

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ON ZOOM AT 7.30PM 17th JUNE 2021

PRESENT	Councillors: Cllr K Kemp, Cllr T Thomas, Cllr A Rees, Cllr M Hughes, Cllr J Scott-Quelch, Cllr T Bluff-Higgins, Cllr P Bear and Cllr M Thomas.
Visitors	Cllr G Kemp
Apologies	Cllr J Angell and Cllr J Lott.
In attendance	Mrs J Western – Clerk

- 1706/507 To Receive Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Lott and Cllr J Angell. Cllr M Hughes has sent his apologies as he will be joining slightly late.
- 1706/508 To receive any declarations of interest.**
Cllr T Thomas declared an interest to the items which involved Pancross Farm. Cllr A Rees for item 1706/524 - To discuss the run-off from the Biodigester area.
- 1706/509 To determine any items on the agenda considered to be of a private nature that should be discussed at the exclusion of the Public and Press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)**
Following a vote, it was RESOLVED that item 1706/523 - To discuss the clerk's annual appraisal and decide on any changes to salary, shall be closed to members of the public so that the Council can discuss staffing matters (including, but not limited, to contracts of employment, salaries, HR Policies, terms of service, engagement, conduct and dismissal of employees, appointment of employees, financial or personal business affairs of the individual) in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
- 1706/510 To receive the report from the PCSO.**
There were no incidents to report.
- 1706/511 To approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting of 20th May 2021.**
The minutes of meeting of 20th May 2021 were **Approved** – Proposed by Cllr T Thomas and seconded by Cllr J Scott-Quelch.
- 1706/512 To discuss any matters arising from the minutes that are not agenda items.**
2005/490 - To review the Council's Risk Assessment Register
ACTION - Chair to write to the Eastern Vale Churches regarding the repair of the footpaths. If a pothole in the path, it would be the LCC's responsibility.
This action has not yet been completed.

- 1706/513** **To discuss and decide on a contractor for the Riverbank wall and footpath maintenance.**
The work on the trees is going to be carried out in July and will take two or three days to complete.
Additional quotes are still sought for the riverbank wall and footpath, so the item will remain on the agenda for next month.
Cllr M Hughes is hoping to get the bridge screws refixed within the next week.
- 1706/514** **To discuss the NantCarfan Catchment Project**
At the last meeting, which was attended by Mr Scott Hand, from Natural Resources Wales (NRW), councillors and residents were asked to look out for sites that could potentially be altered to help alleviate flooding.
ACTION – Keep on agenda for next month and mention in the next newsletter.

During the recent walk around with Nathan Thomas and Miles Punter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, there was an officer in the Vale Council mentioned who coordinates with landowners around flood risks.

ACTION – Cllr G Kemp to try and find out the contact details for the officer.
- 1706/515** **To discuss the Llancarfan Primary school site.**
A resident had mentioned that it might be worth attempting to get the old school building listed by CADW as it is over 150 years old. However, it was pointed out that a resident had tried in the relatively recent past and failed.

It was noted that having a building listed does not prevent it from being turned into housing and could incur more costs for anyone looking to take it on. An asset transfer would be doubtful. If it were to be converted into a house at least it would be in its original form. Whilst a listing would prevent it being demolished, it could turn to rack and ruin if the Vale Council failed to maintain it.

Cllr M Thomas proposed that the council did not attempt to get the school building listed, this was seconded by Cllr P Bear. RESOLVED - the motion was carried. Cllr J Scott-Quelch abstained from the vote.
- 1706/516** **To discuss flooding in Llantrithyd and water discharging from Pantyffynnon quarry.**
This item is discussed in item 1706/518 – Committee Matters, Road Matters Committee.
- 1706/517** **To receive an update on the Council website.**
Cllr M Hughes joined the meeting at this point.
Councillors were asked to keep monitoring the updates on the new website and informing the Clerk of any further changes that they want made.
The clerk has asked to be trained in the maintenance and requested that the new website go live as soon as possible.
- 1706/518** **Committee updates**
Road Matters Committee
A useful roadside meeting took place with Miles Punter and Nathan Thomas from the Vale Council at the beginning of June:
 1. Road edge outside Longlands/Silverbrook: The road is going to be reinforced shortly. The material is already in the depot and awaiting a date for the work.
 2. Flooding around Brook Cottage/Brook Barn Cottage. Cllr A Rees showed them the drainage system in this area and the drain at the bottom of

