

**Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Present: Cllrs**

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

**Apologies:**

Isla Watts

**Members of the Public:**

Hugo Watts  
Justin Astbury

The meeting was held by GoTo Meetings video conference.

**381. Apologies**

Cllr Isla Watts.

**382. Meeting Open to the Public**

Mr Astbury stated he was representing his father and was attending to listen to the discussion about planning application 21/2021/1157.

**383. Declaration of Interest Statement**

Circulated to Councillors prior to meeting.

**384. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Cordiner declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 21/2021/1157. Cllr Morgans declared an interest in the NALC salary review in Part II. Action: Clerk to send form to both Councillors for signing.

**385. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

**386. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

- 357 Cllr Armstrong has had the LPFRA lease agreement certified and it has been lodged with the Land Registry. **Action Cllr Armstrong to return original to Clerk for safe keeping and notify Council when Land Registry have confirmed the registration.**
- 372 Completed 11.2.22
- 373 Cllr Holland reported that it could be September before the planning application for Burley Hill Quarry is considered by the planning committee.  
21/2021/1049 completed 11.2.22
- 375a Still outstanding until facilities available to hold multi-location meetings
- 377 Completed 11.2.22
- 378 Completed 11.2.22
- 380/1 Completed 11.2.22
- 380/2 Completed 11.2.22

## 387. External Audit 2020/21

The Clerk reported the auditor had requested a considerable amount of additional information and documents going back 3 years and from 2021/22 to complete the audit report but it has not yet arrived. The Clerks society has stated there are over 200 completed reports waiting to be signed off at present, so it could be some time before it arrives. Welsh Audit charge by the hour and the Council should expect a higher than normal bill given the volume of additional information they required.

## 388. Correspondence List

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

1. Cllr Holland reported there is still some confusion over when the flashing speed signs will be installed on the A494. It should have been by the end of March 2022 but it could be delayed until 2023/24.
2. The May elections nomination packs have been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk can provide the documents but cannot assist in completing or submitting them. **Action: Clerk to post notice of elections on home page of website on 18<sup>th</sup> March.**
3. The Remuneration Panel for Wales has issued its Annual Report for 2022. Cllr Morgans asked if the Council should adopt a Councillors Allowance Policy to outline what can be claimed and when. After due discussion Councillors agreed it would be useful and it should be presented to the new Council after the elections in May. **Action: Clerk to draft policy in preparation.**
4. With the creation of new woodlands, the Chair asked Councillors to consider if there was any merit in planting more trees in the Heulog. The area is currently overgrown and residents have been tipping garden waste on the land. Cllr Almond stated Country Side Services used to keep this area tidy. **Action: Clerk to put on agenda for meeting in June 2022 when the new Council is in place.**
5. The draft Planning Note for flood risk areas has been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Holland stated the LDP outlining candidate sites for new developments has been delayed whilst DCC considers if they will allow new housing on flood plains.
6. The draft plan for the creation of new beauty spots in Denbighshire has been circulated to Councillors. No comments forthcoming.
7. The new ring and ride electric mini bus service being trialled in Ruthin does not extend to Llanferres area.

## 389. Planning Applications

- 21/2021/1157 – Camp Alyn, Tafarn y Gelyn. Cllr Cordiner left the meeting whilst this was discussed. The Chair read out the letter received from Mr Astbury outlining why he thought the Council should support his application. The Chair stated the AONB have objected to the development in the open countryside. Natural Resources Wales had commented the plans were not detailed enough in relation to drainage. Welsh Water had commented the Local Treatment Works did not have a phosphate permit. 2 local residents had objected based on the increased traffic and noise the development would create. Cllr Morgans felt the development contravened PSE 12, sections 3.2 and 7.4 and Section 6 of PSE 12 which states no new static caravan sites are permitted. Cllr Almond had no objection providing the trees with preservation orders on, were protected. Cllr Sheldon stated the Council should be consistent in its response and had objected to a previous application for a new caravan site close by. Cllr Armstrong questioned the need for more holiday homes/cabins in the area and access onto the bridleway. Cllr Holland stated DCC do not want any more second homes in the area and would refer the matter to an external body to comment before deciding. After due discussion Cllr Morgans proposed supporting the AONB in their objection to the development being in open countryside and it not complying with DCC's Supplementary Planning Guidance Section 6 which classes lodges and chalets as static caravans in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and it not complying with

PSE 12 which states new static caravan sites are not permitted, Cllr Sheldon seconded and all Councillors present voted in favour. **Action: Clerk to notify Planning.**

- 21/2021/0986 – Bryn Hyfryd Maeshafn. After due discussion Councillors had no objections to the application. **Action: Clerk to notify Planning.**

## 390. County Councillors Report February 2022

### Flooding at bottom of Maeshafn Road

After a report from Councillors about the pooling of water in Maeshafn during recent heavy rain I asked the County to visit the village and to clean the gullies. This they did on the following day but it appears that they did not clean them all. When it rains next can someone let me know which areas are flooding and if there are gullies in those areas.

### Road Repairs

I recently drove the Chief Exec around the ward to review the state of our rural roads. We came through Maeshafn and I pointed out Flintshire's and Denbighshire's disagreement over who owns the road outside the Youth Hostel and how the Counties could have saved money if only they had talked to one another.

### Resurfacing of Road

Some good news - Ffordd Maeshafn the road between Maeshafn and Gwernymynydd will be resurfaced as part of next year's budget for highways maintenance. The Highways budget has been increased for the next five years and so hopefully we will see more of our roads resurfaced and improved during the next Council. A number of other roads in the ward will be resurfaced for example the B5430 from Llanarmon through Graianrhyd will be resurfaced at a cost of £200k.

