Rep R Rogers to attend.**

b. 25th January; One Voice Wales, free webinar 'Interactive self-guided tours for villages, towns and communities'.

c. 8th February 7pm. Session to learn more about Community Speed Watch: [GoSafe | Community SpeedWatch](#) and how you could get involved, held online via Zoom. This is in partnership with the Police, members of communities use devices to monitor local vehicle speeds, reporting drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police.

d. 3rd April Darren Millar will be attending the Community Council meeting.

14. Gohebiaethau / Correspondence: Councillors agreed appropriate correspondence had been previously forwarded by the Clerk during the course of the month.

a. The field at **Maes Awelon, Llanarmon** – Cllr T Mendies agreed to a meeting with the Chapel committee and councillors. Following gaining drawings and quotations for creating the parking area, he could enquire about possible funding. He agreed to make enquiries concerning planning permission for change of use.

b. WAG consultation on proposed changes to the Council Tax System. DCC will be responding to the consultation as this will impact on the city, town and community council's precepts.

c. WAG consultation on future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales.

d. Training sessions available provided as part of the Digital Health of Community and Town Councils programme.

e. Interactive self-guided tours for villages, towns and communities on 25th January.

f. WAG consultation on the police budget in North Wales. The consultation closes at midnight on the 7th January https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/opcc_precept23

15. Unrhyw fater arall / other Matters Brought to Councillor/Representatives Attention:

Complaints again about the state of the pavement on School Lane, Llanarmon. It's the main walking route to the school from the village and the pathway is obstructed. Council concerned about the general poor road surfaces before cutbacks, also the excessive flooding; which could be reduced if DCC did preventative work in clearing the drains.

16. Meetings: All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair. Next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom.

Meeting ended 8.15pm

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