

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ON ZOOM AT 7.30PM 15th APRIL 2021

PRESENT Councillors: Cllr K Kemp, Cllr T Thomas, Cllr A Rees, Cllr J Lott, Cllr M Hughes, Cllr J Scott-Quelch, Cllr J Angell, Cllr T Bluff-Higgins, Cllr P Bear and Cllr M Thomas.

Visitors Cllr G Kemp

Apologies -

In attendance Mrs J Western – Clerk

The Council observed a two minute silence as a mark of respect for HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

1504/459 To Receive Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies for absence.

1504/460 To receive any declarations of interest
Cllr T Thomas declared an interest in those matters affecting Pancross Farm.

1504/461 To receive the report from the PCSO
For the period 1st February 2021 to 25th March 2021
Llanccarfan
Nothing to report to the council for the area. (1 malicious comms, 1 harassment call)

Llancadle
No calls

Llantrithyd
20/02/2001 – Theft from farm (bucket)

Llanbethery
01/02/2001 – Covid Breach

Some councillors were informed by residents of fly tipping in the village last night. The van tried to turn around and hit the stone pillar going into the top entrance of the school, the was vehicle towed away this morning. It is believed that the people involved were arrested.

1504/461 To approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting of 18th March 2021
The minutes of meeting of 18th March 2001 were **Approved** – Proposed by Cllr T Thomas and seconded by Cllr A Rees.

1504/462 To discuss any matters arising from the minutes that are not agenda items

Cllr A Rees has not been contacted regarding the defibrillator. There were no other matters arising.

1504/463 To discuss and decide on a contractor for the Riverbank wall and footpath maintenance

Two estimates have been received so far, Paul Woods has priced for a 20 - 25 length of stone wall at the corner of the church to retain river bank and 2 areas of patching either side of the car park.

Rob Gretton's quote seems to be a much bigger job . Cllr Hughes gone back with some clarification points.

Cllr T Thomas is able to supply stone if required.

Cllr M Hughes will ask Mr Gibson if he would like to quote for the job.

The council will need to contact Natural Resources Wales to check if is needed before any contractor is chosen.

ACTION – letter to be written to NRW with our proposals prior to deciding on contractors.

1504/464 To discuss and decide on the refurbishment of burial ground gates and lights

Sue Taylor contacted the Chair and is keen to repaint the gates and get the lights working so the church can be lit up when Wales is finally COVID free.

There needs to be clear agreement over who is responsible for what and what is joint responsible. The lighting of the church is not a responsibility of the council, that would be the responsibility of the Church in Wales.

Previously, flood lights were provided in design and installation by a charity who handed everything over to church for the ongoing costs and the LCC covered the cost of the bulbs. The lights were sized and temperatures were judged, certain lights were lowered for some houses. If the church is going to do it, it has to be well planned. If they can raise the funds to get the lighting fixed, they would have to reinstate with a qualified electrician. The Church has to make sure that any statutory approvals are met.

There is no Health and Safety issue with the gates, the last time they were treated, they were dipped, retreated and painted by a volunteer in the village.

The council has spent and continually spends a lot of its precept on the upkeep and maintenance of the Burial Ground. It would be worthwhile to alert the Church as to the costs which are already involved.

ACTION – Cllr K Kemp to respond to Sue Taylor and supply a list of the costs of the burial ground to the Church.

1504/465 To discuss the NantCarfan Catchment Project

Scott Hand will be attending next month's meeting.

1504/466 To discuss the Llancarfan Primary school site

The Vale Asset Transfer document is very detailed and the Vale Council would have to initiate an asset transfer. It could be for the full market value. The LCC would need a business plan, defining what it would be used for and how it would be funded. The only way to attempt this would be some kind of partner to do most of the work. The LCC could not purchase the building through precept so would have to sell part to fund and then it would become an ongoing liability which would be a huge responsibility for the council. It would be difficult to even meet the criteria and prove the use by the community. This would be difficult when there is already a village hall.

ACTION – To remain on the agenda for further discussion.

1504/467 **To discuss dog fouling in the area.**
The burial ground is not a public right of way or a permitted route and it is the council's decision that dogs are not allowed in the burial ground. This decision was taken many years ago due to the dog fouling in the burial ground. In the original rules and regulations, the burial ground was to be shut between dusk and dawn. The council discussed the option of possibly locking the gates by the pub, the car park and the village hall, leaving just the main gates open. An option of allowing dogs on leads and kept to the path rather than no dogs was discussed but if dog fouling is occurring when dogs are not permitted, it was felt that this could become an even bigger issue if dogs were allowed in the burial ground. Cllr T Thomas proposed that the rule to not allow dogs, with the exception of assistance dogs, within the burial ground remain. This was seconded by Cllr J Scott-Quelch and there was a unanimous vote in favour of the proposal.

The council did note that it is just a few people who flout the rules.

RESOLVED – The council agreed that individual offenders would be written to if the problem persists.

ACTION – Cllr K Kemp to put another notice on the hub.

1504/468 **To discuss flooding in Llantrithyd and water discharging from Pantyffynnon quarry**
There has been no progression on the flooding issues.
ACTION – Clerk to email Clive Moon regarding the walkaround meeting.

1504/469 **To agree date for meeting to discuss website**
A meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd April at 7.30pm via Zoom.

1504/470 **To discuss the new Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**
The introduction of hybrid meetings for Community Councils in Wales will enable the Council to continue to meet online during COVID if a similar situation should arise again in the future. However, the lack of internet in the Village hall could become an issue when face-to-face meetings are able to resume as the new Act specifies that the public should be able to access these meeting via an internet connection. Cllr M Hughes has contacted the LDCA to find out if they are interested in installing internet connection in the village hall. An alternative would be a dongle that could pick up Wi-Fi in the village. The clerk has a breakdown of the items that would be required to run a hybrid meeting.
ACTION – To remain on the agenda for further discussion.

