

Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 10th February 2022

Present: Cllrs

Allan Morgans – Chair
Jac Armstrong – Vice Chair
John Almond
Paul Sheldon
Isla Watts
Amanda Curtis
Martyn Holland
Margaret Narburgh - Clerk

Apologies:

Ivy Watts
Michael Cordiner

Members of the Public:

None

Resigned

Graham Davidson

The meeting was held by GoTo Meetings video conference.

365. Apologies

Cllrs Ivy Watts and Cordiner, Cllr Davidson has resigned.

366. Meeting Open to the Public

No members of the public present

367. Declaration of Interest Statement

Circulated to Councillors prior to meeting

368. Declarations of Interest

None

369. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting on 13th January 2022

Cllr Almond proposed accepting the minutes as a true and accurate record, Cllr Isla Watts seconded and all Councillors voted in favour.

370. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 13th January 2022

- 167/4 Cllr Holland has received a response from DCC regarding the dropped kerb at the entrance to Maes Ysgawen park saying they have no budget to fund the cost. A list of approved contractors has been provided for Llanferres to progress. It could be more cost effective to extend the footpath from Llanferres playing field where there is already a dropped kerb, to the entrance to the park. Action: On agenda for next meeting. Cllrs to decide if gate is to be replaced before any further action is taken.
- 357 Cllr Armstrong is still waiting for confirmation that LPFRA lease has been registered. Action: Cllr Armstrong to chase.
- 365.1 Completed 25.1.22
- 356.3 Completed 16.1.22
- 356.5 Completed 20.1.22
- 358 Completed 19.1.22
- 359 Completed 15.1.22
- 360/a Still outstanding until facilities available to hold multi-location meetings
- 364 Completed 14.1.22

371. Correspondence List

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

1. An owner of land in Big Covert has notified the Council that someone is cutting his trees down and the matter has been referred to the police.
2. Cllr Curtis attended a meeting held by Llanferres residents to discuss the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. They are considering a party in the car park at the Druid Inn on 4th June and screening the Coronation with vintage afternoon tea in the village hall on 5th June. Cllr Holland reported that Denbighshire CC have sent out guidance notes on what actions need to be taken to hold different types of events. Action: Cllr Curtis to contact the Miners Arms and MADRA to ask if they are planning anything.
3. The Clerk of Llanarmon has asked if Llanferres CC will join them in giving a £5 Jubilee commemorative coin to children at Llanarmon and Llanferres school. After due discussion Cllr Morgans proposed buying coins for the school children plus an additional 20 coins to be offered to local children who do not attend or go to other schools, Cllr Curtis seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to arrange with head teacher and Llanarmon Clerk.

372. 2022-23 Internal Audit

JDH Business Services have increase their internal audit fee to £225 plus VAT. The Clerk had checked with other providers and found this to be around the going rate. Cllr Curtis proposed continuing with JDH, Cllr Sheldon seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to formally appoint JDH as internal auditor for 2021-22.

373. Planning Applications

21/2021/1194 – Burley Hill Quarry extension of planning application. Cllr Holland reported the application could be considered at the full planning committee meeting in March but it could be delayed until April due to the volume of documents that have been submitted.

21/2021/1049 – Heather Bank Llanferres. After due discussion Councillors had no objections to the application. Action: Clerk to notify Planning

374. County Councillors Report January 2022

Burley Hill Quarry

I am pleased to report that the AONB Partnership has objected to the Tarmac application to extend the life of the Burley Hill Quarry because of its impact on the peace and tranquillity of this part of the AONB.

The Planning Officer dealing with the Burley Hill planning application has confirmed that the earliest this will go before the full planning committee will be March or even April. This is due to the work involved and consulting all the relevant authorities.

It is therefore my intention to call a further public meeting in the Llanferres village hall before the end of this month.

Flooding Maeshafn Road

The drain on Ffordd Maeshafn near to the property called Silverwood House has now been repaired. The next heavy rain will tell us if this has worked.

Moel Famau Parking

After going through the responses to the Moel Famau consultation it has been agreed that the double yellow lines will start at the Pen Barras car park and finish at the main entrance to the Saw Mill. This is in response to a number of concerns raised by residents of Bryn Eithin who were worried that double yellow lines by the Bryn Eithin estate would effect visitors to their properties. Gaps in the double yellow lines will also be left for resident parking bays by the Forestry Houses.

