

Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2021

Present: Cllrs

Allan Morgans – Chair
Ivy Watts
Michael Cordiner – part time
John Almond
Isla Watts
Amanda Curtis
Martyn Holland
Margaret Narburgh - Clerk

Apologies:

Graham Davidson
Paul Sheldon
Jac Armstrong

Members of the Public:

Hugo Watts
Noel Headley
Jayne Wilde

The Council was unable to facilitate requests from 2 members of the public to join the meeting via video conference, due to Denbighshire CC's website blocking access to the GoTo Meetings platform.

277. Apologies

Cllrs Davidson, Sheldon and Armstrong sent their apologies due to work commitments.

278. Meeting Open to the Public

1. Jayne Wilde asked the Council for clarification of minute 251 from the meeting on 10th June 2021. The Chair explained the wording should have read at the '*direction*' and not '*discretion*' of the Council in relation to Clause 3 (f) of the Standing Orders 2019.
2. Noel Headley asked if the Millennium Fountain would be repaired. The Chair stated the plumber had said it was a difficult job and he would look at it again when the Covid restrictions on using water fountains were lifted.
3. Noel Headley asked if the Council was aware the noticeboard in Llanferres needed repairing. The Chair stated Cllr Davidson had been action to investigate the extent of the damage in June and it would be repaired or replaced in due course.
4. Noel Headley asked if the Council was still willing to support the village to renovate the Hearse House following this matter being discussed a few years ago. The Chair stated that in principle the Council would still support the project but there were legal difficulties due to Councils not being allowed to provide financial support for Church property. The law surrounding this is very confusing and Mr Headley was asked to submit a proposal to the Council for consideration.
5. Hugo Watts asked if Llanferres was in the catchment area for applying for a grant from Clocaenog for the Hearse House. The Chair stated it was.

279. Declaration of Interest Statement

Circulated to the Councillors prior to the Meeting.

280. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

281. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting on 8th July 2021

Cllr Almond proposed the Minutes be accepted, Cllr Curtis seconded and all Councillors present accepted the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

282. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 8th July 2021

- 167/4 Still awaiting a response from DCC regarding the dropped kerb at the entrance to Maes Ysgawen Park.
- 220/a Completed on 18th August 2021

220/b	Bench at Tafarn Y Gelyn – on agenda for discussion
221/e	Completed
230 / 251	Completed
240/5	Millennium water fountain – on agenda
250	Completed
259/1	New cork on noticeboard at Pant Du still needs replacing. Action: Chair to arrange
259/3	Faulty hinge on Llanferres noticeboard needs repairing. Action: Cllr Davidson to investigate
267	Completed
268	Clerk to update Standing Orders to reflect changes in legislation to allow multi-access to meetings
269	Completed 9.7.21
270/b	Completed 13.7.21
270/c	Completed 10.7.21 and response received stating Rectory Lane was not a trunk road. Cllr Holland to speak to Denbighshire to progress the repair of potholes
270/d	Completed 19.7.21
270/e	Completed 9.7.21
271	Completed 10.7.21
272	Loggerheads noticeboard – on agenda
273	Completed
275	Completed 9.7.21
276/1	Completed
276/3	Completed 6.8.21

The Chair stated he was concerned about the continuing lack of response from Denbighshire CC on a number of matters despite having chased them several times.

Action: Clerk to list outstanding responses and write to Tony Ward asking for replies and copy in Chief Executive Graham Boase

283. Correspondence List

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

- a) Operation London Bridge – the Chair asked if 2 Councillors would meet with him to discuss what plans could be put in place beforehand so that the Council could act quickly in the event of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth’s passing. Action: Councillors to volunteer
- b) LPFRA lease agreement – Sean Thomas has asked if the Council can extend the current lease agreement for another 25 years to enable LPFRA to apply for a grant to repair and upgrade Llanferres playing field. The current lease ends in 5 years but Clocaenog require at least 7 years remaining in order to consider awarding a grant. After due discussion Cllr Almond proposed renewing the lease for 30 years, Cllr Ivy Watts seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to discuss with Cllr Armstrong and make the appropriate arrangements
- c) Information from Welsh Government confirms legislation requiring Councils to provide multi-location meetings came into effect in May 2021. Action: Clerk to draft wording to update Standing Orders and circulate to Councillors for comment.
- d) 4 safety signs warning drivers of children playing in Maeshafn have been approved by Denbighshire CC. One will be placed on each of the 3 roads leading into the village and the other double sided sign will be on the post outside the playing field.
- e) Public Space Protection Order ref control of dogs has not been widely circulated and the public are mainly unaware. Action: Clerk to create link on Council website.
- f) Consultation for local election only asks for comments from Election officers – no action required by Council
- g) Guidance from the Ombudsman ref Councillors conduct has been received. Action: Clerk to upload into secure section of website for reference by Councillors

