

2nd June 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, Gill Nash, Joy Enston, Norma Wright (Clerk).

2. Apologies: May Kingsley-Williams (visitors)

3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: S Jones declared she is the newly appointed treasurer of Canolfan Dewi Sant.

4. Meeting Open to the Public and Press: None. (to join the meeting the Zoom code is available from the Clerk)

5. Reading & Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 5th May 2021.
Prop. D Pollard Sec: D White **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: Kevin Patterson from Yewbarrow Media reported to be waiting for a reply to his email from the previous hosts. S Jones will ask K Patterson to join the Website Committee when he returns from holiday, and stated the site is progressing and about ready to go live. Clerk requested training to be arranged ASAP; as financial council documents urgently need to be put on the site.

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

15/2021/0318 Details of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 12 dwellings submitted with outline permission 15/2013/1080 Land at Erw Goed, Llanarmon. Due to Covid restrictions a public meeting cannot be held; the public should write directly to DCC with any concerns. M Holland attended a site meeting with the DCC planning officers and the developers. There are concerns about the housing mix, access onto the B5431, the retention of the existing trees, the distance from the properties in Maes Ial, the drainage of surface water and the inclusion of a pavement to give some safety to residents and walkers along a narrow lane. The developers have been asked to review their current plans. There will be a 106 agreement, where developers make a contribution to the local community based on the number of properties being built.

15/2021/0501 & 0502 Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 15/2017/0287 & 15/2018/0965 to vary to allow amended design of outbuildings at Plas Farm Llanarmon. No Comment.

Councillor advised to report a bungalow that has a change of use; the new owners are now selling plants as a business.

9. Environmental Wales Act 2016: LCC Environment Report & Action Plan; M Holland stated the council will be planting trees after the ash-dieback trees are cut down in Llanarmon.

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

11. Finance & Accounts:

a. Welsh Audit Office plans to introduce full transaction audits have been postponed until 2022 because a number 2019/20 audits are not yet complete due to delays with Covid restrictions. The time line for completion of 2020/21 audits remains the same. Following the internal Auditor JDH report concerning 'supplier (procurement) fraud including the adequacy of supplier on-boarding controls'. Zurich insurance replied they do not provide insurance cover on this matter.

b. Cheques:	882	£497.01	Clerk wage June	LGA 1972 s112(1)
	883	£39.99	Bigblu (internet)	LGA 2013 s55 Wales
	884	£20.00	S Hanahoe (plants for planters)	LGA 1972 s19
Debit Card		£7.65	Post Office WAG Audit documents	LGA 1972 s111

c. White Oak will start the Graianrhyd bus shelter work.

d. Purchases as part of the 5 year plan;-

i. Council agreed that cheaper bins are available to purchase, but they do not come with the emptying service that DCC provide. **Resolve:** purchase a single (if possible) bin for Eryrys direct from DCC including emptying service.

ii. Council agreed that a flashing speed sign is required for Eryrys. Again it was agreed that other companies were cheaper to purchase off the shelf signs. DCC provided the extra services of installation with planning permission, long term maintenance and they would act on the information the sign provided. **Resolve:** to confirm the price, the position, the guarantee, the maintenance agreement and insurance cover required when purchased from DCC.

iii. CCTV rep & M Holland, D Pollard, B Jones met 12th May waiting for costings and report.

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

No Council stalls should be set up in each local pub due to Covid restrictions. No Community Champion application forms received.

13. Trees Cutting and Maintenance / Replanting

Greengrass Ltd have not yet been able to carry out all the tree maintenance in St Garmon's. DCC did have their tree cut down outside the Raven, whilst BT had the village road closed in Llanarmon.

14. General Maintenance & Risk Assessments:

1. No Councillors' Risk Assessments received for May 2021. D Pollard, P Burhill, M Holland & J Enston

Resolve: Agenda July.

2. **Graianrhyd:** Clerk and R Elms will visit the quarry to choose stones for a seating area in Graianrhyd Playing Field. Council thanked the Tarmac Manager R Maurice-Jones for the donation. Clerk had no reply from solicitors regarding the purchase of the field.

3. **Llanarmon Playing field:** Council thanked Gareth Bryan for his detailed weekly H&S checks of the play equipment and field and litter picking. The annual H&S check had found the double swing-seats and frame in the playing field to be unsafe and a broken step on the climbing frame **Resolve:** Swing will be removed ASAP. Clerk will gain quotes for a replacement swing and replacement step.

4. **Headstones:** Council thanked Roger Smith for completing the required work on the memorials in Dewi Sant. No work had yet been carried out in St Garmon's and Maes y Droell. S Jones will send photographs around and ask locals families for further information.

5. **Signs on Raven:** Council had agreed to purchase two signs, asking people not to park at the Raven junction. One English and one Welsh sign to be fixed on the side of the pub building. Clerk is waiting for Welsh translation.

6. **Hearse House:** Concerns over the level of maintenance the roof, walls and doors of the Hearse House may need. Enquiries found it is a listed building; registered as The Bier House and Gates in the Churchyard, Listed 29th May 1998 Grade 2 Source Cadwyn. M Holland will ask DCC conservation officer to advise; he asked D Pollard and G Jones (will be asked)to have a look at the work needed, then if possible give a cost and report back to council.

7. **Defibrillator:** D Pollard had sent his monthly check for the Eryrys defibrillator.

