

3rd February 2021 7 pm via Zoom Ordinary Council Meeting

1. Ymddiheuriadau /Present: Paul Burkhill (Chair), Dave White (Vice), Martyn Holland, Rod Elms, Darren Pollard, Susan Jones, Brian Jones, Joy Enston, May Kingsley-Williams, Gill Nash, Norma Wright (Clerk).

2. Apologies: None

3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: none

4. Meeting Open to the Public and Press: Zoom code to join the meeting is available from the Clerk.
H Watts joined the meeting.

5. Reading & Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 6th January 2021.
Resolve: Confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record by the Council.

6. Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda: None

7. Website Committee Report:

Council had received an amended invoice/contract from Yewbarrow Media. Resolve: Website Committee meeting with Yewbarrow to confirm the theme and structure will be Tuesday 9th Feb 7pm. Improvements to the Graianrhyd fibre optic telephone and broadband service [FTTP] are slowly making progress. Council thanked Kevin Patterson, S Jones and SM Darren Millar for their hard work. WAG grants available for small community projects; Counties Digital Officer P Burrows communitydevelopment@denbighshire.gov.uk

8. Planning: Councillors are requested to look on DCC website for current applications before each monthly meeting.
15/2020/1009 Millrace Cottage, Llanarmon; erection of two storey extension to rear of dwelling. No Objection.
15/2020/0997 Tawelfan, Eryrys: DCC approved 03/02/2021 Details of roosting and nesting of bats and birds and lighting details submitted in accordance with conditions 3 & 4 of planning application 15/2020/0668.

9. Hearse House: No progress, although both the Raven and Church Wardens have been contacted to remove all unwanted items, before a new lock is fitted. Resolve: H Watts to quote for a lock to be fitted. Further update March.

10. Adroddiad Cynghorwr /County Cllr Martyn Holland: attached report emailed directly to councillors.

11. Finance & Accounts:

1. Finance Committee had met Tuesday 2nd February; accounts and budget figures were checked and reviewed for Internal Control and approved for the Risk Assessment. The ear-marked reserves / planned capital expenditure were in line with the council's budgeting calculations. Committee explained LCC are still waiting for the unknown costs of the legal fees of both our solicitor and DCC legal costs for Graianrhyd Community Field, plus reserves are held for the costs of the next election. Resolve: Council approved and accepted the reports to be correct.

2. Council accepted the quotation for the Graianrhyd Community Field signs to be placed on a pole; the gates will be installed as soon as the weather permits.

3. The four wooden flowers boxes small council logo-signs have arrived and now require installing.

4. Council agreed for the first 50% payment to be made to Yewbarrow Media for the new website to be developed.

5. The Clerk reported she found the defibrillator on the outside wall of Canolfan Dewi Sant not working; after installing new batteries and drying out the defib she returned it to the cabinet. On rechecking another day it was wet again. Wales Ambulance representative Tomos Hughes visited and confirmed the cabinet had failed, but was no longer under guarantee. Ysgol Bro Famau has requested an outside cabinet for their defib. Resolve: Council agreed that there were specific funds previously raised by the community for this purpose. Council agreed to purchase two new defibrillator polycarbon cabinets (10 year guarantee) from the 'Keep The Beat' Awyr Las NHS Charity, plus installation costs.

6. The profile of the position of Clerk for LCC had been reviewed; Council assessed and agreed the position warranted the National Association of Local Councils Pay scales LC2 (18-23) to be applied. Resolve: Due to her experience and current responsibilities, the present Clerk's salary will be increased to LC2 20 from 1st April 2021.

7. Graianrhyd Community Field legal paperwork is progressing and will hopefully all be in place soon.

8. Land Registry enquiries have been made by the Clerk, now awaiting forms and costings.

9. Clerk had met with recommended Stone Masons P Valance, Ruthin; S Price, Wrexham; S Blackwell, Buckley.
Resolve: Council agreed Blackwell's to carryout the H+S checks/ report for the three graveyards.

10. Permission to pay Accounts:-

Cheques:	852	£468.94	Clerk Feb	LGA 1972 s112(1)
	853	£39.99	Bigblu (internet)	LGA 2013 s55 Wales
	854	void	error with signature	
	855	£24.30	Jones & Graham Payroll	LGA 1972 s112
	856	void	NHS issuing new invoice with gurantee	
	857	£24.00	Humphreys Signs	LGA1976 s19
	858	£54.92	Clerk expenses/ travel	LGA s112(1)
	859	£1080.00	Yewbarrow website	LGA 2013s55 Wales
Debit Card :-	Jan	£36.00	SLCC training	LGA 1972 s111
	Feb	£36.24	Postage Stamps	LGA 1972 s112(1)

12. NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021

Councils / communities throughout Wales are being encouraged to play a leading role in a unique day of celebration. Councillors will gain ideas and consider ready for March meeting.

