

3rd March 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, Gill Nash, Norma Wright (Clerk).

2. Apologies: May Kingsley-Williams (family commitment)

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.

a. H Watts gave an update on the maintenance schedule, and installation of the gates /notice-post at Graianrhyd Field.

b. Mr Rhys Pitson DCC Highways Safety Officer joined the meeting and stated following the recent speed survey, it had provided up-to-date evidence. DCC would now support LCC installing a speed awareness sign in Eryrys. However, DCC would not be able to help with the finance and quoted £3,950 for supply and installation of a radar speed awareness sign. Council reported the DCC speed awareness sign at Graianrhyd was often not working.

5. Reading & Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 3rd February 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: Website Meeting 9th Feb Kevin Patterson from Yewbarrow Media continues with the new Website, he confirmed the theme and structure. Graianrhyd fibre optics and broadband service (which is coming from Wrexham direction) is making progress, as BT are working in the area replacing many telegraph poles.

8. Planning: Councillors are requested to look on DCC website for current applications before each monthly meeting.

15/2020/1019 Pen y Ffrith, Llanarmon; Erection of seven angler shelters and overnight accommodation. A retrospective application for formation and alteration of fishing ponds. Although in principle the Council supported this application, it was felt there should be conditions attached. There were concerns raised about such work being retrospective, especially to the ponds as NRW has not been informed. The materials being used in ANOB area were felt not to be sympathetic. The shelters should not be used for longer-term accommodation.

9. Hearse House: Clerk will write to the Raven and Church Wardens that nothing inflammable should be stored or stacked in the way of the planks that are used by the undertakers. To ensure all unwanted items are removed, before the next council meeting in April. Then maintenance work will be carried out; treating the woodworm in the doors and interior. The doors will be fitted with new hinges, the door-frame itself repaired and a new hasp and combination weather proof lock fitted.

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

11. Finance & Accounts:

1. For the end of the financial year Councillor (not the Chair) will verify bank reconciliations and all bank statements, as evidence of verification. Finance Meeting Tuesday 6th April 7pm.

2. Clerk had met with Stone Masons S Blackwell's, who had completed the H+S checks for the three graveyards. A total of 18 memorials failed. Full list of names were sent to all councillors, so they could attempt to trace local families. Council will decide what action to take if local families who own the stones cannot be found. A notice will be placed on the gates and on each failed stone. A list of the names will also be placed on the Website.

3. The four wooden flowers boxes small council logo-signs had been fitted by David Wright.

4. A replacement invoice for the two new defibrillator cabinets, with the 10 year guarantees had been received.

Resolve: Council agreed for the funds to be transferred between accounts for cabinets and installation.

5. No requests for a donation towards the costs of a school directional road-sign had been received.

6. Graianrhyd Community Field legal paperwork is progressing and will hopefully all be in place for Easter!

7. Covid restrictions had dramatically reduced Hope House fund raising. Resolve: Council voted to donate £100

8. The Assets Register recorded the additional bench in Dewi Sant, litter bin in Graianrhyd. 4 village planters. 4 village name road signs, 2 new defib cabinets Eryrys/school.

9. Permission to pay Accounts:-

Cheques:	860	£508.94	Clerk March /phone	LGA 1972 s112(1)
	861	£39.99	Bigblu (internet)	LGA 2013 s55 Wales
	862	£500.00	Blackwell's Memorials (H&S)	LGA 1972 s214

863	£379.00	White Oak (moving gates)	LGA 1972s14
864	£540.00	Wootton Trees (Dewi Sant)	LGA 1976s215(6)
865	£1015.56	Defib Store (2 cabinets)	LGA Wales Measure 2011
866	£257.08	Clerk expenses/ office	LGA s112(1)
867	£100.00	Hope House (donation)	LG Wales Measure 2011
868	£130.00	White Oak Maint(post)	LGA 1976s14
Debit Card	£6.99	Argos computer headset	LGA 1972 s112(1)
	£40.00	ICO Registration & Cert	LGA 1972 s111
	£20.40	Postage Stamps	LGA 1972 s111
	£8.42	Home Bargains Dog bags/ dispensers	LGA 1976s14
	£70.67	Jewson wood for signs	LGA 1976s14

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

Council agreed to consider ideas and financially contributing when requested towards the three local pubs and community activities i.e. with costs such as bunting etc. in support of this unique day of celebration. Councillors P Burhill- Graianrhyd, W Pollard -Eryrys, J Enston-Llanarmon, will contact pubs/groups in each village. April agenda.