Public participation rules change in May 2022. This will be discussed closer to that date.

1504/471 **Committee updates**
Road Matters Committee
A meeting took place this evening, 15th April 2021 at 7pm.
Cllr A Rees has emailed Michael Clogg for an update on the four main issues but he only responded about one, the flooding south of Llancadle. There is no culvert there, the field is higher than the road. Cllr T Thomas has suggested that if a ditch was dug out on the edge of the land, it would prevent it from flooding. The committee are going to suggest that to Michael Clogg and also suggest that he contact the farmer to see if he is willing to help.

Not a lot has progressed in the last six months on the road from Llancadle to Aberogwen farm road.

ACTION – Cllr A Rees to copy Cllr G Kemp into email correspondence with Michael Clogg.

ACTION - The clerk is going to ask for another follow up meeting with Michael Clogg.

Brewers lane remains in a very poor condition, and the local residents currently concerned about the side of the road crumbling into the brook on this lane in front of Silverbrook.

Some pot holes were filled on the road from Walterston Lane up to the Five Mile Lane a couple of weeks ago but these areas have deteriorated again and there are a few very deep pot holes.

The hill coming out of the village past Cross Green is appalling. A Tesco delivery van went into a ditch in Walterston last week and had to be pulled out.

ACTION - Cllr G Kemp will follow up with Michael Clogg.

Planning Committee

Planning Approvals

1. **2021/0134/FUL - The Wild Goose Inn, Llanbethery**
Demolitions to existing garage and construction of a new single story garage in its place. Proposed garage footprint smaller than existing.

2. **2021/0135/CAC - The Wild Goose Inn, Llanbethery**
Demolitions to existing garage.

Planning Applications

3. **2021/0403/FUL - Meadowgate, Llancarfan**
Internal works to remodel layout and associated general works including extensions to front elevation, additional first floor roof terrace to rear and construction of a garage closer to access.
No comments from Council.
4. **2021/0401/FUL - Caeronnen, Llantrithyd**
To construct a single storey contemporary glazed orangery extension to the rear of a double storey single occupancy residential property.
No comments from Council.
5. **2021/0718/FUL - Land off Broomwell Lane, Llancarfan**
Erection of stable building, polytunnel and retention of horticultural outbuilding and grasscrete access track
Council comments – The council's previous comments with regard to the polytunnel still stands. The proposed polytunnel is considered out of keeping with this site adjacent to the Llancarfan Special Landscape Area. There are no similar structures in the locality. The growing of vegetables for sale constitutes a change of use of this site and as such the Community Council object to this part of the application. All other issues appear to have been dealt with.

Planning Queries

6. **2016/00476/FUL – Land south of Green Down, Nr. Llancarfan**
Tractor/shed workshop alongside existing stables.
Council comments – This workshop seems to be changing into a house and there are no horses there. Builders' vans have been there for a few days.
ACTION – letter to the Vale from Chair regarding 2016/00476 and a possible change of use.

Burial Ground Committee

The application for work on the trees was put in to the Vale of Glamorgan Council several weeks ago. There is a TPO on a group of holly trees that includes the holly tree that is growing into the Yew tree. The Vale are not willing to have it taken down but will give permission for the Council to remove 30 ft. The contractor has been

instructed to only take 30ft off. Cllr M Hughes has asked the contractor for an update on when the work will take place as the footpath will have to be closed.

Community Engagement and Future Generations Committee

No meeting has taken place. The newsletter has been amended and is ready to be printed and distributed.

Finance Committee

Payments

Clerk Wages March 2021	£413.99
HMRC PAYE Clerk March 2021	£93.60
Vale of Glamorgan Council 10108487	£1001.15

All payments were agreed by all. The cheques and audit to be signed by two signatories on the weekend.

Bank Balances

General Account opening statement balance as at 15 th April 2021	£20,485.02
General Account projected balance at 20 th May 2021	£18,882.68

1504/472

Correspondence

There was none.

1504/473

Reports from Representatives, and the Clerk

One Voice Wales - Cllr P Bear

The next meeting is next week.

Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

There has been no meeting but the Acting CEO Spencer Burn has been confirmed as CEO for the airport.

Llancarfan School Governors – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

A meeting took place on 24th March 2021

The building work for the new school is on track to be completed by December 2021 for it to open on 1st January 2022. It will be the most southernly school in Wales. There are currently 72 pupils on the register and a nursery will be introduced at the current site from September 2021 ready for the new building. There are currently 12 pupils on the list for the nursery in September and another 5 for the January intake.

The school has received considerable interest and people can apply now for places in new school.

Cllr Hughes asked if there had been any mention of bus provision for pupils?

ACTION – Cllr J Scott-Quelch to enquire at the next meeting about a bus provision for the existing pupils to the new school in January.

Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee - Cllr A Rees

The next meeting is on 27th April 2021.

Tarmac Community Liaison Committee – Cllr T Thomas

There has not been a meeting.

1504/474

Items for consideration for next month's Agenda

- The wall behind telephone kiosk – copings on the approach river bridge

1504/475 **To discuss the run-off from the Biodigester area.**
Cllr T Thomas left the meeting prior to this item.
Cllr G Kemp has raised the building regulations issue with the director and will chase for a response.

1504/476 **To receive an update on repairs to the Burial Ground wall following the recent damage caused by a tractor.**

The wall has now been repaired.

With regard to the previous issue with the noise from Pancross farm, the Council is not aware of any issue at present and residents seem to be contacting the farm owner directly.