13. Trees Cutting and Maintenance / Replanting

Council accepted the quotation from Ben Wootton Company to carry out the tree work in Eryrys. After monitoring this work Llanarmon tree work will be considered. On completion of all work, new stock for replanting will be purchased from advised nurseries.

14. General Maintenance & Risk Assessments:

1. Councillors should complete their written reports for 2020 Risk Assessments, as soon as possible. 2021 reports to be carried out in May.
2. Waiting for more quotes for the work required at Graianrhyd bus shelter;- concrete base repaired, soil heaps removed which are covering drains, soffits / boards repairing or replacing, seat staining, sapling removed.
3. Waiting for more quotes for in Maes y Droell Cemetery repairs to the rear wall.
4. Clerk sent photographs of the large loose stones from an old walls lying in near the crossroads, and opposite the telephone kiosk in Eryrys. M Holland reported to DCC, as the land and wall doesn't belong to the community council; reported again to DCC there was a missing directional sign at this corner.
5. Dog fouling reported to be considerably increased on the playing field in Llanarmon. Council will consider purchasing more signs and putting bags at the gate and around the community. March agenda.

15. Dates Meetings/ Training or Events: Online training details had been emailed to Councillors.

1. Clerk had not received a reply after contacting DCC Mr G Williams, asking if it would be possible to join DCC zoom training sessions, if there was spare capacity.
2. Clerk confirmed zoom Dango training on Information & Advice, 15th Feb (no charge).
3. Clerk confirmed zoom SLCC training on H&S Memorial Safety & Administration 17th March. (£36)

16. Reports from Representatives & Councillors:

a. Quarry Liaison Representatives - D White: Next Meeting 7pm Monday 8th February

- i.* Reported the reopening of Graig Quarry, blasting started 27th January; one hundred wagons a day for two months; possibly including Saturday mornings, to supply aggregate.DCC had been contacted to attend to the hedges on the B5430,as this road is very narrow and overhanging hedges force the large vehicles into the middle of the road. Quarry Manager has asked all vehicles to keep to the speed limits.
- ii.* Aggregates Officer has been contacted by M Holland to remove the old buildings or make the site safe at Maes Y Droell Quarry.
- iii.* There is no planning application at the moment for Burley Hill Quarry, and the current planning consent runs out in September. A Scoping Exercise is being undertaken were experts and official bodies are asked to comment on possible plans to extend the life of existing quarry. To comment/ view the first stage in this process visit the Denbighshire Planning Portal application number 21/2021/0052

b. One Voice Wales - R Elms: R Elms and Clerk had attended the January zoom meeting; (a) discussions on the reduced train service (by more than 25%) causing difficulties for front-line worker to get into work. (b) The update on the Wales Local Government & Democracy Act and what it means for community councils; – to include mandatory training for councillors; an annual report of what was actually achieved in each financial year; pubs can now be used for meetings. (c) new audit requirements on a three year rota.

c. Canolfan Dewi Sant Committee - D Pollard: a. Electricity/fuses were checked in the hall, and found to be in working order; therefore not the reason for the defib cabinet not to be working. b. Clerk had made new notices for the recycling bins.

d. Ysgol Bro Famau - M Holland: Ysgol Bro Famau School Council had been invited to join LCC meetings when convenient and schools reopen. Council had considered and approved purchasing an exterior defib cabinet.

e. Councillors asked to contact youths in the community encouraging them to be a 'Community Youth Representative' on the Community Council. Councillors had not yet found volunteers.

f. Tractor Show/ Run - D White: the show will possibly be cancelled for this year due to Covid restrictions.

17. Gohebiaethau / Correspondence: all emails previously forwarded to all Councillors:

1. DCC stated it was policy not to grant permission for community councils to purchase and install their own speed awareness signs without meeting their criteria. DCC stated there has not been a recorded personal injury collision in Eryrys in the past 10 years. The most recent 85th percentile speeds are very close to the limit. When the temporary SID was erected in Eryrys it did not have any significant effect on lowering the speeds of vehicles. DCC have organised for an updated speed survey to be undertaken to provide up-to-date evidence that may change the circumstances. DCC have accepted the invitation to attend the March meeting.

2. Drosibikes based locally at Graigfechan. www.drosibikes.org are offering free Doctor Bike sessions/workshops. With a possibility to convert almost any standard bike to an electric bike. Converted e-bikes will be brought along with the workshop, so people can have a go on them. As part of 'Future & Well Being' responsibilities LCC are interested in promoting active travel and a community project. There may be an opportunity for one half day/ evening session as a starter, using Canolfan Dewi Sant. This could be in spring; if this proved popular it could become a regular event.