13. Trees Cutting and Maintenance / Replanting

Council had received a complaint about the standard of work by Ben Wootton Company, who carried out the tree maintenance in Dewi Sant graveyard; the company had since returned and tidied up their work. David Wright, R Elms and the Clerk had spent a day burning much debris and clearing away rubbish including, plastic containers, an old milk crate and remains of a metal bed frame. Resolve: Greengrass Ltd was awarded the contract for St Garmon's tree work. The council agreed for the increased DCC road closure fees to be paid. In the autumn new stock for replanting will be purchased.

14. General Maintenance & Risk Assessments:

1. Clerk stated it is a legal requirement that evidence of Risk Assessments are completed, the council as a whole is responsible. LCC Risk Assessments should be completed in May. J Enston will help with Llanarmon assessment. Clerk will resend templates to all appointed councillors.
2. Waiting for more quotes for the work required at Graianrhyd bus shelter and Maes y Droell Cemetery wall repairs.
3. There is a serious problem of dog fouling in the community. M Holland will again request DCC install signs in Graianrhyd. Resolve: Purchased dog-waste bags and dispensers for the three villages and playing fields.
3. M Holland will request that DCC measure the width of the road alongside the Raven pub. It was not agreed that signs should be put on the Rhiw Ial Road side of the pub building requesting no parking - April Agenda.
4. Council wished to sincerely thank Mr Graham Richards for planting so many beautiful snowdrops outside Canolfan Dewi Sant and around Eryrys village, it is very much appreciated.

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

Clerk confirmed zoom SLCC training on Advanced Local Government Finance (Mod 21) 4th March. (£36)

16. Reports from Representatives & Councillors:

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

i.. DCC have not yet attended to the hedges on the B5430, they are forcing the large vehicles into the middle of the road. Graig Quarry Manager has asked all vehicles to keep to the speed limits. He reported the next blasting will be on Monday 8th March pm. County Cllr. Carolyn Thomas (Flintshire/ Treuddyn) has been invited to join the next meeting.

ii. Aggregates Officer had been contacted by M Holland to remove the old buildings or make the site safe at Maes Y Droell Quarry; but no progress reported.

iii. A new Burley Hill Quarry Liaison Committee has been formed M Holland, P Burhill, D White from Llanarmon with four councillors from Llanferres Community Council, will (zoom) meet. The current planning consent runs out in September, although the quarry has been mothballed for the last fifteen years there are still plenty of reserves there. A Scoping Exercise is being undertaken by the Westminster Estate. This has raised concerns about it reopening for another fifteen years. The Scoping involves contact with all official bodies such as NRW, AONB and the Community Council; Environmental Impact Assessment - noise, dust, visual impact, screening and Ash Die Back. If the owners then decide to proceed they will have to go out to public consultation with briefings, and public meetings.

b. One Voice Wales - R Elms:

c. Canolfan Dewi Sant Committee - D Pollard:

d. Ysgol Bro Famau - M Holland:

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:

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

1. New Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Councils.

a. The Act changes the electoral cycle of councils from four to five-year terms of office. b. For the first time in May 2021, 16 and 17 year olds and legally resident foreign citizens are allowed to vote in the Senedd elections, and will also be able to vote in the 2022 local government elections. c. The Act provides for a power for EROs to add an individual to the electoral register without them applying, by obtaining information/data of individuals not included on the electoral register from other sources such as council tax records etc.

