

6th January 2021 7 pm via Zoom Ordinary Council Meeting

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

2. Apologies: Gill Nash – attending a different zoom meeting. **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.

No one joined.

5. Reading & Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 2nd December 2020.

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: S Jones had nothing to report on the development of the new website, due to poor and at times no internet service in Graianrhyd. Many complaints concerning the poor internet service have been sent to Openreach and DCC. Council had not received an amended invoice/contract yet from YewBarrow Media. Resolve: A Website meeting for discussion on further developments is required, before February meeting.

8. Planning: On future Agenda's the 'Planning' heading will remain. Individual references, locations and applicants will not be listed, due to the difference in timing of the agenda being sent out and the DCC Planning Register being updated. Both councillors and the public are requested to look on DCC website for current applications before each monthly meeting.

15/2020/0803 Fron Deg Eryrys Mold CH7 4DD; Mr Jones; demolitions of existing farmhouse and derelict outbuildings; erection of a replacement dwelling and works. No objections.

15/2020/0991 Tyddyn Tiodion, Llandegla Rd, Llanarmon; Erection of a porch. No objections.

15/2020/0612 Allt Gybyd, Llanarmon; Construction of a slurry lagoon and works. (retrospective). LCC require the lagoon to be well fenced - as it is near a caravan park, and no waste is imported it is only for the farm use.

9. Hearse House: No progress due to Covid restrictions. Resolve: R Elms and M Holland will arrange for a member of the Church Wardens and the Raven Committee to remove unwanted items and tidy it up, then M Holland will discuss with the Raven the possibility of them renting part of the building for storage; before a new lock is fitted. H Watts will give a quote to have the top part of the door frame repaired, and a lock fitted. Further update February.

10. Adroddiad Cyngorwr /County Cllr Martyn Holland: emails a report directly to councillors; see report.

11. Finance & Accounts:

1. Mr Watts has installed the rules signs on the walls in the cemeteries and Llanarmon playing field. The Graianrhyd Community Field signs will be placed on a pole, and the gates will be installed as soon as the weather permits.

2. The four wooden flowers boxes made by Mr Watts and are now in place in front of the new village road signs. The small council logo-signs for the fronts are on order. The boxes are filled with soil and the Council thanked Mrs Carol Robinson who has volunteered to fill them with plants.

3. There are more 'Drive Carefully' stickers yet to be issued in the community.

4. New heading in the Precept to be used in order to use the correct LGA power, for items such as flowers or small gifts. These will be awarded in recognition of 'Outstanding Community Spirit' in our rural community, or for prizes in local community competitions, etc (especially in these Covid times). Council voted in agreement. Resolve: To the virement of funds of £150 to the 'Chairman's Allowance' in the 2021-2022 Precept.

5. Due to Covid restrictions the Clerk has been unable to purchase the door canopy for over the defib on the outside wall of Dewi Sant; B&Q will not deliver the one required and they are not the same on the internet.

6. All Councillors reminded to notify the Clerk ASAP that they will NOT be claiming the allowance for 2020-21 by completing and returning the form or sending an e-mail.

7. Finance Committee to meet Tuesday 2nd February 7pm, via zoom. 3rd Quarter Review of Accounts, budget and income; will then be completed for the months from April to the end of December.

8. Chair had signed and checked the bank statements against the payments authorised and all Debit Card transactions; reported all was in order.

Permission to pay Accounts:-

Cheques:	848	£468.94	Clerk Jan	LGA 1972 s112(1)
	849	£39.99	Bigblu (internet)	LGA Wales 2013 s55

850	£281.35	Wales Audit Office	LGA 1972 s111
851	£293.20	White Oak Property Services	LGA 1976 s19

Debit Card:-

12. CCTV/ ANPR: Due to the Covid lockdown conditions M Holland postponed the representative from the CCTV/ANPR Company visiting the villages to view our requirements.

13. Trees Cutting and Maintenance / Replanting

Clerk is still gaining quotes for the required tree work; permission now granted from DCC Planning.

14. Risk Assessments:

a. P Burkhill completed the Graianrhyd Risk Assessment (written report to follow); and cut part of the saplings from around the bus shelter. He stated the bus shelter is in need of maintenance; concrete base repaired, soil heaps removed which are covering the drains, soffits / boards repairing or replacing, seat staining, sapling removed.

P Burkhill reported in Maes y Droell Cemetery the wooden gate is hard to open, and the rear wall is falling down in places. Councillors will go and have a look at this ready for February's meeting. Resolve: Clerk will gain quotes for all maintenance work.

b. D Pollard for Eryrys reported large loose stones from an old wall are lying in the hedge near the crossroads, and opposite the telephone kiosk. Council asked him to take photographs so this can be reported to DCC; as the land and wall doesn't belong to the community council.

c. Clerk confirmed she regularly checks the defibrillators at Graianrhyd and Eryrys and the Village Shop machine is checked and recorded by a volunteer. The Village Hall Mobile unit is at the moment in the Clerk's House as the hall is closed. The Clerk confirms all are in working order to the emergency services.

15. Dates Meetings/ Training or Events:

1. Dates of Council Meetings for 2021-22 had been put on the Website.

2. Online training details had been emailed to Councillors.

3. Clerk will contact DCC Mr G Williams to make enquires if it would ever be possible for the Clerk and Community Councillors to join DCC zoom training sessions, if there were unused capacity taken by County Councillors. LCC agreed to make a contribution towards costs.