3. Reported the North Wales Covid vaccinations are progressing well. People aged 70 and over should get in touch with Betsi Cadwaladr vaccination helpline if they have not yet received an appointment for their jab.

4. Grant scheme extended for Denbighshire businesses impacted by corona virus restrictions. There are two grant schemes being administered by DCC. The Restrictions Business Rates Grant is open to businesses whose property has been in the rating list before 1st September 2020 and the Restrictions Discretionary Grant of £2,000 is applicable to business that do not have a business rates liability, who have been forced to close or will be materially affected by the restrictions, with more than 40% reduction in turnover. Contact to apply/ information on other financial schemes, www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/coronavirus/emergency-support-for-businesses.aspx

5. Face to face learning will resume for pupils aged between aged 3 and 7 in Denbighshire from 24th February. DCC is reassuring parents that school re-openings will be subject to all necessary safety measures being in place. Schools in the county closed on 16th December and have remained open for online learning, and face to face learning for the children of critical workers and vulnerable learners.

6. DCC residents are being asked to dispose of single-use personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face coverings, disposable gloves or baby wipes etc, by being double-bagged and allowed to stand for 72 hours before putting out for collection in the black bin or pink sack for disposal - non-recyclable. No black bin waste is sent to landfill, it is being used as a fuel to generate electricity.

7. Denbighshire Digital Buddies have volunteers with digital skills offering a free service to help residents who are struggling to use computers, smart phones, ipads; call Gareth Jones at the DVSC on 01824 702441.

18. Unrhyw fater arall / other Matters Brought to Councillors Attention:

1. Requested all councillors/ members of the public to report poor road conditions/ pot-holes, flooding directly with photos on the DCC website. This saves time and will help reduce the work-load burden on M Holland.

2. Many road problems, following the recent storm and snow fall;- flooding, blocked ditches/gullies, over hanging hedges; Graianrhyd BT/ manhole with water continuously flowing into, were reported by Councillors.

3. Complaints that passing vehicles are having problems when cars are parked alongside the Raven pub. Suggested signs could be put on the Rhiw Ial Road side of the pub building, requesting no parking - discuss March meeting.

19. Meetings: All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.

The next General Meeting of the Council (via Zoom code is available from the Clerk) will be held on 3rd March 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Signed..... dated.....

MARTYN HOLLAND REPORT

- 1) I have asked for additional Grit Bins and for Grit Bins to be replenished. I am hoping to meet with Highways this week to raise concerns about the new grit policy which had an adverse impact on our ward.
- 2) Counties drainage team will be visiting the gullies on the Graianrhyd road to inspect the gullies between the Graig Quarry and the turning for Allt Gymbyd. They will put a camera down into the pipework that appears to be blocked.
- 3) After a resident of Bryn Alyn contacted me I reported a strange hole on the Pont Yr Alyn bridge. The Counties Bridges officer has inspected the bridge and advise that it is on a six monthly monitoring schedule due to scour action by the river.
- 4) I have spoken to the Aggregates Officer once again about the buildings at Maes Y Droell Quarry. She has written to the company asking them to remove them and to make the site safe. Sadly to date they have not responded to those requests.
- 5) The AONBs Sustainable Development Fund has doubled this coming financial year to £100k. If you have a project within the AONB you should check the eligibility criteria by visiting the AONB website.
- 6) Do not forget the Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund for grants for other projects. We worked hard to get the ward included in the fund catchment area and I am pleased to report that two of the first grants went to projects in our ward.
- 7) With the agreement of the Headteacher we are moving the defib at the Llanarmon School site to the outside to ensure it is accessible at all times. I hope that the money held to support defib in our community could be used to complete this work.
- 8) During the bad weather we had a request to help a resident in Eryrys because their support team could not get into the village. DCC did help with a snow plough and my thanks to Darren for his help in checking on the resident.
- 9) The Give Way sign at the back road junction with the B5430 has been replaced after it was knocked down.
- 10) Pot Holes in Maes Garmon, Maes Ial and Mill Lane have been reported.
- 11) The wall from the Eryrys cross roads towards Pant Ddu has been reported as it is in a poor state of repair. If it is not owned by the County I have asked them to contact the person who does owns the land to ask them to undertake repairs and to make it safe.
- 12) I have once again chased the directional signs which were removed from the cross roads before lock down last year.
- 13) The Mobile Post Office has changed its times due to the addition of a new service in Llanbedr. These revised times were circulated last week.