

Minutes of General Meeting held on 7th June 2022

Present: Cllrs

Allan Morgans – Chair
Paul Sheldon
Amanda Curtis
Margaret Narburgh – Clerk
Huw Williams County Cllr

Apologies:

Jac Armstrong – Vice Chair

Members of the Public:

Reece Davies – part time

The meeting was held by video conference. Multi location access was not available as the council was unable to meet face to face.

439. Apologies

Cllr Armstrong had difficulty with his internet connection

440. Meeting Open to the Public

Mr Davies asked for confirmation that all copies of a document sent to the Council in May had been deleted. The Chair stated he would receive a written response in due course.

441. Declaration of Interest Statement

The statement was sent to Councillors for reading prior to the meeting.

442. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Sheldon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning appeal reference 21/2021/1021. Action: Clerk to send form for completion.

443. Approval of the Minutes of AGM and General Meeting on 12th May 2022

Cllr Curtis proposed accepting the minutes as a true and accurate record subject to amending the number reference of the last item from 414 to 438, Cllr Sheldon seconded and all Councillors voted in favour.

444. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 14th April 2022

- 375a Still outstanding until facilities are available to hold multi-location meetings in the village hall.
392 Cllr Armstrong has spoken to representatives of the Church regarding the water supply to the Millennium fountain and is waiting for their response. Action: Cllr Armstrong to report back at next meeting.
395 Still outstanding. Action: Cllr Morgans to contact DCC again stating the tree is now dangerous and needs removing urgently.
420 Completed 20/5/22
422 Completed 13/5/22
357 Still outstanding. Action: Cllr Armstrong to return original LPFRA lease agreement to the Clerk.
429 Completed 13/5/22
430 Still outstanding. Action: Clerk to report back when report received from Audit Wales.
431 Completed 12/5/22
433 Completed 13/5/22
435 Completed
436 Completed 27/5/22
437 Completed 13/5/22
438 Completed 13/5/22

445. Co-option Notice

Three members of the public have expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the council. Relevant information was given to them but no one has submitted a formal application yet. Action: Clerk to contact them to ask if they are still interested.

446. External Audit 2020/21 and 2021/22

Audit Wales has still not sent their report for 2020/21. Audit papers for 2021/22 have been sent but no response yet. A member of the public has asked to inspect the 2021/22 accounts. Action: Clerk to report back to Council when audit result is received and arrange for inspection.

447. Review of Documentation

The following governance and policy documents were reviewed:

1. Accessibility Statement for Website – Cllr Morgans proposed reaffirming existing policy Cllr Curtis seconded and all Councillors voted in favour.
2. Accessibility Statement for Documents – Cllr Curtis proposed reaffirming the existing policy, Cllr Sheldon seconded and all Councillors voted in favour.
3. Model Publication Scheme – the Clerk has updated the document Cllr Sheldon proposed accepting it, Cllr Morgans seconded and all Councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to publish on website.

448. Correspondence List

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

1. LPFRA have requested assistance to pay their insurance premium of £162.78. Cllr Morgans proposed the council give them a grant to cover the cost, Cllr Curtis seconded and all councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to send payment to LPFRA.
2. Noel Healy has confirmed the broadband connection is now working in the village hall. Action: Cllrs Morgans and Curtis to test it and decide if additional speakers are required to improve the sound quality for people to be heard.
3. A member of the public has reported the new bench at Tafarn y Gelyn has split. Cllr Morgans has inspected it, sent photographs to the supplier and is waiting for their response. Action: Cllr Morgans to chase for a reply.
4. St Berres Church have requested assistance with the cost of maintaining the churchyard. After due discussion Cllr Sheldon proposed giving them a £500 grant, Cllr Curtis seconded and all councillors voted in favour. Action: Clerk to send payment.