16. Reports from Representatives Councillors:

a. Quarry Liaison Representatives - D White The Quarry Liaison Committee had met 10th November (via zoom) and held a most informative meeting. Reports of the quarry lorries speeding through the community. M Holland contacted Tarmac Quarry Manager after hearing blasting on 21st December; Counties Aggregates Officers investigated and confirmed that no quarries in the area reported that they had been blasting.

b. One Voice Wales - R Elms

c. Canolfan Dewi Sant Committee - D Pollard The Dewi Sant Committee will look at their notice board as it is very difficult to use. Reported on faded notices on the bins; and gave details of the expenses of the hall and the difficulty in raising funds, especially now it is not being used. He thanked the Council for their donation towards the cost of the insurance.

d. Ysgol Bro Famau - M Holland The school numbers of pupils on roll were still falling and now stood at 25 in Foundation Phase and 42 in the Junior school. They are looking to do more to market the school, which has an excellent reputation. LCC agreed in principle to help financially towards purchasing a new sign-post to the school to ensure people know where it is.

e. Llanarmon Old School Room - M Holland

f. Youth Club – Councillors will contact youths in the community to encourage anyone interested in becoming a 'Community Youth Representative' to the Community Council. The young person should be between the ages of 15yr – but under 26yrs speaking on any local youth issues in the villages, items that are affecting them or with suggestions. The Council encourages youths from our community to 'give it a try', even for a short period of time. Also, younger members of the community are invited to join-in the council meetings. They would not be expected to stay (on zoom) for the whole meeting, just for a few minutes; if they felt more comfortable. M Holland will contact the Headteacher at Ysgol Bro Famau to perhaps arrange a zoom meeting with the School Council; this may be held during the day - even at a separate meeting.

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

h. Llanarmon Show - S Jones; stated the show will probably \ be cancelled for this year as arrangements would normally be under way by now.

17. Land Owned by Council. M Holland reported no progress.

18. Gohebiaethau / Correspondence: all emails previously forwarded to all Councillors: The Clerk had circulated correspondence to Councillors as appropriate during the course of the month. Items needing considering are included on the agendas.

1. Local councils and communities throughout Wales are being encouraged to play a leading role in NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021, a unique day of celebration. On Feb Agenda.
2. Local Government and Elections Wales Bill – Changes and the General Power of Competence.

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

1. Grit Boxes; The new yellow grit boxes are now being delivered around the ward but piles of grit may still be used in some areas. The full roll out will not be completed until next year along with the numbering of the boxes which looks as if they will be numbered by village and County Ward; a thousand boxes in total. Due to the winter conditions our roads now have many potholes developing and blocked ditches causing flooding.

M Holland continually travels around our community reporting as many as he can. If you need him to report large potholes or road problems he will; but to help with location details they should be sent with a photograph so this can be forwarded to DCC. However, all Councillors and the community are again asked to report poor road conditions and problems themselves directly on the DCC website, as this saves time.

2. Complaints of inconsiderate parking and excessive dog fouling by an over load of visitors to our community, especially to Nercwys Forest, and Bryn Alyn. DCC and Police are reminding people about the Covid restrictions.
3. Report of a car that continually speeds through Llanarmon village; advised to take registration numbers then report directly to the police.
4. Reported that there were issues with the bus timetables due to Covid-19 restrictions and they are under review by Denbighshire CC.

20. 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 February 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting ended 8.30pm

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

Report from MARTYN HOLLAND

- 1) Grit has been delivered around the ward. Some in Yellow Boxes and some still in lose piles. The roll out of over a thousand numbered yellow grit boxes will take twelve months to complete.
- 2) A bus crashed into and destroyed the street name sign for Maes Ial. The impact broke up the surrounding pavement, DCC repaired the pavement and the sign.
- 3) The County has confirmed that the gritting routes have not been changed from last year but grit boxes and grit piles will not be placed on gritting routes. The County reported that due to staff sickness and staff self isolating due to the Covid virus in the gritting HGV teams the service may be reduced at times.
- 4) Once again there has been flooding on the Graianrhyd Road and it still appears that a drain pipe between two of the gullies between the Graig Quarry and the turning for Abbey Lands is still blocked. This has been reported again and some remedial work has already been undertaken.
- 5) The Give Way sign at the junction with the back road and the B5430 has been knocked down and reported and another blocked gully has been reported at the same place.
- 6) A number of people reported hearing blasting on 21st December including myself. Tarmac confirmed that it did not happen at the Graig and the Counties Aggregates Officers kindly investigated but have now confirmed that no Quarries in the area reported that they had been blasting. It remains a mystery.
- 7) I have reported a number of potholes in the village of Llanarmon. One by the shop, another opposite the Bus Shelter, one on the bend by the entrance to the Old School Room and a large pot hole by the junction of Lon Graianrhyd on the B5431.
- 8) Once again the Welsh Government have announced further plans to reorganise local Government by creating yet another layer of regional government called Corporate Joint Committees. The membership will apparently include many more appointed unelected members but there is no indication how this will be paid for as yet. When we will all be paying for the after effects of Covid for many years to come a costly reorganisation at this time does not make sense. Watch out for the consultation.
- 9) On New Year’s Eve despite Covid restrictions people flooded into the area. We had grid lock around Moel Famau, and a large number of visitors on the Horseshoe Pass, Nercwys Forest, Llandegla Forest, Bryn Alyn and Eryrys. There is a vaccine on the horizon for all of us but we must still act sensibly, respect the Covid restrictions and keep everyone safe.