

5th May 2021 8.30 pm via Zoom Ordinary Council Meeting (following the AGM)

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

2. Apologies: Joy Enston (working)

3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: None

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

H Watts updated the council on LCC grounds maintenance. Stating concerns about the condition of the land in Dewi Sant cemetery; cracks in the ground and rat holes. The Hearse House is in need of more maintenance than first thought. There is considerable woodworm and the roof needs a lot more attention, than just a missing slate.

5. Reading & Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 7th April 2021.

Prop. S Jones Sec: G Nash **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: A successful presentation of the new website was held on Wednesday 28th April by Kevin Patterson from Yewbarrow Media. Council were pleased with the Website. S Jones stated the site is progressing and about ready to go live. Clerk requested training to be arranged ASAP; to enable her to put the required council documents on. J Hanahoe will continue with the twitter feed and K Patterson will be asked to join the committee.

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. Council will request more time due to covid rules then hold a public meeting. Already, concerns about so many houses on such a small piece of land.

15/2021/0320 Y Beudy School Lane Llanarmon . Change of use of land from agricultural to questrian, erection of stables and manege for private use, together with associated hardstanding, track, fencing, flood lights and alterations to existing vehicular access. No comments.

15/2020/1019 Pen y Ffrith, Llanarmon. Retrospective application for the formation and alterations of existing fishing ponds including the removal of trees. Proposed erection of 7 ""Angler Shelters"" to provide welfare facilities and overnight accommodation for anglers, including connection to existing septic tank and associated works. Council has previously objected and concerned that this application is retrospective. It should be noted the seriousness of the unauthorised cutting down of trees, as this can not be undone, also to be noted the ponds have already been extended. Although in principle the Council supported this application, it was felt there should be conditions attached. 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: Concerns over the level of maintenance the roof and Hearse House building requires. Enquiries will be made to check if it is a listed building. R Elms had moved some of the old wood out and adjusted the bold to enable the doors to close. More items to be skipped.

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

i. From the late Bob Barton's items Mary Barton had given M Holland a lovely, large plate with details from 2001-2004 (believed to have been made in Ruthin Craft Centre). It is connected to Eryrys/Llanarmon somehow. Now looking for help with its history and to find it a new home.

ii. Reported again that the empty dwelling in Llanarmon has a dead tree which is causing H&S concerns.

11. Finance & Accounts:

a. The internal Auditor JDH report stated '*The risk assessment should be updated to include supplier (procurement) fraud including the adequacy of supplier on-boarding controls*' **Resolve:** Action Plan: Clerk had presented an updated risk assessment, will ensure suppliers have controls and had contacted Zurich insurance.

b. RFO prepared the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement and certified the return. **Resolve:** Chair will sign Part 2 of the Annual Governance Statement for 1st April 2020-31st March 2021. Council voted to approve and adopt as a true record. D White to sign all bank statements, as evidence of verification.

c. Permission to pay Accounts:- Schedule of Bills presented

Cheques:	875	£497.01	Clerk wages May	LGA 1972 s112(1)
	876	£39.99	Bigblu (internet)	LGA 2013 s55 Wales

877	£191.52	JDH internal audit	LGA 1972s111
878	£156.00	The Play Inspection	LGA1976 s19
879	£24.30	Jones &Graham	LGA1972 s111
880	£425.31	Rhys Jones defib cabinets fitted	LGA Wales Measure 2011
881	£60.00	White Oak Property paint gates	LGA 1976s19
Debit Card	£74.32	Viking (paper/ink cartridges)	LGA 1972s111

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:** to purchase a bin for Eryrys direct from DCC to include the 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 meeting 12th May 6pm Llanarmon (outside).

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

Councillors names to be discussed, to share the time of standing at a stall in each pub to inform locals what their community council do, encouraging new councillors to stand at the next election, handing out information. In celebration of the kindness shown within our community (especially during these unusual Covid times), the council will present 'The Community Champion of the Year Award' and 'Community Young Person of the Year Award' (under 18yrs). Application forms have been emailed to all council members and others distributed –also on the webpage. Mrs Knight Headteacher of Ysgol Bro Famau had pupils design certificates to be given to the winners. A £25 prize will be given to both pupils for their certificates used. Council wished to sincerely thank both the Headteacher, staff and pupils for their time in providing such wonderful artwork.

13. Trees Cutting and Maintenance / Replanting

Greengrass Ltd will carry out the tree maintenance in St Garmon's on Monday 18th May, at the same time DCC will have their tree cut down outside the Raven, whilst BT will have the village road closed in Llanarmon.

14. General Maintenance & Risk Assessments:

1. Councillors Risk Assessments, on LCC property for 2021 now due; Agenda June.
2. Waiting for more quotes for work required on Graianrhyd bus shelter, and Hearse House. No further quotes were received for the work. ; Maes y Droell Cemetery wall will be repaired now the weather is improving.
3. [More requests for the blue 'Please drive slowly notices'](#). Council thanked David Wright for making them.
4. There is a serious problem of dog fouling in the community. M Holland will again request DCC install more signs throughout our community. Clerk had refilled the dog-waste bags dispensers (one had been taken) for the three villages and playing fields.

Llanarmon Playing field: The annual H&S check had found the swing in the playing field to be unsafe. **Resolve:** R Elms will remove the chains and seats from the swings asap. Clerk will gain quotes for a replacement.

Headstones: no work has yet been carried out.

Signs on Raven: Council agreed to purchase two signs, asking people not to park at the Raven junction. **Resolve:** To purchase one English, one Welsh sign to be fixed on the Rhiw Ial Road side of the pub building.