- h) Queens Jubilee Beacon. Action: to be put on agenda for next meeting when more Councillors are present
- i) 4 items of correspondence to be considered under **Part II** of the agenda.

284. Planning Applications

1. 21/2021/0384 – Miners Arms Maeshafn. Ground floor extension at rear to provide kitchen and dining area. After due discussion Councillors had no objections and agreed with comments made by AONB and Natural Resources Wales. Action: Clerk to notify planning
2. 21/2021/0799 – Rock Cottage Loggerheads. Change of use of outbuilding into holiday accommodation. After due discussion Councillors had no objections and agreed with comments made by AONB and NRW. Action: Clerk to notify planning subject to Residency policy test PSE4
3. 21/2021/0389 – Gwyndy Eryrys. Conversion of outbuilding to provide overspill accommodation to existing dwelling. After due discussion Councillors had no objection subject to Residency policy test PSE4. Action: Clerk to notify planning
4. 21/2021/0845 – 4 Rectory Lane Llanferres. Erection of single story extension to rear. After due discussion Councillors had no objections and agreed with AONB comments. Action: Clerk to notify planning.
5. 21/2021/0800 – Tarion Covert, Big Covert Maeshafn. Planning had listed this on the portal in error and it has now been removed. The request was asking DCC if planning permission was required to erect a storage shed in Big Covert, and it is.

285. County Councillors Report August 2021

Cllr Holland reported Denbighshire CC were still not responding to correspondence from him and he had been trying to get answers on some matters for over 12 months.

The consultation for the provision of extra parking on Forestry Road was ongoing and extra short term parking bays for dog walkers were being considered.

Denbighshire CC are looking for volunteers to visit older people living on their own to provide some friendly company for a few hours. Action: If anyone is interested in volunteering, contact Martyn Holland direct

Forestry Road

The Forestry Road DCC Consultation regarding traffic prohibition orders, new signage, etc has yet to start. As already reported I have offered to hand deliver the letters to save time and so that I knew that all the relevant residents were given the opportunity to take part.

To say that I am disappointed is an understatement because we were told that this would happen in June.

Weed Spraying

The road side weed spraying in the villages was completed in July.

Entrance to Bryn Altro

The entrance to Bryn Altro from the Cilcain Road needs attention but sadly because it is a private road DCC will not undertake the work needed.

Maeshafn Bus Service

Once again I have raised concerns about losing the bus service via Maeshafn because the bus cannot turn around in the village centre due to cars parked around the green and on the junctions. I have asked officers to look for an alternative solution.

Rectory Lane

Along with local residents and our MS Darren Millar we have asked DCC to check their records regarding the history of Rectory Lane and to see when it became a BOAT and if it has ever been adopted. The case is ongoing.

Cae Derwen

Once again we have received assurances from Morris Home that they will cut the trees and hedges in Cae Derwen. As the bird nesting season is now over this should happen soon!

Verge on A494

I received a number of complaints about the visibility at the junction with Rectory Lane and the A494 because of the height of the grass on the bee friendly verge.

A resident kindly sent me a video showing cars disappearing from sight which I forwarded to the DCC highways team. They did promise to cut the verge in front of the Druids and this was eventually completed yesterday. Six weeks later.

A494 Go Safe

At a meeting with the local Police team they confirmed that the section of the A494 through Llanferres was on the Go Safe schedule.

Flooding Maeshafn Road

The flooding on the Maeshafn road near Silver-wood House will be resolved in September. DCC have been in negotiations with a local landowner to pipe the water away.

Ash Die Back

The County have had a team in our ward completing a survey of the impact of Ash Die Back. I have asked for a copy of the final report which I will share with all three Community Councils. Sadly it will not be good reading with over 300 trees already recorded with ADB at Loggerheads alone.