2. Consultation on Public Space Protection Order in Denbighshire: DCC is consulting on a draft Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to make people properly control their dogs in public areas. To allow the Council to take action against pet owners who allow a dog to foul in an area of public land without cleaning it up and those letting a dog off a lead anywhere that is not allowed. Public Protection Officer stated the vast majority of dog owners are respectful of others and clean up after their pets. However the number of complaints had increased about anti-social behaviour from dog owners who don't control their dogs properly in public places. This PSPO will allow action to be taken against those who behave irresponsibly. Read the draft PSPO document, view maps of the proposed restricted areas, and provide feedback before 18th April at

<https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/573> or in writing to PO Box 62, Ruthin, LL15 1AZ

3. The ATNM is a plan of routes th

at Denbighshire County Council will use to inform where improvements to walking and cycling should be made within the county. Views of as many people as possible are wanted to help create the Denbighshire Active Travel Network Map of walking and cycling routes [Commonplace Link](#) or printed copies of the network map and survey can be provided via mail, free of charge. Sustrans Cymru Tel: 029 2065 0602 Email: ATNM-Denbighshire@sustrans.org.uk

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

1. Requested all councillors/ members of the public 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;- flooding, blocked ditches/gullies, over hanging hedges and many large potholes were reported by Councillors. M Holland will be meeting with DCC to discuss our local road conditions.
3. Reported a number of near misses at the lights by the old Liver Inn in Rhydtalog and at least two residents have been involved in collisions in the last couple of years, people coming from the direction of Treuddyn. Flintshire CC requested to investigate, ways of improving the stretch of the A5104 before the traffic lights.
4. Reported to FCC major concerns of the Pant Du Road towards Mold is breaking up, with large potholes and flooding occurring.
4. Ysgol Bro Famua will be 150 years old this year – many memories have been created there

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 7th April 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting ended 9.35pm

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

MARTYN HOLLAND REPORT

- 1) Reported pot holes across the ward and DCC have repaired the previous pot holes reported in Mill Lane, Maes Garmon and Maes Ial.
- 2) Arranged for a grit box to be installed at Maes Gynnan and an additional box in Ffordd Rhyd Y Ceirw.
- 3) Grit Bins have been refilled across the ward including Eryrys and Llanarmon.
- 4) Did you know that there are 23 houses officially empty across the Llanarmon Yn Ial/Llandegla ward? In Rhyl West there are 75 empty houses. There are approximately 500 empty houses across the County which could go a long way to resolving the Counties housing crisis.
- 5) The directional sign for the crossroads in Eryrys is on order and replacement post. I have asked the officers to ensure that the defib sign is retained.
- 6) A member of the public has reported that scrambler bikes have been seen using the Bridle way from Pant Ddu to Burley Hill Quarry. This has been reported to the DCC Footpaths Officer.
- 7) Llanarmon CC need to appoint two members to the Burley Hill Quarry Liaison Committee asap.
- 8) I have taken photographs of the poor state of the back road between Rhiw Ial Chapel and Maes Llan in Llanarmon. I have a one to one meeting with DCC Highways on March 8th to discuss grit bins and the state of many of our unclassified roads.
- 9) Whilst working on the pot holes in Ffordd Rhyd Y Ceirw, I realised that only two households were on the electoral register for that road the rest were registered as part of Graianrhyd. I have asked the DCC Electoral registration team to amend the records for the next electoral register.
- 10) There will be a number of road closures in the Llanarmon/Graianrhyd area this month (5th March Rose & Crown to Rhydtalog, 2/3 March Ffordd Rhyd Y Ceirw, 5th March B5431 by GelliGynnan and 2/3 March Bryn Ial Ffordd Rhiw Ial. These all involve the replacement of BT telegraph poles.
- 11) As many of you will be aware 40 properties in the village of Llanarmon had problems with their electricity supplies on Thursday 25th March. This was as a result of the deterioration of a number of spur connections in Maes Ial and the resulting increase in the voltage which sadly damaged many household appliances. Scottish Power were soon on the scene and they worked through Thursday night and Friday to find the fault and dig up Maes Ial! A team of Customer Service staff arrived and with a compliance contractor and they have fixed or arranged to replace items that were damaged. Although there was a loss of power for some 15hours or more the support from the Scottish Power team was excellent.
- 12) There have been a number of complaints about the speed of lorries using the B5430 and also a complaint about trucks cutting up the verges in Graianrhyd. These issues have been reported to Tarmac and DCC.
- 13) During the extremely cold weather in February the water running down the B5430 from the gullies just past the entrance to the Graig Quarry froze. I contacted the DCC Highways team and they arranged a gritter to visit the area two or three times to defrost the road!