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

16. Reports from Representatives & Councillors:

a. Quarry Liaison Representatives - D White: The revived Burley Hill Quarry Liaison committee will have two representatives from Llanferres Community Council; Llanarmon will have one member, one member from Nercwys Community Council, Flintshire County Council and two residents' reps from Maeshafn and one rep from MADRA.

b. One Voice Wales - R Elms: No meetings

c. Canolfan Dewi Sant Committee - D Pollard: the hall is open for no more than 16 people at a time. Yoga classes have restarted. Drosi electric bikes and work-shop will be held on Saturday morning 12th June.

d. Others – no reports.

17. Gohebiaethau / Correspondence: Council agreed all emails previously forwarded:

1. Covid Vaccination Booking helpline on 03000 840004 for assistance.

2. DCC stated you can now pay to use the public toilets by using a bank card; to improve the service and reduce the need to use cash in these Covid times.

3. Visitors and local residents can get an annual Parking Permit for £30 per annum; enabling them to make as many visits to Moel Famau and Loggerheads Tel: 0300 0653000 or parciomoelfamau@cyfoethnatureiolcymru.gov.uk

4. Ruthin-based Adventure Tours has committed to plant one tree for every person that travels on one of its holidays; partnered with the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB on a carbon offsetting project. Two acres of land at Tyn-y-Pistyll within Moel Famau Country Park has been designated for the new native woodland project; for planting native trees including Birch, Oak, Rowan, Holly, Hazel, Hawthorn, Cherry and Elder.

5. Gareth Jordan, Police Cyber Protect Officer sent out warnings that 'WhatsApp Hijack Scammers' are continuing to target WhatsApp users and hijack their accounts and details, by posing as a friend and asking for SMS security codes.

6. Residents invited to help begin shaping the DCC's new Corporate Plan; this helps all of the Council's services to work together. Paper copies are being distributed to home library service users or available to collect and return from libraries from 1st June to 31st July, 2021. The online focus groups will be hosted on Microsoft Teams in June and July.

To take part and have your say, visit <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/596> to complete the online survey and/or sign up for the online focus groups.

7. Launch of a public consultation on Planning for Dark Night Skies in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB; in partnership with Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham County Council. Comments by 9th August 2021;

e-mail to: clwydianrangeaonb@denbighshire.gov.uk or in writing to Huw Rees, Countryside and Heritage Services Manager, Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services, PO BOX 62, Ruthin LL15 9AZ. When approved by each of the Local Planning Authorities the SPG will be a material planning consideration in determining planning applications and appeals.

8.WAG new permanent arrangements for local authority meetings effective from 1st May 2021, retain the minimum standard for meetings is that members are able to hear and be heard by others. Whether meetings are held virtually; partially virtually; or entirely face to face, subject to prevailing public health regulations; is a matter for those responsible for arranging the meetings. The Act requires that participants (i.e. other council members, members of the public and press) are able to join meetings remotely – even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely physically. Councils must publish how meetings arrangements operate and for those arrangements to be clear by publishing through standing orders.

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

1. Potholes, gullies blocked, fly-tipping Pistyll Gwyn Quarry on the B5430 Llanarmon Yn Ia all reported directly to DCC by S Jones. 2. Request for a Finger-post sign in Eryrys-request that it includes Canolfan Dewi Sant

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

The next meeting will be held on 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm.via zoom and only if Covid restrictions allow in person at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys. There is no telephone connection available.

Meeting ended 8.40pm

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

Cllr Martyn Holland

- 1)The resurfacing of the B5430 cost the Council Tax payer £211k for approximately three miles of rural road. I asked DCC to consider increasing the annual Highways budget from £2.5 million to £4 million for the next five years. Plus any covid savings this year be transferred to our potholes budget.
- 2) Met with the Counties Empty Housing Officer and the Counties Trees Officer on 13th May at the empty property Bryn Alyn, Mill Lane. The DCC Trees Officer will revisit the site next week to review the Ash Trees for evidence of any growth and disease. A formal report will then be sent to the owners. The Empty Houses Officer will be sending a final request to make the site secure and the Fire Service will be doing the same.
- 3) The WAG has completed a review of all the Trunk Roads in Wales and three sections of A494 in our ward between Cadole and the Clwyd Gate will be included in their planned improvements. Loggerheads are still awaiting the flashing speed signs and Llanferres will get similar signs in 23/24. The Llanarmon junctions will be improved with double white lines up to the Clwyd Gate.
- 4) Pot holes reported in a number of places including the B5431, the Llanarmon village centre and the junction on the B5430 with the turning for Allt Gymbyd. Pot holes have also now been repaired on the road to Bryn Haidd. The County has introduced a new highways policy where some roads will receive a complete overhaul. These roads are brought up to a standard with pot holes patched, verges cut and gullies and ditches all cleaned at the same time. It looks as if the B5431 will be included as part of this new policy!
- 5) The County agreed to fell the diseased tree by the Raven and the work was undertaken at the same time that BT closed the road for their upgrade for Fibre Optic. The Community Council also used the same road closure to prune its trees around the grave yard. This should have saved both councils road closure costs. The County also agreed that the Raven Community Pub could have the wood for the pub fires.
- 6) Brian, Darren, Rod and myself met with the CCTV Company to scope the Communities requirements for CCTV in our three Communities. The Company has now provided a suggested scheme for each village which we can use as a template for our tendering exercise. We are very grateful to them for their time and help.
- 7) There has been another fire incident on the Llantysilio Mountain today (June 1st) which burnt a large area of moorland between Rhewl and Bryneglwys. The fire was brought under control using water carrying helicopters and teams from the North Wales Fire Service and Countryside Services. Sadly this will have had a major impact on nesting birds and other wildlife.
- 8) I have circulated the planned road closure for the B5431 on the 7th to the 9th June by Welsh Water. I have once again included a map so that residents will know exactly where the road works will be and they can plan their journeys accordingly.