- Brewers Lane that often has water standing in it or coming out of it. They had been out recently to look at Brewers Lane so were aware of the issue.
3. Other flooding attributable to blocked drains at Tre Aubrey, Old Mill and Park Hill were noted and will be looked at.
 4. Brewers Lane: Cllr A Rees made the point that some villagers would rather the money was spent on other poor road surfaces rather than resurfacing BL. Also, water run off would be better if it were resurfaced and hence the flooding risk could be worse. They had various comments and thoughts about what to do (e.g., close the lane for safety, resurface, patch....)
 5. Tree branches over the road at Old Mill. Contact appropriate person if this becomes dangerous.
 6. Junction at Pantyffynnon lane and A48. If the quarry is granted planning permission to increase quarrying and dump inert waste here, there is potential for this junction to be much busier and this becomes a safety issue. It is likely that the road surface will deteriorate quickly with high level of use by lorries from the quarry.
 7. Speeding in Llantrithyd village. They mentioned the move towards 20 mph limits in village that the WAG is promoting. Of course, this will not stop speeding and any road improvement is likely to make the speeding worse, but the council would like to explore traffic calming measures.
 8. Shortly after the meeting, the Vale council pressure washed through some of the drains in Llantrithyd.
 9. Some of the potholes have been filled in through Walterston.
 10. Cllr T Thomas raised several points about drainage in Llancarfan and Llancadle and Nathen Thomas agreed that he would sort it.
 11. The hill out of Llancarfan is collapsing, there have been a lot of yellow marks sprayed for pothole filling but the left-hand side of the road (exiting the village), which is next to a huge drop is collapsing. This is dangerous and has a lot of traffic through.
ACTION – Cllr G Kemp will follow up with Miles Punter.
 12. Cllr M Thomas asked Mr Punter about the road outside Meadowgate, on the way to Penn Onn as even when the drains are cleared there is a lot of standing water. Cllr M Thomas was advised to write a letter of concern about the area to Mr Punter and he would then investigate further.
ACTION – Cllr M Thomas to draft a letter for clerk to send.

Planning Committee

The committee took place on 7th June 2021 with two items on the agenda, the Pantyffynnon Quarry and the Garn planning application.

Quite a few residents attended the meeting and Cllr J Angell opened the floor to the public and both items were thoroughly discussed.

A response was sent to Have Your Say Ltd regarding the pre-application consultation for the Pantyffynnon Quarry with concerns regarding the traffic implications, water discharge, fill material, pollution, and other general items.

Planning Application 2021/00404/FUL - concerns about the scale of the development, the ecological impact, the potential increase in noise and traffic and the public rights of way links relating to the proposals were submitted to the Vale council for consideration.

Burial Ground Committee

There have been a few problems with a burial which took place this week. Cllr J Scott-Quelch was away leaving the clerk to liaise with the undertakers. The clerk

was told by the undertakers when the grave digger would be digging the plot and that it had been arranged by another resident in the village. The grave was not dug when it had been arranged and when the clerk managed to speak to the grave digger, he was very angry with the conditions that he had been given for when and how he could dig the grave. These conditions had not been set by the LCC or the clerk but had been set by the resident who had contacted both the undertakers and the grave digger directly. The grave digger has said that he would like to take his complaints to the local government ombudsmen.

The grave was not dug until the morning of the funeral, despite several previous days and times being given to the clerk. Cllr J Scott-quelch authorised the use of a mechanical digger (borrowed from David Evans) to remove the large boulders. The grave digger was a lot calmer on the day as Cllr J Scott-Quelch explained the confusion in the days leading up due to the resident corresponding with the grave digger as well as the clerk.

The undertakers have been informed that they must only correspond with the LCC and the undertakers should be arranging to meet with the grave diggers.

ACTION – Clerk to write a letter to the grave digger and to David Evans thanking them for their assistance.

Request

Cllr K Kemp has received an email from the daughter of Mrs Fuller who had originally requested half her ashes be buried in Llancarfan. This idea had proved to be too expensive as they are no longer residents in the village. The family would like the council to consider allowing them to install a maintenance free bench in the burial ground. The family have identified two places where they think it could be placed. The family does not live locally anymore so the bench needs to be maintenance free. It was agreed that a stone bench on a concrete base would be the Council's preferred option.

ACTION – Chair to respond and be clear on location.

Community Engagement and Future Generations Committee

Cllr M Thomas spoke to Gwyn Teague today concerning the bridge which has washed away on the public right of way. Mt Teague confirmed that it had been redesigned and the Vale Council is going out to tender to get it reinstalled within the next few weeks.

Finance Committee

A meeting has not been held.

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Correspondence

There was no additional correspondence.

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Finance

Payments

Clerk Wages May 2021	£356.65
HMRC PAYE Clerk May 2021	£74.80
Zurich Insurance Renewal	£167.44

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

Receipts

Burial Ground receipts £670.00

Bank Balances

General Account opening statement balance as at 17th June 2021 £23,093.28

General Account projected balance at 15th July 2021 £22,999.68

1706/521 Reports from Representatives, and the Clerk

One Voice Wales - Cllr P Bear

The next meeting is on 5th July 2021.

Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

There has not been a meeting.

Llancarfan School Governors – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

The staff are hopeful that they will move to the new school in Rhoose in January 2021, but the contractors are currently experiencing problems sourcing certain materials due to Brexit.

Following a survey of potential names for the new school, the most popular was South Point School. This will now be put to Vale Council for approval.

There are 72 children on the register and there are 12 on the list for the new nursery in September.

Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee - Cllr A Rees

There has not been a meeting.

Tarmac Community Liaison Committee – Cllr T Thomas

There has not been a meeting.

1706/522 Items for consideration for next month's Agenda

There are none.

1706/523 To discuss the clerk's annual appraisal and decide on any changes to salary.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved during item 1706/509 that this item be closed to members of the public so that the Council can discuss Staffing matters.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk's salary would be increased by two increments.

1706/524 To discuss the run-off from the Biodigester area.

Cllr T Thomas left the meeting prior to this item.

Michael Clogg has had a site visit to the biodigester, although Cllr G Kemp is not sure if he looked at the area of concern.

There are two gullies opposite each other and downstream was cleared on 26th May.

ACTION – Cllr G Kemp to speak to Michael Clogg again. The noise should be looked at by environmental health. The Chair to confirm with the resident who had previously complained if the noise. To keep on the agenda.

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