

## Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

### Present: Cllrs

Allan Morgans – Chair  
Jac Armstrong – Vice Chair  
Ivy Watts  
Graeme Davidson  
Michael Cordiner  
John Almond  
Isla Watts  
Amanda Curtis  
Gwyneth Dillon – Temp Clerk

### Apologies:

Paul Sheldon  
Martyn Holland

### Members of the Public:

Tony King

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Dillon for stepping into the breach as Clerk for this Meeting. Condolences were expressed to Margaret and her family, whose mother passed away this day.

The Chairman asked if the Council had any objections to the temporary Clerk's remuneration for this Meeting. This could be raised at the end of the Meeting under Part II.

### 244. Apologies

Cllr Sheldon sent his apologies.

### 245. Meeting Open to the Public

TK ask if the new planning Portal was giving anyone any trouble. Cllr Almond stated it was different and the chair had experienced no issues.

### 246. Declaration of Interest Statement

Circulated to the Councillors prior to the Meeting.

### 247. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 248. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The Minutes were approved subject to the following minor amendments:

Page 2 – Item 233 – *remove the additional 'C' prior to Cllr Holland.*

Page 3 – Item 237 – *add 't' to complete sentence ' issues being raised the matter would be...'*

Cllr Davidson proposed the Minutes be accepted, subject to the two typographical errors identified. Cllr Almond seconded and all Councillors present accepted the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

### 249. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 167/4 Still awaiting a response from DCC regarding the dropped kerb at the entrance to Maes Ysgawen Park.
- 192/1 Potholes in Rectory Lane – response from Denbighshire County Council was that as the road was unadopted they would not be responsible. The residents may have to agree to undertake the work and meet the cost.
- 224/ The rats' infestation in Cae Derwen has now been eradicated.
- 226/5 The Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been signed by Chair.

- 227/5 The Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been signed by the Vice-Chair.
- 236/5 Completed.
- 237/5 Information for Prof Gibson – completed.  
Request from LPFRA – completed.  
Request from Parochial Church Council re Grant – completed. (This sum of money is for Church Grounds Maintenance only).
- 240/5 b) Bench on A494 – still awaiting a response from Denbighshire County Council  
d) Water Fountain will remain switched off due to Corvid restrictions.

**Action: Cllrs will consider if it should be repaired when restrictions are lifted.**

- 240/5 e) Exchange the current single litterbin situated in the layby on A494 for a dual-purpose bin.  
Awaiting a response from Denbighshire County Council.

**Action: Clerk to pursue response through Customer Services**

## 250. Internal Audit

The Internal Audit Report had been received and was a very positive Report with some minor amendments to be made. This had been circulated to all Councillors.

**Action: Clerk to amend the Annual Return. The Risk Assessment to be updated to include supplier (procurement) fraud controls.**

## 251. Review of Standing Orders

Section 3(g) Participants can only speak at the discretion of the Council at a Meeting.

**Action: Cllr Jac Armstrong will look at the correct wording and report back to the Council.**

This item relates to the new permanent arrangements for local authority meetings set out in Section 47 of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. The Community Council is required to update the Standing Orders to reflect that ‘participants (i.e. other council members, members of the public and press) are able to join meetings remotely – even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely physically.

**Action: This matter will be dealt with should it arise. Chair to ask Martyn Holland to obtain clarification**

## 252. Correspondence List

The Clerk had circulated correspondence to Councillors as appropriate during the course of the month.

- a) Information from Denbighshire County Council regarding the new Waste Collections (the Councillors noted the large outlay to carrying out these changes).
- b) Denbighshire County Council – Needs Assessment for Gypsy & Travellers Task Group.
- c) Denbighshire County Council – Shaping Future Priorities (response due by 31<sup>st</sup> July)
- d) Denbighshire County Council – New Bus Service to Tourist Areas (Bus Timetable has been issued)
- e) Children’s Commissioner – Free Activities in the Summer
- f) Denbighshire County Council – Climate Change – Calculating Carbon Footprint
- g) Keep Wales Tidy – Green Flag judging in Maeshafn will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June (9.30 – 10.45) and Maes Ysgawen (11.00 – 12.15)
- h) Mr Sean Thomas sent in a request for Speed Signs on the A494. (The Chair responded that Cllr Holland was dealing with this as the road was under the Trunk Road Agency and not Denbighshire County Council.
- i) Thank you response from St. Berres Church Council for the Maintenance Grant.

## 253. County Councillors Report June 2021

### S Bend in Maeshafn

I am pleased to confirm that the County have at last installed chevrons on the Aberduna Quarry bends. It just goes to prove that sadly accident statistics always help.