### Rectory Lane

Paul Mulraney and I met with Tim Towers from Highways to review Rectory Lane records. Sadly, we feel we need to go back further and the Counties Archives have confirmed that they hold records from the early sixties for DCC, Glyndwr DC and Clwyd when we feel there may be more evidence of the Lanes history.

### Parking at Moel Famau

The Forestry Road / Moel Famau parking restrictions have been signed off and we hope that work to install the double yellow lines will start before the Easter break.

After the public consultation it has been agreed to install the yellow lines from the Penbarras Car Park to the new entrance at the Saw Mill. There will be no yellow lines around Bryn Eithin or down to or through Tafarn Y Gelyn.

### Parking at Tyn Llan

I have received another concern about parking in Tyn Llan and the risk to Emergency Services access. As you know I have raised this as a concern over the years and even asked residents to use their drives were they have them and the Car Park for visitors.

I believe a pull in in front of the Council Bungalows would help and I have asked the officers of Highways and Housing to look for a solution.

### Newsletter

I have just produced my last Community News Letter number 31 before the elections. There is a lot of information in it and I hope that you have all found them useful.

Cllr Holland stated it had not been an easy decision, but he would not be standing for re-election in May because he wanted to spend more time with his aging mother. Cllr Almond thanked Cllr Holland for all his work and said he had been an excellent County Councillor and would be missed.

**391. Projects Update**

- a. Tafarn y Gelyn bench – the plinth has been laid and White Oak Properties have repaired the damage done by someone scratching an obscenity in the concrete. The bench has arrived. **Action: Cllr Morgans to install bench ASAP.**
- b. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
  - Two trees have been planted in Maeshafn playing field and one in Maes Ysgawen park to commemorate the Queen Jubilee.
  - Cllr Morgans stated plaques for Maeshafn would be £60 each and £115 for Maes Ysgawen. Councillor agreed to dedicate the new bench at Tafarn y Gelyn to the Queen with a plaque costing £60. Total cost £295. Cllr Curtis suggested unveiling the plaques during the Jubilee weekend holiday, which was agreed. **Action: Cllr Morgans to purchase and install 4 x plaques and arrange unveiling on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at all 3 locations.**
  - Cllr Curtis has received a request from the Older Peoples Welfare Committee for a £300 contribution to their Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party in Llanferres Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> June. After due discussion Cllr Morgans proposed giving them the £250 left in Section 137 precept. Cllr Sheldon seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. **Action: Clerk to arrange payment.**
  - Cllr Curtis has emailed MADRA and left a message at the Miners Arms asking if they have any plans to celebrate the Jubilee but has not received a response. **Action: Cllr Curtis to send letter to MADRA and speak to landlord of the Miners in the next few days.**
  - The Clerk has sent an email and letter to the Head of Llanferres/Llanarmon school offering to give each child a commemorative coin but no response received. Cllr Ivy Watts stated the Head had been off with Covid and Cllr Cordiner felt she should be contacted again. **Action: Clerk to ring the school.**
- c. After due discussion it was agreed to change the main gate into Maes Ysgawen park to one more suited for disabled access. **Action: Cllr Morgans to obtain 3 quotes for the gate and installation.**

**392. 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 another 2 quotes and prices for installation.**

**393. Banking**

The Clerk reported she had forgotten the Welsh Water bill was paid by direct debit and duplicated the payment with a bank transfer. Councillors agreed to leave the payment as a credit on the account rather than reclaim it. Cllr Ivy Watts was sent the February bank statements and accounts for checking against the Internet banking transactions and reported all was in order.

**394. Payment of Bills and Invoices**

The following bills were presented for authorisation to pay

1. AVOW – payroll invoice for March 2022	£330.90
2. HSBC – bank charges for February 2022	£5.00
3. Morrey & Sons – 2 x service trees for Queens Jubilee	£45.50
4. Tree Shop Ltd – Conker tree for Queens Jubilee	£54.00
5. GoTo Meetings fee for February 2022	£13.20
6. GoTo Meeting Fee for March 2022	£13.20
7. Clerks expenses from September 21 to March 2022	£70.20

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8. One Voice Wales 2022 membership fee	£125.00
9. White Oak Properties – plinth Tafarn y Gelyn bench	£150.00
10. Play Inspection Co – Annual inspection Maesahfn playing field	£114.00
11. Charlies – bench for Tafarn y Gelyn	£279.99
12. Llanferres Village Hall – room booking fee April 22 to March 2023	110.00
13. Older Peoples Welfare – grant toward Jubilee Afternoon Tea party	£250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1560.99</b>

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

### 395. Other Matters Brought to the Councils Attention

1. Cllr Cordiner reported DCC had still not removed the dead elm tree in Tafarn y Gelyn. It is now shedding more branches and in danger of damaging property. **Action: Cllr Morgans to contact them again stating this was now urgent.**

The Chair proposed closing the meeting at 21.10 to move onto **Part II** of the agenda, Cllr Armstrong seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. The Chair thanked members of the public for attending and asked them to leave.

### 396. Part II

1. The Clerk outlined her telephone conversation and email exchange with the Welsh Audit office who had asked numerous questions regarding the development of Maesahfn Playing Field and Orchard Area.
2. Cllr Morgans handed over the Chair to Cllr Armstrong and left the meeting. After due discussion Cllr Almond proposed paying the new NALAC national salary award to the Clerk, backdated to April 2021. Cllr Curtis seconded and all councillors present voted in favour. **Action: Clerk to notify AVOW.**

Cllr Armstrong proposed closing the meeting, Cllr Almond seconded, and the meeting was closed at 21.29 pm.

**The next General Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
starting at 7.30 pm in Llanferres Village Hall**