449. Training Plan

The chair stated new legislation required the council to have a training plan in place for the next five years. The monitoring officer is planning to run training sessions on the Code of Conduct and it was suggested all councillors should attend. The Clerk has started the CiLCA qualification. One Voice Wales have a number of free webinar training places available. Action: Cllr Morgans to send list of forthcoming training events to councillors for each to select which ones they wish to attend.

450. Biodiversity Report

The Chair stated the Biodiversity report needs to be updated and submitted before November 2022. Action: Cllr Morgans to prepare a draft for circulation and comment by councillors before next meeting.

451. Planning Applications

21/2021/1021 Erw Las Eryrys, appeal against refused permission. The council supported the original application and after due discussion saw no reason to change its view. Action: Clerk to notify Planning.

21/2021/1049 Heather Bank Llanferres, amendment to drawings to erect replacement dwelling. The council supported the original application and after due discussion saw no reason to change its view. Action: Clerk to notify Planning.

21/2022/0490 Brynffynnon Sawmills, erection of two signs at entrance. After due discussion councillors had no objection to this application. Action: Clerk to notify Planning.

452. Projects Update

1. Gate into Maes Ysgawen Park – Cllr Morgans had a meeting with Ros Stockdale from the AONB to discuss availability of community grants to fund replacing the gate and dropping the kerb to improve disabled access to the park, and to progressing phases 2 and 3 of the management plan.
2. The boundary wall and fencing around Maeshafn playing field was also discussed and funding could be available for both these projects. Action: Cllr Morgans is waiting for further information and will present this to the council when available.

453. Maintenance in the Community

1. The order to replace the noticeboard at Llanferres has been placed with the Signs Workshop. Action: Cllr Morgans to check delivery date and arrange quote for installation. The existing information panels are out of date and David Shiel from AONB has said they can provide new graphics. Noel Headley has already provided up to date information regarding St Berres church and Ros Stockdale is to send contact details for the graphic designer they use. Action: Cllr Morgans to progress and report back to council.
2. The Signs Workshop have repaired the noticeboard at Loggerheads.

454. Banking

Cllr Sheldon can now log into the internet banking facility and confirmed he has checked the May bank statements against the account and all is in order.

455. Payment of Bills and Invoices

The following bills were presented for authorisation to pay

1. AVOW – payroll invoice for June 2022	£467.60
2. HSBC – bank charges for May 2022	£7.00
3. Bold World – safety caps for bolts on Maeshafn play equipment	£19.23
4. Travis Perkins – Beading for repairs to notice board	£9.62
5. Post Office – postage to send external audit papers	£2.45
6. Lawn Order – early summer treatment for Maeshafn village green	£40.00
7. LPFRA – Grant to pay insurance premium	£162.78
8. St Berres Church – grant for ground maintenance	£500.00
Total bills for payment	£1208.68

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

456. Other Matters Brought to the Councils Attention

1. Cllr Sheldon reported he had attended a meeting called by residents along the Pant Du road regarding Burley Hill quarry. Planning have not yet said when they will consider the application.
2. County Councillor Williams stated he was concerned about the following and would be speaking to and working with the appropriate people to try to resolve the issues:
 - I. Fly tipping every weekend along the A494 opposite Plymog in the layby after the Llanarmon turn
 - II. Illegal and dangerous parking along the A494 at the turning in Cadole

- III. Illegal parking along the road up to Moel Famau
- IV. Welsh Government plans to class parts of the area as a National Park and the effects this would have on residents, especially given the existing parking issues.
- V. Speeding along the road from Mold to Ruthin especially motorcyclists treating it as a race track since the roads through Llandegla and Horseshoe Pass now have speed cameras along them.

Cllr Morgans proposed closing the meeting to the public and moving onto Part II, Cllr Sheldon seconded, and the meeting was closed at 20.45 pm.

457. Part II

Councillors discussed the two emails received from a member of the public relating to an alleged data breach.

Action: Clerk to draft a response for approval by Councillors.

Cllr Morgans proposed closing the meeting, Cllr Curtis seconded, and the meeting was closed at 21.04 pm.

**The next General Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7.30 pm
Arrangements to be advised**