

4th December 2024 6.30pm Ordinary Meeting of Llanarmon yn Ial Community Council**Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom**

1. Present: Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Trevor Brand, Richard Rogers, Hannah Munro, Cllr. Terry Mendies (zoom), Norma Wright (Clerk) 15 members of the public.

2. Apologies: none

3. Meeting Open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes (Code to attend via zoom is available via the Clerk).

Public session given 6.30pm-7.05pm followed when two late-comers were given 7.25pm-7.45pm.

Public: Attending Llanarmon residents stated they felt disappointed that LCC hadn't represented their points of view regarding planning application 15/2022/0378. D Pollard (acting as Chair) stated only the planning application's alterations on the November's agenda had been supported; the actual planning application will not go before DCC for at least 4 years. This was reaffirmed by Cllr Terry Mendies. Also, the community council's observations are only classed as 'One' observation; the same as any One resident when made to DCC.

In reply to complaints that residents are unaware of the community council's meetings and minutes; Councillors confirmed that council minutes and agendas are published on Llanarmon.com website and hard copies are placed on all notice boards, in all three villages. D Pollard pointed out that there are still four vacancies on LCC, which have been widely advertised, and residents from Llanarmon should apply. Mr Steve Latham requested to be Co-opted onto LCC, so he can keep Llanarmon residents informed; following his formal application and interview, LCC will contact him. Cllr Hannah Munro will place a link for LCC minutes on FB.

Following a request for information concerning LCC selling a small piece of land in Llanarmon; the Clerk stated posters had been placed on all notice-boards and on the website; this subject had been on the agenda and minuted many times over the years.

Hugo Watts attended, and updated the council on maintenance issues.

4. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: Susan Jones declared a family interest in planning 15/2022/0378 she moved to join the public section, at the beginning of the meeting; D Pollard acted as Chair.

5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: of the Meeting held 6th November. **Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard.

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

7. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:

PLANNING: It had been an active month with DCC making progress on planning violations. Planning Enforcement Officers are entitled by law to gain access to property and land.

a. 15/2023/0911 Parc Farm Caravan Park; the planned public meeting in November was cancelled due to snow.

b. DCC Planning is aware of the 40ft container parked on agricultural land opposite Llanarmon School.

c. Cars/vans, rubbish are being removed, by DCC Enforcement Officers from land at Ty Isso, Llandegla.

HEN ARDD CAR PARK: Mike Jones DCC Traffic had replied that his delay in gaining quotes from DCC was due to shortage of staff.

FLOODING ON PANT DU ROAD: Following the site meeting in November with DCC Mark Evans; it had been confirmed that road maintenance to prevent further road damage on Pant Du, Eryrys will be carried out in January.

GRAIANRHYD road near Rose & Crown flooding issues were raised.

ROAD REPAIRS AND POTHOLE: Back Road, Llanarmon towards the Raven will be resurfaced. The list of local road repairs has been sent to DCC for "WISH LIST" FOR 2025.

Cllr Terry Mendies complained about the conduct of a community councillor (not named), giving him one month's notice to resign, before putting in an official complaint to the Ombudsman.

8. Planning: Members should view applications prior to the meeting on Denbighshire County Council's website: Chair reminded the Community Council to be fully aware of the boundary of the Conservation Area for Llanarmon when making planning decisions.

15/2024/1499/PS 4 Ffordd Rhiw Ial, Llanarmon. Removal of condition no. 3 (conservation style roof-lights) in relation to planning permission 15/2024/1015. **Resolve:** LCC supports DCC's planning decisions concerning the Conservation Area of Llanarmon.

15/2024/1389/HH Stony Croft, Llanarmon: conditions for conservation style. **Resolve:** LCC supports DCC's planning decisions concerning the Conservation Area of Llanarmon.

