

4th September 2024 7pm Ordinary Meeting of Llanarmon yn Ial Community Council**Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom**

1. Present: Chair Darren Pollard, Simon Garrett attended until 7.20pm then resigned and left the building.

Norma Wright (Clerk). **Apologies:** Hannah Munro (working), Susan Jones (holiday) Richard Rogers (health), Trevor Brand (apology), Kevin Ford (apology). **There was not a quorum of councillors; no council meeting took place.**

2. Now a Public Meeting Open to the Public & Press: (Code to attend via zoom was available via the Clerk).

Members of the Public: M Holland, G Bryan, D Wright, H Watts

3. Darren Millar MS, Welsh Conservative Shadow Minister for the Constitution answered questions from the public and spoke on:-

1. The new Senedd constituency boundaries ahead of the 2026 election; the expanded Senedd is the wrong priority, more boundary changes will cause further upheaval and confusion. WAG are obsessed with more politicians and constitutional change, which he explained would not benefit voters. There are currently 60 Senedd members, 40 of them elected by the traditional Westminster style first past the post system. MSs will be elected from 16 new constituencies, made by combining the proposed new 32 Westminster seats for Wales, from party lists based on the proportion of the vote the political parties receive in elections. It will mean an end to the Westminster style first-past-the-post electoral system for Senedd elections. The other 20 represent bigger regions using a process which better reflects the voting share particular parties have received in elections. Voters will be able to back a political party, rather than a candidate. The increase is also being criticised on grounds of cost.

2. WAG need to focus on getting to grips with problems in our NHS, education system and economy.

3. (2023-24) accounts revealed that Betsi Cadwalader Health Board incurred another irregular expenditure without permission for the second consecutive year, in making payments to a former interim executive member of the Board.

4. Roads outside of schools, hospitals and pedestrianised areas should be subject to lower speed limits, but a blanket roll-out of 20 mph in current 30 mph areas is unnecessary. Local Authorities already have the power to make an assessment on a road-by-road basis and lower the limit where it makes sense to do so, new plans cost the tax payer £33 million. Trials of 20 mph zones have not gone well. A blanket 20 mph zone is the WAG's answer to problem that doesn't exist. Couple these new measures with the WAG ban on building new roads.

5. Items that he had been contacted directly by local residents;- hedge cutting in Graianrhyd, road conditions, speeding traffic and no 20mph sign outside Ysgol Bro Famau, Llanarmon. The DCC new awful waste collection system was expensive and unsuccessful in saving money or increasing recycling. He had no idea why community councils require auditing twice, being treated the same as large councils; thought not value for public money.

4. Cllr Terry Mendies: Invited to attend the community council meetings in person.

Report: REFUSE COLLECTIONS: The new system is still having problems. Main issues are with non-recyclable waste and properties away from main roads. There continues to be "Mop Up" collections on Saturdays, missed collections should be reported to me for an internal dedicated system.

BINS INSTALLED IN LLANARMON: three new roadside bins installed in Llanarmon, to reduce dog mess being left. **PLANNING:** Application 15/2023/0911 Parc Farm Caravan Park. A public meeting, at the Old School Room, Llanarmon TBA later this month. Vale invited to attend to answer questions from concerned residents. This year's Concert occurred with no complaints received.

CONTAINER OPPOSITE LLANARMON SCHOOL: DCC Planning is aware of this 40ft container parked on agricultural land; site meeting requested to carry out an audit on what's on the land. **HEN ARDD CAR PARK:** A site meeting with Mike Jones DCC Traffic, Wed 25th Sept. hopefully, the final meeting for this project.

5. Finance Matters, Accounts, and Schedule of payments: Precept £7,854 arrived

a) Transactions on all accounts will be minuted in the October Council meeting;

£ 5.80 HSBC charges (taken 29th August)

£ 5.00 HSBC charges (taken 21st Sept)

£609.13 Clerk Pay August

£141.40 HMRC August

£609.33 Clerk Pay Sept

£141.20 HMRC Sept

£300.00 Radex-Davies Skate-board lessons Llanarmon

£5.40 Mold Library photocopy audit accounts

£114.37 Clerk expenses

£72.00 Dewi Sant Rent April/May/June

b) Llanarmon School batteries and pads for their defib machine; are on order. As agreed in the July meeting.

Meeting ended 8.25pm: General Meeting of the Council will start at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at Canolfan Dewi Sant. **All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.**

Signed Dated