Tree Felling

NRW has started to fell the Larch trees around the bottom car park which for H&S reasons will be closed during the week for the next two weeks. People will be redirected to the Pen Barras car park but the lower car park will be open at the weekends. It should reopen in time for the February Half Term.

A494 Road Safety

As per my latest Community News Letter I have once again asked for Darren Millar's help in getting the WG and the Trunk Roads Agency to implement the planned improvements for the A494 through our ward.

Rectory Lane

I am pleased to confirm that Paul Mulraney and I will be meeting with the senior highways officer Tim Towers in the DCC offices at Caledfryn in Denbigh on the 23rd February to review the Counties historic records for Rectory Lane. We hope to confirm one way or another if the lane is adopted.

Access to Maes Ysgawen Park

I have chased the County again about the Community Councils plans for dropped kerbs to improve disabled access to the extension to the Recreational Ground in Llanferres .The County will forward a pack giving advice on the process for arranging dropped kerbs with a list of approved contractors. One alternative discussed was to use the exiting dropped kerb to the playground and link it via a new pavement to the park entrance. This may be less bureaucratic and cheaper to complete.

Pot Holes

Cllr Holland will be driving the Chief Executive of DCC around the area to highlight the number of pot holes that still need repairing. Cllr Almond asked if he could include those in Cae Derwen.

Empty Properties

There are 500 empty properties in Denbighshire and owners are being contacted to see if they can be brought back into the housing stock.

375. Projects Update

- a. Multi Location meetings - broadband has still not been connected in Llanferres village hall. Action: Leave updating Standing Orders until the Council is able to access the facility.
- b. Tafarn y Gelyn bench – Contractor will lay the base before the end of March. Cllr Morgans has been quoted £250 plus fixings for the bench itself. Action: Cllr Morgans to purchase and install bench when base is complete.
- c. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Morgans has purchased 2 bare root ‘Service’ trees to be planted in Maeshafn and Maes Ysgawen parks on 12th February. After due discussion Councillors agreed to plant a conker tree in Maeshafn orchard area and to put a plaque on the bench in Tafarn y Gelyn. Action: Cllr Morgans to purchase additional tree and 3 x plaques.

376. Maintenance in the Community

- a. Millennium water fountain – Action: Cllr Armstrong to discuss responsibility for water supply with Church members and report back at next meeting.
- c. Llanferres noticeboard – Quote received from The Sign Workshop for £1420 inc VAT. Action: Cllr Morgans to obtain price for installation and report back at next meeting.

377. Banking

- The Clerk had sent Cllr Ivy Watts the January bank statements and accounts for checking against the Internet banking transactions. There is a discrepancy between the accounts and bank statement. Action: Clerk to check and correct.

378. Payment of Bills and Invoices

The following bills were presented for authorisation to pay

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| 1. AVOW – payroll invoice for February 2022 | £315.90 |
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2. HSBC – bank charges	£5.40
3. Tesco – flowers and card for Cllr Sheldon	£18.00
4. Cartridge People – printer ink	£43.99
5. Welsh Water – water charges Millennium fountain	£15.15
6. Tesco – stationary	£4.00
7. Tesco – stationary	£2.50
8. NWWT – materials for bird and bat boxes	£240.00
Total	£644.94

Cllr Almond proposed all bills be paid, Cllr Curtis seconded, and all Councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to pay all bills on schedule.

379. Other Matters Brought to the Councils Attention

1. The Clerk has been asked by representatives of Tafarn y Gelyn pond if they could include information on the pond on the Councils website and Councillors agreed. Action: Clerk to arrange.

The Chair proposed closing the meeting at 21.01 to move onto **Part II** of the agenda, Cllr Curtis seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. The Chair thanked members of the public for attending and asked them to leave.

380. Part II

1. Councillors reviewed the draft response to a complaint received from a member of the public and agreed it could be sent. Action: Clerk to send
2. After due consideration, Councillors agreed unanimously to continue the two Vexatious classifications currently in place. Action: Clerk to send

Cllr Morgans proposed closing the meeting, Cllr Curtis seconded, and the meeting was closed at 21.25 pm.

**The next General Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 10th March 2022
starting at 7.30 pm by GoTo Meetings Video Conference**