### Flooding Maeshafn Road

After the recent heavy rains Ffordd Maeshafn was once again flooded near the property known as Silver Wood. I can confirm that the planned works to resolve the problem are still on the Counties priority list for this year.

### Speeding on A494

I have received a number of complaints about not only the speed of traffic on the A494 through Llanferres but also the noise from motorbikes. I will raise this with the police but I would encourage anyone who has concerns about the speed of vehicles or noise on the A494 to report each case on the Go Safe website.

### Blocked Drain Maes Ysgawen

I received a concern about a blocked drain in the Park and the chair has arranged for Hugo to check it on a regular basis as part of his contract.

### Forestry Road Improvements

The County will be writing to all residents on Forestry Road as part of the consultation process linked to the improvements to the Moel Famau and Loggerheads country parks.

### Potholes in Rectory Lane

After visiting Rectory Lane I reported the large number of potholes and I asked the County to repair them. Once again the Counties response was that because it is an unadopted road they could not undertake any work on the lane.

The only alternative is to explore with the residents either clubbing together to fill the potholes or coming together to start the adoption process which will be costly.

### Community Update 26

I have just issued my latest Community Update number 26 which covers issues across the ward.

## 254. Planning Applications

21/2021/0489 – Location: Glan y Gors Maeshafn Proposal: Change of use and siting of 3 Glamping Units

**Response:** The Community Council wishes to support the Application in principle but would offer the following comments:

- i. There is no information as to the supply of electricity or water
- ii. How will the 'grey' water be dealt with?
- iii. Outside lighting should be protected as the site is in a Clear Sky area
- iv. Possibility of requesting advice on the type of Yurt that could be use?

21/2021/0504 – Location: 6 Bryn Eithin Llanferres Proposal: Change in design approved on Application No. 21/2020/0683. Square off footprint and replace glass wall with Bi-fold doors.

**Response:** The Community Council offers no objection or comment.

## 255. Update on Projects

Maeshafn Playing Field & Orchard the seeding has been successful. The planting is now complete.

Unfortunately, after the recent downpour, the mower shed was flooded. The mower has been sent to J. T. Williams for a service and to check for flood damage.

**Action:** Insert an Acro drain in front of the entrance to the shed to avoid future flooding.

Tafarn y Gelyn – Bench we are currently waiting for a response from Denbighshire County Council regarding the permit for the installation of the bench.

## 256. Maintenance in the Community

Plymog Layby : currently awaiting a response for the change of bin from Denbighshire County Council.

Chevrons on S- Bend in Maeshafn :The chevrons have now been installed on the bend and have made a difference.

War Memorial : the work at the Memorial Stone has now been contracted out to White Oak Properties

## 257. Banking

The Clerk had sent Cllr Ivy Watts the May Bank Statements and accounts for checking against the Internet banking transactions. Cllr Watts confirmed all were correct.

## 258. Payment of Bills and Invoices

The following bills were presented for authorisation to pay

1. AVOW - payment of Clerks salary & admin for June	£315.90
2. Debit card payment of GoTo meeting fee for June	£13.20
3. Llanferres Village Hall (June & July)	£20.00
4. JDH Business Service (Audit Fee)	£191.52
5. G Dillon stand in for Clerk	£108.55

Cllr Curtis proposed all bills be paid, Cllr Almond seconded, and all Councillors present voted in favour.

**Action: Clerk to pay all bills on schedule**

## 259. Other Matters Brought to the Councils Attention

- The Notice Board at Pant Du requires a new cork board as the Notices are difficult to pin.
- A Tree has fallen on the 'S' bends and damaged the adjacent tree, which is also in danger of falling. The landowner has been contacted.
- Notice Board at Llanferres has a faulty hinge on one of the doors (Cllr Davidson to investigate)
- Maes Ysgawen – it was reported that two of the stones are missing from the roadway arch over the stream. (Chair to request Hugo to inspect it – one stone is in the stream).
- Notice Board at Loggerheads is badly in need of maintenance/replacement. Countryside Services will contribute to the cost. A copy of the design has been sent for their agreement.
- No other matters had been reported to Councillors

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and asked that the Meeting go into **Part 11** excluding the public and the press.

All Councillors agreed to the payment of £xxx plus travelling expenses to Mrs Dillon.

**Action: Clerk to process the payment.**

Cllr Cordiner proposed closing the meeting, Cllr John Almond seconded, and the meeting was closed at 20.50pm

**The next General Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
starting at 7.30 pm at the Llanferres Village Hall**