

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2024 MEETING OF THE LLANDYROG COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD ON THE 21ST MAY

1. Present: Cllrs Williams, G.C.Evans,E.Morris,R.Griffith.G.Butler,M. Parry,H.Wright,J.Borthwick,
2. Apologies: J.Mc Guire
3. Declaration of interest ; Cllr Parry in all planning matters and Cllr Morris in planning application In respect to works to shop.
4. Community policeman – had been invited but unable to attend. There was nothing that members wished to report. Clerk to pass details of PCSO to Cllr Parry
5. Correspondence
Grass cutting enquiry – when are DCC going to start cutting for safety reasons – awaiting reply
One Voice Wales – cost of living crisis workshop
DCC press release re foster carers recipe
Land to rear of kinmel arms – still processing the unilateral agreement
DCC – planning – new shop front – dealt with under planning
North Wales Fire and Rescue – public consultation
Request to DCC to attend to potholes along Pentre Mawr
DCC – doing away with employing external contractors with JCB to clear ditches and roads – Clerk to write to Portfolio Holder and Head of Service to see if they would re consider or offer alternative.
6. confirmation of minutes of April meeting – unfortunately Clerk had not confirmed the presence of Cllr Williams and apologies for this. Then proposed to be correct
7. Matters Arising
Film club – Carolyn L Jones was going to seek support but no reply to date
Boxes in front of old school – Merfyn to approach the tenants – they had shown an interest in adopting the boxes – CC would provide bedding plants
No pots required for Celynog
Hedge by Elwen had been cut back
Flag pole for school – Jane doing her best.
Deep cuts by Rhiwbebyll had still not been filled – Clerk to follow the matter up
Road by Ty Coch to be closed from 3rd June to 26th June for major drainage works
Cllr Williams had enjoyed her Law Module was going to forward slides for distribution.
8. Financial report
Current account as per statement 503 £21,374.50
Business account as per statement 100 £19,731.95

9. Matters for payment

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| Bryn Davies | Compost and feed – paid Green Fingers | £39.59 |
| JA Jones | Cae nant litter picking etc | £78.06 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £67.20 |
| Zurich | Council insurance – not Cocoa Rooms | £773.48 |
| Bryn Davies | Clerks Wages | £190.39 |
| Llandyrnog Church | Church Yard Maintenance | £400 |
| Salisbury – | Internal Audit | £720 |
| Firemaster | Servicing of equipment | £64.34 |

Members agree to pay the above amounts

10. Reports:

Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape Forum 16 th May 2024 in Caledfryn
Councillor G. Butler gave a report on attending a forum held by the AONB (now National Landscape) Service.

It was a hybrid meeting held in Caledfryn Denbigh with some participants joining vitually. Report was given on the Curlew Project which has now received funding to carry out surveys on nesting sites and potential means of protection. Curlews nest on open, upland areas but predation and farming practices have reduced the population in Wales by 81% and they only remain on 12 identified nesting sites. NE Wales has 4 of those sites so this is an important area for study. They are recruiting volunteers at the moment.

Biological Recording in The Clwydian Range

The forum was shown a number of online methods used for recording biological species. These detail birds, mammals, amphibians, plants, trees etc. to monitor and help preserve (or remove in the case of invasive species). It was emphasised that it is important to record all species (common and rare) so anyone can confidently check and respond to planned activity

which may cause harm to species or habitat.

COFNOD (www.cofnod.org.uk) covers everything and has over 8 million records so far but needs as much information as possible - it is available for anyone to add to the system.

INNS MAPPER (app and website) is used for invasive species (eg Himalayan balsam)

BIONET covers North East Wales and is partnered with RSPB

National Park Designation

Update was given by an officer from NRW dealing with the Proposed new National Park.

Welsh Government has a manifesto pledge to designate a new National Park in Wales and NRW are tasked with the research and recommendation on the merits of this proposal. They are following a strict process which should be completed by 2026. They are about halfway through the process, now at a detailed evaluation stage. They have held one public consultation and are finalising a 200-page report covering issues raised. The views are polarised – either very much for or very much against but with the slim majority making positive comments.

Issues raised included the positive and negative impact of additional visitors, improved income to the area, impact on tranquillity, landscape, wildlife, public services, culture and heritage. All will be covered in the report. A further consultation will follow this autumn asking

public and councils to support or reject the proposal.

If supported a Designation Order will be issued (timetabled for next summer) with further consultation on details.

Dark Sky Initiative

Dark Sky Area Status application has been submitted, awaiting outcome. Asked what can be done about premises with bright external lights – no enforcement powers available unless covered by planning condition, but education is the main avenue. Local businesses have given positive reaction to suggestions to reduce outdoor lighting. The new planetarium is proving very popular and staff are happy to visit communities if invited.

Report from Cllr Williams re Highfield Park Liaison Group

All attendees were welcomed by Shaun Jones Director of Operations

It was 12 months since the last meeting. Actions related to lighting situation. Residents have noticed an improvement although there are still concerns about Rose House. Management have contacted Dark Skies representatives twice and are awaiting feedback so they can take appropriate guidance.

Site update – planning was granted in January for a new two bed unit. They are addressing the requirements for a bat survey and lighting requirements and hope to be open in autumn. Rose House is currently closed and will re open as a step down service hopefully in June

Occupancy – this is currently 66 out of a total of 67 but with the new Rose House and Hillside View this will increase to 72 places. The service is developing for younger people as pathways back to the community. There is also a trend towards more local residents from North Wales. Some also have higher needs

Community matters – issues raised include problems with the flooding onto roads, local activities over summer months which clients could become involved and National Park consultation

Staffing and staff parking were referred to. There are very few staff vacancies and no agency staff since Autumn. Training and pay rates are competitive and staff given a range of support.

The possibility of an additional defibrillator was discussed In addition to the three they have indoors. This would be outside so would be available to local residents and only needed an electricity supply so an extra cost to Highfield Park – the suggestion was welcomed. Merfyn to look into this.

AOB – increasing the size of the committee was added as an extra item. Suggestions included inviting the PCSO also an extra community member from Llangwyfan area – this could be publicised in Llais. The traffic situation and fast driving off site was also discussed also they were mindful of producing regular update in Llais.

Both councillors were thanked for their attendance and meticulous minutes to share with others.

11. Planning

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| Application | 18/2024/1014 |
| Location | Village store and post office Llandyrnog |
| proposal | Internal alterations, shop front and signage |
| Community council observations | Support the applicaton with a provisor that all signage be bilingual |

Cllr Morris declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion apart from explain a few technical issues.

Members Items

There were no members items.

AOB

Clerk confirmed that the internal audit had been complete and ready for submission to external audit but would require finance team to sign off and to arrange a meeting

There was reference to the sad passing away of Brian and that the funeral was due Wednesday 22nd June out thoughts were with Jenny and Stuart.

Date of Next meeting 18th June

Signed.....

Dated.....

