

**Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom**

**1. Present:** Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Trevor Brand, Hannah Munro, Richard Rogers, Steve Latham, Norma Wright (Clerk); 7 public members; **Apologies:** Cllr. Terry Mendies

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

a. B Jones had previously asked if there is any support possible, a back-up service when the Digital Masts (8714 and 22185) aren't operating e.g. in the form of batteries, for example. Resolve: Cllr. T Mendies has stated he will follow this up when he returns from holiday; to gain some kind of support that is much needed, with clarification.

b. The Council confirmed that they had emailed Martyn Holland's report of the Llanarmon Residents public meeting, concerning Parc Farm expansion to DCC planning dept. Mr Pilkington raised new concerns over the number of caravans already on site in comparison to the number permitted on their previous planning applications; as their map on the website is out of date. Resolve: Cllr T Mendies will be asked to make enquiries.

c. D McPherson stated he felt LCC hadn't fully represented the community's points of view concerning the planning application 15/2022/0378 wanting more information; and again, at length criticised the Chair, Council, Clerk and minutes.

One complaint was that the names of the public attending had been put into the minutes. Clerk stated that if you speak at a public meeting it is correct procedure to use your name. All the public attending had given their names on being introduced to the Council and had not stated they wanted to remain anonymous.

Resolve: D Pollard (acting as Chair) stated he and other councillors had answered questions in several Council meetings now, concerning the planning application 15/2022/0378 even though it was not on the agenda. Enough time had been allowed (over 20 minutes in this meeting alone) on the subject and until DCC bring the planning application to the attention of LCC the subject will not be given any more time.

D Pollard pointed out that there are now still three vacancies on LCC, which have been widely advertised, and residents from Llanarmon should apply. Council minutes and agendas are published on Llanarmon.com website and on three notice boards in all three villages.

d. Hugo Watts attended, and updated the Council on maintenance issues; LCC thanked him and his son for all their excellent work.

**3. 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.

**4. Community Council Vacancy: Interview** Mr Steve Latham was interviewed at 6.30pm to be Co-opted onto LCC.

Resolve: Following a successful interview Steve's application was accepted and welcomed to join LCC. He was informed of the mandatory training courses and forms to be signed. Proposed H Munro Sec: K Ford. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

**5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes** of the Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025. **Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

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

**7. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:** apologies on holiday.

**8. Planning:** Members and the public should always view applications prior to the LCC meeting on DCC website. When planning applications are made available from DCC, before a LCC meeting then the planning application reference numbers will be included on the agenda. However, if due to the timing differences of the LCC Agenda being published before planning applications have been received; the public must be aware that these additional planning applications may well still be discussed. This is due to LCC's not missing the DCC recommended deadline of a 21-day observation period. Therefore, it is important to always fully check DCC's website before a LCC meeting. Members of the public can always make their own comments directly on DCC website.  
No planning applications this month.

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

a) D Pollard checked, signed bank statements against transactions made, on all accounts; being aware of the correction of NHI/ payroll 20p difference for January, (through delayed email) minuted to be corrected in March payments.

S Jones confirmed, signed and dated authorisation for internet banking / card payments; balances and all transactions were accepted; noting 20p corrects required. **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; all payments transactions on all accounts are minuted. **Resolve:** Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions motion carried.

£ 5.00	HSBC charges
£609.33	Feb Clerk Pay (£609.13 Jan)
£141.20	Feb HMRC (£141.40 Jan)
£391.00	Cymru Audit Wales

**c)** Council has agreed a donation of £50 to the Regional Committee of Urdd Gobaith Cymru in Denbighshire, in October's 2024 meeting; payment made 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 after waiting for corrected bank details.

**d)** Due to the poor connection when using Zoom and the Clerk's laptop no longer working; the council agreed to purchase a Council laptop. They will also cost looking into improving the remote options for joining council meetings. H Munro will research costings and options, and report back to council.