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: A new joint Burley Hill Quarry Liaison Committee has been formed and met the end of April. D White from Llanarmon and M Holland as County Councillor attended (zoom meeting). Hannah Parish Aggregates officer had stated that the Scoping Study related to what may be considered in the Environmental Statement as part of any planning application to extend the life of the quarry. DCC would review the scoping request and consult with relevant experts; the scoping request could not be rejected. This was not the same as the previous application for an extension to the quarry but rather an extension of the time permitted to work it, the Council uses its specialists to tell the applicant what needs to go into their statement, e.g., traffic monitoring. The scope is also assessed against planning policies as part of the local development framework. Next meeting end July.

b. One Voice Wales - R Elms: The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

1. The voting age will be reduced to sixteen.
2. Staff can stand for their own Councils. They will need to resign only if elected.
3. The public will have the right to make reasonable representation at meetings about business being transacted.
4. Councils will have to publish an annual report at the end of the financial year.

5. County and community council cycle increased from four to five-year terms.
 6. Training of staff and councillors mandatory; to consider and address the training needs.
 7. Councils can meet in public houses.
 8. Changes in the Audits both town and community councils will be run on a three year cycle. Two of the three years will be similar in nature to current audits. Every third year there will be an intensive audit which will involve Councils having to bring all their documentation for complete scrutiny at a local centre
- c. Canolfan Dewi Sant Committee - D Pollard:** the hall will be re-opening for no more than 16 people at a time. Open for voting 6th May; Yoga classes are due to restart. Drosi electric bikes and work-shop Saturday 12th June

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

1. Denbighshire CC's proposed Public Space Protection Order had wide reaching implications. All Council members had been notified of DDC proposals for the restriction and wide spread consequences covering all land in Denbighshire for dog owners.
2. DCC hopes to move the Counties Archives from Ruthin Gaol to Mold in a joint project with Flintshire. There will be a new purpose built humidity controlled building built.
3. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report received.
4. Denbighshire CC is holding an online care recruitment session of 18 new staff on 18th May; community based health and social care support workers; day care assistant; night care assistant; and domestic assistant. The ability to drive is most often essential; Vacancies also in residential care homes, Cysgod Y Gaer, Corwen and Dolwen, Denbigh, for both contracted and supply hours. The virtual recruitment event will be held over Microsoft Teams, followed by a 20 minute informal interview. For information contact 01824 706200 HRDirect@denbighshire.gov.uk

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

1. Road problems large potholes had been reported by Councillors. M Holland met with DCC Highways and was disappointed to be informed that DCC had no funding for most of our required road repairs.
2. Wall collapsing on road from Eryrys towards Graianrhyd; still the finger post sign in Eryrys is missing.
3. Many gullies blocked and reported directly to DCC by S Jones; Drains that run between Maes Gwyn and Longhope Graianrhyd; [Drains outside Dafarn Ucha, Graianrhyd](#); fly tipping between Graianrhyd Farm and Abbeyland.

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

The next meeting will be held on 2nd June 2021 at 7pm. (Our last zoom meeting; hoping to hold live July meeting)
Meeting ended 9.50pm

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

MARTYN HOLLAND REPORT

- 1) The Erw Goed Planning Application has now been formally submitted and I have circulated the details to enable residents to comment. As the County Councillor I have also been given a schedule for this particular planning process because it is classed as a substantial development.
- 2) Road works in Llanarmon/Graianrhyd involving BT. will close the B5431 into the village on the 18th to 20th May. BT are feeding new fibre optic cable through underground ducting between the junction with the B5430 and the turning for Ffordd Rhiw Ial. Buses will be allowed through but all other vehicles should use the diversion. This can only be good news for the upgrade planned for Graianrhyd. All road works have been circulated.
- 3) We have been involved in a Boundary Commission consultation about changing our ward boundaries. The proposal involves moving the Community of Llanferres in with the Community of Llanbedr. Despite our opposition to the proposals they pushed ahead with the changes and only accepted the proposed new name Alyn Valley Ward. I have asked for an update and the Counties Legal Officer has confirmed that the changes have been agreed, but are yet to be signed off through legislation because not all boundary reviews have been completed across Wales. If they are completed this year they should come into force for the County Council elections in 2022.
- 4) Tarmac manager has agreed to extend the road sweeping from the Graig to the Rose & Crown.
- 5) Moving the Counties Archives from Ruthin to Mold in a joint project with Flintshire where a purpose built humidity controlled building will be built. The County are looking at alternatives for the Ruthin Gaol.
- 6) The Community Councils Blue Slow Signs are proving to be very popular and I have received a number of requests which I have passed on to the clerk. These include Ffordd Rhiw Ial and further sections of the B5430.
- 7) The Counties road resurfacing plans for the coming financial year have been presented to local members; only work to be undertaken in our area is the resurfacing of Maes Gwyn, Graianrhyd as they do not have enough money to complete all the roads that have been submitted including most of ours. I have joined other councillors in asking for a change in our budget priorities and for an increase in the highways budget by at least one million pounds a year.
- 8) I have been working over the last few years to improve road safety on the A494 with WG Civil Servants and numerous e-mails to the police and other bodies. The lashing speed signs for Loggerheads were agreed two years ago but will only be delivered later this year. All other improvements were put on hold until a full review of Welsh Trunk Roads had been completed. Flashing speed signs will be installed in Llanferres but not until 2023 and it appears that revised speed limits will be introduced between the Ruthin/Llanarmon junction and the Clwyd Gate.