

3rd April 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), Hannah Munro, Simon Garrett, Trevor Brand Zoom: Kevin Ford, Richard Rogers Norma Wright (Clerk) 3 public Members:

Apologies: Simon Kane (health) Darren Millar

2. Meeting Open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes: Zoom code available from Clerk to join meeting.

a) **Planning application 15/2022/0378 33 dwellings, Llanarmon;** Residents present stated they feel LCC are not fully conveying all their objections. Council replied that even though a revised application has been submitted, the problem of phosphates remains. Welsh Water has no plans to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment Plant for 4 years, which can only facilitate another 10 homes prior the upgrade. This planning application has yet to go to DCC Planning Committee and there are a great many comments covering many objections by the public already on the DCC portal.

b) **Parc Farm Caravan Park Graianrhyd Road, Llanarmon-Yn-Ial application 15/2023/0911:** Residents felt the growth of Parc Farm, (due to buying more land to further expand) is very concerning. Locals now consider the caravan park to be big enough, without further expansion with more caravans than the actual size of the village. It will create more traffic on the local country lanes and become self sufficient, and thought not to benefit local amenities.

3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts:

S Jones declared a family interest in planning 15/2022/0378 and sat in the public section at the beginning of the meeting as a member of the public; she took no part in the Council comments. (D Pollard Chaired when LCC replied to the planning application).

4. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: Read and confirm the Minutes of the General Meeting held **6th March 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.

5. Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda: none

6. Cllr Terry Mendies Report: Parc Farm planning application 15/2023/0911: for erection of reception and leisure building comprising of reception offices, swimming pool, changing rooms, fitness suite, cafeteria, restaurant, bars and kitchen. Formation of parking, installation of package treatment plant, land-scaping and associated works. This application has been invalidated due to the Pre-Application report submitted was incomplete. Parc Farm had not actually served the formal notice on its neighbours. DCC Planning Officer has requested that they re-do this. The timeframe for this will be approximately 2 months.

Hen Ardd Car Parking: Once the LCC choose which design is suitable, I will endeavour to source the aggregate at cost or below. I will need to know approximate quantities.

7. 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>

15/2021/0318 details of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 12 dwellings submitted in condition of Outline permission of Land at Erw Goed, Llanarmon. Council had concerns about 1. The affordable housing mix - is it affordable? 2. The retention of existing trees - we should retain any conifers that form a natural barrier between the new properties and the existing homes in Maes Ial. 3. The new properties still seem to be very close to the Maes Ial homes. 4. The developer should provide a footpath/pavement on the inside of the development for public and residents use. 5. The need to maintain the lane, and the surface water disposal.

The WAG directive via NRW in relation to the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation. Back in January 2021 NRW published a package outlining Phosphate levels for all rivers across Wales especially those rivers in Special Areas of Conservation. NRW highlight the need for all new developments to ensure that they do not increase Phosphate levels. In this case it is the Dee Valley Catchment area which includes the Alyn Valley.

Phosphates come from a number of sources mainly from farming via fertilisers, human and animal waste. A few sewerage works have been upgraded to remove Phosphates; but Welsh Water have confirmed that the Llanarmon works has not been upgraded to do this, and there are no plans to do any work on our treatment plant for at least four

more years. The Council felt that new dwellings are much needed in communities, but the delays in allowing new dwellings to be built, caused by the problem of phosphates shouldn't be allowed to continue. Investment and improvements should be made more urgently to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment Plants without further delays.

8. Finance Matters, Accounts, and Schedule of payments:

a. Full copy of the updated (31.3.24) Assets Register presented to Council; showing all scraped and newly purchased Asset items. Prop: D Pollard Sec: S Jones. Council voted in favour. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

b. **Bank Mandate** was updated for signatories S Jones, D Pollard, K Ford, H Munro, and N Wright- to have day-to-day management of the accounts. **Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted. Prop: D Pollard Sec: S Garrett. Council voted in favour. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

c. D Pollard checked the bank statements against all transactions on all accounts they were now correct and signed. S Jones confirmed authorisation for internet banking / card payments and balances and all transactions were correct and sheets were signed. Council voted to authorise the following payments schedule;

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| £ 6.20 | HSBC (taken 21st April) charges |
| £609.33 | Clerk Pay April |
| £141.20 | HMRC April |
| £38.00 | One Voice Wales training Hannah Munro 'The Council Meeting' |
| £341.40 | White Oak Services |
| £148.00 | SLCC Membership (Card) |
| £35.00 | ICO 16026618 data protection renewal fee (direct debit) |
| £180.00 refunded (credit114) to Dowell Brothers – they paid LCC in error for church service. | |
| Returned fund 26 th March £593.40 to main account from project account (Moved twice). | |

9. Maintenance

1. **Graianrhyd Community Field:** White Oak will give a quote for a recycled plastic A3 notice board, for field entrance. Concerning the biodiversity, Kevin Ford will on his return from holiday, install a 'bug hotel' and 'bee-home', and plant wild flower seeds in Graianrhyd Community Field. He will cost a solar light for installing into the new shelter, which a local resident has agreed to purchase. Council agreed to purchase the required wood and resources to provide more raised beds.