**e)** Clerk has received an email from the Lottery that the Llanarmon Playing Field Application, for play equipment funding had been successful. Council thanked the Clerk for the hours of work that were required with the application. **Resolve:** Council agreed for the Clerk to attend DCC, and employ their officer to apply the Tendering process to be followed. Prop: S Jones Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

## **10. Maintenance:**

- 1. Biodiversity Ongoing Plans:** DCC Tree Officer Tom Hiles delivered 6x 20ft trees for the community (2 Llan graveyard sycamore, silver birch, 2 Llan field- cherry, oak, 2 Dewi Sant- field maple, rowan) which have all been planted by White Oak. Council thanked Ceris Jones for her donation of three trees for Graianrhyd Community Field.
- 2. Llanarmon Playing Field:** White Oak will cut down and lay the old rotten wooden swing as now considered unsafe; they will hopefully be used in the playing field.
- 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.** An electrician is now required to install an outside electric supply for the two cameras required for St Garmon's graveyard. Signs will be purchased and installed.
- 5.** Following gaining the costings for replacing the storm damaged telephone kiosk door and frame in Eryrys; the Clerk will contact BT for spares. **Resolve:** If unsuccessful an insurance claim will be made.
- 6.** At the Rose & Crown junction in Graianrhyd the pub fence, the DCC road-directional sign, the defib sign was hit by a vehicle and LCC flower box destroyed. The pub landlord will be contacted for the car owner's insurance details.
- 7.** Informed of the large number of mole-hills on Graianrhyd Community Field.
- 8.** There is water pouring down the Llanarmon old school room path – the church wardens have called a plumber out.

## **11. Dates of Meetings, Events and Training (future or attended)**

**AONB forum meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6,30pm** held Neuadd Eleanor Village Hall, Llanfair DC

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

1. Mike Jones DCC Highways confirmed DCC will pay for DCC Engineers to design and produce the plans/drawings, including costings for the proposed Hen Ardd lay-by. LCC are aware they will be required to pay for the actual work if it is affordable. This lay-by will help reduce parking problems in Eryrys; especially when Canolfan Dewi Sant hold functions.
2. DCC Jane Drinkwater contacted the Council to inform them that the Welsh Government grant funding the installation of broadband and Wi Fi has now ended for the PSBA Network. The annual fee is £612.08; although it is installed in the Canolfan Dewi Sant building, it is a community benefit. Council will be kept updated on the issue.
3. Circulated the DCC Local Toilet Strategy Consultation.
4. DCC Transport Policy 2025 public consultation on the draft Regional Transport Plan. This 12-week consultation until 14<sup>th</sup> April; offers residents, businesses, the opportunity to shape the future of transport in North Wales.
5. 'Safety in Farming Day' a free event aimed at tackling the health & safety challenges in agriculture. With over 6,500 farms in North Wales, a chance to create safer farming environments 15th April 9am -4pm Venue Cymru Llandudno.
6. Denbighshire County Council's annual Stakeholder Survey for 2024 to 2025 survey is an important tool for gathering different people's opinions on the council's performance against its current Corporate Plan

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

1. Local flooding, pot-holes in the community reported by S Jones to DCC. Chair instructed all Councillors to take photos of the problems then report the various local highways faults directly on DCC portal.
2. T Brand had cleared bonfire nails with his magnets; he will return as more have been reported now having risen to the top of the ground. Thoughts of creating a fire pit surrounded by stones may be considered. It was agreed that volunteers from the village will be required next year to help with the clearing process.
3. K Ford reported that the parking problems in Eryrys Avenues have not gone away. DCC need to come again and solve the problem. T Mendies will be asked again for a way forward.
4. Police will be invited to attend a Council meeting; the dangerous boy-racing cars (side-by-side) in Graianrhyd will be reported.
5. The dangerous and extremely bright light (in the property near the Nant Eryrys) will be reported to DCC.

**14. Meetings:** General Meeting of the Council 7pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Canolfan Dewi Sant. **All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.**

Meeting ended 20.50pm

Signed ..... Dated.....