Burley Hill Quarry

As previously reported Tarmac are looking to submit a planning application in November this year to extend the life of the Burley Hill Quarry. The planned test blasting in August has been delayed due to a request for a further Great Crested Newt survey.

Flashing Signs A494

I have asked Darren Millar MS if he would chase the Trunk Roads Agency regarding the installation of the flashing 40mph signs for Loggerheads which we were promised at the beginning of the year

286. Projects Update

- a. Tafarn y Gelyn Bench - Chair has chased Michelle Gudgeon several times but still cannot get a response from Denbighshire CC.
- b. Countryside Services have agreed to pay £200 towards the cost of the new noticeboard at Loggerheads and install it FOC. It should arrive around 27th September Action: Cllr Morgans to co-ordinate delivery and installation.

287. Maintenance in the Community

- a. A dog foul waste bin has now been installed in Plymog layby no further action needed
- b. Maes Ysgawen culvert Action: Cllr Morgans to speak to White Oak Properties and arrange for work to be done.
- c. Flooding of shed in Maeshafn playing field – Aqua drain was installed during August no further action needed
- d. Millennium water fountain – still waiting for Covid restrictions on use of water fountains to be lifted. Plumber will then try to repair.

288. Banking

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

289. Payment of Bills and Invoices

The following bills were presented for authorisation to pay

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| 1. AVOW – payroll invoice for September 2021 | £315.90 |
| 2. Lawn Order - late summer treatment Maeshafn village green | £40.00 |

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3. Post Office – postage for external audit documents	£6.85
4. The Allyway – Annual maintenance and upgrade of Clerks laptop	£55.00
5. Aubergine – Annual compliance and hosting of website	£633.60
6. Welsh Water – Annual charge for Millennium fountain	£11.93
7. Celtic Stone – Aqua drain to prevent flooding in Maeshafn playing field	£250.00
8. Cartridge People – ink for printer	£44.46
9. Loggerheads garage – petrol for lawn mower	£22.94
10. Llanferres Village Hall – Fees to hire hall from Sept to March 22	£70.00
11. White Oak Properties – Grass cutting and maintenance Maes Ysgawen And Maeshafn	£638.00
Total	£2088.68

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

Action: Clerk to pay all bills on schedule

290. Other Matters Brought to the Councils Attention

- The Chair read out the proposed response to Jayne Wilde's e-mail asking for clarification of minute 251 on 10th June. Cllr Curtis proposed sending the response, Cllr Almond seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to send
- Cllr Morgans suggested leaving discussion about marking the Queens jubilee until the next meeting. Action: Clerk to put on agenda
- Cllr Morgans reported that DCC had surveyed the tree in Tafarn y Gelyn and agreed to remove it when resources permit.
- Cllr Morgans reported the mobile post office was now visiting Llanferres on Tuesdays and not Thursday
- Decision on who should lay Armistice day wreath on 14th November to be left until next meeting. Action: Clerk to put on agenda
- A number of parents in Maeshafn had asked if they can use the outdoor education facility in the park after 7 pm on Saturday 30th October as the finishing point for a Halloween spooky walk through the woods. Councillors agreed subject to notifying residents adjoining the park. Action: Cllr Curtis to speak to the residents.

Cllr Morgans proposed closing the meeting at 9 pm to move onto **Part II** of the agenda, Cllr Almond seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. The Chair thanked members of the public for attending and asked them to leave.

Part II

1. Councillors discussed at length 2 letters received from the ICO regarding complaints from 2 members of the public regarding a personal data breach. Councillors agreed the wording of the responses and resolved to send both a formal letter.
2. Councillors discussed at length an e-mail received from David Jones AM regarding correspondence from 2 constituents. Councillors agreed the wording of the response and resolved to respond by formal letter.
3. Councillors discussed at length an e-mail received from a member of the public regarding a personal data breach. Councillors agreed the wording of the response and resolved to respond by formal letter.

Action: Clerk to send letters as agreed.

Cllr Cordiner proposed closing the meeting, Cllr Curtis seconded, and the meeting was closed at 21.47 pm.

**The next General Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14th October 2021
starting at 7.30 pm at the Llanferres Village Hall**