2. **Maes y Droell** H Watts had reported in March that Woodpeckers have hollowed out the electric pole in the Maes Y Droell Cemetery. Clerk had reported this to Scottish Power.(ref 326586) and the pole will be replaced. Clerk continues to empty the bin each month.

3. **Llanarmon Playing Field:** The play equipment survey is in circulation in the community. The newly purchased pedestrian gate will shortly be installed. White Oak has removed and replanted the apple tree from the front car park. Dug out soak away for rainwater from roof of gazebo and filled with gravel. Added offset and shoe to drainpipe to direct rainwater into soak-away. Set down water butt stand on slab and bolted on, then attached the water butt to gazebo to prevent tipping. White Oak will be asked for the costs of labour to re-stake and/or remove the plastic saplings protectors that have come loose; to tidy up the field. Following reports of dogs escaping under the Llanarmon field fence, (though the Council are not responsible for dog's behaviour); Gareth, Hugo and dog walkers will try to block off the bottom of the fences where possible. White Oak had attended to the gate to make it easier to open.

Sion Mihangel via zoom confirmed the email received from Dr Christine Evans of the Llanarmon Cricket Team to include practice cricket nets in the refurbishment plans for the field. The best nets suited are £2,183.83, plus anti vermoin net skirting. The site is parallel with the bund between it and the goal. The length 30 to 40 yards, with the base stone, surface carpet and mat. It would be up for the summer months May till Sept looked after and insured by the club. They will look for funding from the Aggregates levy, and by approaching the Wind farm and approaching Cricket Wales North. The club are hoping to have fielding practice from the first Friday in May; so the nets will be well used. The club have 21 players on their books including four youngsters, 10yrs to 13yrs, and two teenagers; One woman, three OAPs; also two umpires and Dr Christine as scorekeeper. Council listens to the request. **Resolve:** Council agreed in principle for nets to be installed. They require clear details of the Cricket Club's proposal in writing with a drawing of where they exactly (with measurements) intend to be installed. Then to liaise fully with the Clerk concerning the installation and insurance details.

4. The **St Garmon’s Church** Wardens and volunteers have now planted the bulbs bushes and trees in the Memorial Garden. White Oak has permanently anchored the two new benches. D Wright had installed the 3 new plaques.

5. **Defibs:** checked at Eryrys by D Pollard in full working order; Clerk checked Graianrhyd; Sue Hanahoe checked Llanarmon Old School Room; Martin checked the Llanarmon Shop. Some pads are out of date in May – Clerk has written to Tomos Hughes to see if NHS will replace them.

10. Hen Ardd, Eryrys parking area: Confirmed the drawings for the intended parking area at Hen Ardd had been sent to Cllr T Mendies, DCC Tim Towers and to the required agencies. However, there were concerns relating to the great crested newts in the SSSI site. Council agreed to gain further professional advice before proceeding with work.

11. Vacancy for Councillor: No new applications.

12. Dates:

- 1. Wednesday 1st May, 6pm - LCC Public meeting to sort out the road names in Eryrys, with residents who will be affect with DCC Community Development Officer Kate Thew. (If anyone has old maps to bring them along)
- 2. Saturday 6th April 10am - Litter Pick organised by Llanarmon & District Conservation Society. Starting at The Rose & Crown Graianrhyd, The Raven, Llanarmon-yn-Ial or The Sun Inn, Eryrys.
- 3. Pethau bychain meetings will take place on 16th April 2024 @ 11am and @ 6.30pm 'Understanding the new recycling rules for Community & Town Councils.'
- 4. One Voice Wales Conwy & Denbighshire Area Committee 7pm Wednesday 10th April 2024, at Bodelwyddan Village Hall: R Rogers is the representative.
- 5. Concert to commemorate 80 years since ‘D Day 7pm Thursday 6th June 2024, Chairman of Denbighshire County Council to be held at St Thomas’ Church, Rhyl.

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

- a. Speed road sign reported not working in Graianrhyd. Clerk was informed by DCC that it has been switched off, due to it not being possible to reprogram to activate at 20mph only at 30mph.
- b. Police and Crime Commissioner Elections on 2nd May 2024. Postal voting enables you to vote before polling day, without having to go to a polling station, apply by 5pm 17th April to get a postal vote.
- c. Audit Wales has sent the guidance notes through for preparation of the internal and external audits.
- d. Clerk will contact JDH Ltd for the calendar of dates for the internal audit..

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

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Council really concerned about the general poor road surfaces and poor quantity of pothole repairs. S Jones had reported many with photographs to the DCC portal. Dangerously deep potholes reported again from Graianrhyd towards Treuddyn, as now local’s cars are being damaged.

15. Meetings: All minutes are ‘draft’ until signed off by the Chair.

Short meeting 6pm on the 1st May to discuss the road names in Eryrys.

Annual General Meeting of the Council will start at 6.30pm on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom.

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Signed..... dated.....