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

a) D Pollard checked, signed and dated all the bank statements against all transactions, on all accounts; they were correct. S Jones confirmed, signed and dated authorisation for internet banking / card payments; balances and all transactions were correct. **Resolve:** Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

b) Council agreed and voted to authorise the following Payments Schedule. To prevent being over-due, and when required some invoices are already paid, Council agreed with the procedure, as all payments transactions on all accounts are minuted. **Resolve:** Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

£ 7.35	HSBC charges CHG9 Nov (taken 21 st Dec additional transferring charge)
£609.33	Clerk Pay Dec
£141.20	HMRC Dec
£49.99	2 CCTV cameras for Graveyard
£2394.00	White Oak Services (grounds maintenance July- Nov)
£18.00	Canolfan Dewi Sant rent November

c) **The Auditor General for Wales report and audit opinion is completed; an in-depth audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2024 of Llanarmon-yn-Ial Community in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004: “Audit opinion: Unqualified. On the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return: There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council’s attention.”** The Clerk had prepared the Notice of Conclusion of Audit & Right to Inspect the Annual Return and put all required completed notices on the notice boards and website along with the certified Annual Returns.

d) Council has agreed a donation of £50 to the Regional Committee of Urdd Gobaith Cymru in Denbighshire, in October’s meeting, but Clerk cannot get the payment through on their bank details; still waiting for corrected details.

e) Clerk will contact a different solicitor concerning selling the land at Tyn Llan. Following legal advice and sufficient notice to the farmer - the land will be valued and placed on the public market; providing the valuation vs. the cost of selling is thought to benefit the community and no other plans for the land are suggested and are thought more beneficial for the community. Clerk will place renewed posters on the notice boards and website; to ask the community for alternative viable use.

f) Due to the poor connection when using Zoom and the slow connection of the Clerk’s laptop; the council agreed to consider purchasing a Council laptop and looking into improving the remote options for joining council meetings. H Munro will research costings and options, and report back to council in January.

g) **Review of Standing Orders: The Clerk had updated Section 18 in the Standing Orders to reflect the changes in the Financial Regulations for consistency.**

10. Maintenance

1. **Biodiversity Ongoing Plans:** DCC Tree Officer Tom Hiles confirmed he will supply a number of trees for the community; these will be planted by White Oak.

2. **Llanarmon Playing Field:** White Oak has finished the repairs and coating of weather proofing to the two old wooden benches. The old swings will be cut down as now considered unsafe; they will hopefully be used for flower/ herb growing areas in the playing field. The front and back gate lock have been replaced. A new spring has been installed on the gate at Graianrhyd. The bench at Maes y Droell has had all its legs now bolted down and many bluebells planted. All around the planters have been strimmed and daffodils planted in the community.

3. **Defibs:** D Pollard checked Eryrys; Clerk checked Graianrhyd; noted both defib alarms are not working in the cabinets. Sue Hanahoe checked Old School Room; Martin the Llanarmon Shop.

4. K Ford had purchased two CCTV cameras for St Garmon’s graveyard; he will install them as soon as possible.

11. Dates of Meetings, Events and Training (future or attended) None

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

a) Invitation to join Pethau Bychain the One Voice Wales Nature Network for Community & Town Councils in Wales.

b) One Voice Wales guidelines about Emails and Procurement procedures.

c) The Valuation Tribunal for Wales are recruiting people to become voluntary members of the tribunal; which hears appeals about people’s Council Tax and business owners’ Business Rates.

d) Information on RAAC in Buildings.

e) Inquiry Launch ‘Community Cohesion’ by One Voice Wales.

f) Community Learning Hubs ‘Multiply Numeracy for Life’ in Denbighshire.

g) Update of Wales’s New National Park Proposal

h) Denbighshire CC is reviewing the location of polling stations.

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

- 1. The dumped tarmac at the entrance of Nercwys Forest has been removed.
- 2. Reported that lack of parking places in Eryrys village continues to cause problems and friction as more public events take place. Cllr Mendies will continue to press DCC.
- 3. Local flooding, pot holes, empty grit bins, reported by S Jones to DCC. Resident had reported fly tipping in Eryrys.
- 4. K Ford and son Harri were thanked for clearing away the bonfire remains, on Llanarmon Playing Field. The ground had previously been too wet for the trailer. T Brand offered to clear any remaining nails with his magnets. It was agreed that volunteers from the village will be required next year to help with the clearing process.

14. Meetings: General Meeting of the Council 7pm on Wednesday 8th January 2024 at Canolfan Dewi Sant. **All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.**

Meeting ended 8.10pm

Signed Dated.....