

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 16th May 2022 at 7.00p.m. at the Llangennech Community Centre.

PRESENT: **Councillors:** N Lloyd (Chair)
G. R. Jones, L Armishaw,
J Leeuwerke, L M Morgan,
A Perry, J A Seward,
G Thomas, I M Williams,
H Davies

APOLOGIES: **Councillors:** M I Slader, I Griffiths

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed Councillor G Morgan and Mrs C Morgan, Chair elect of Llanelli Rural Council, Councillor P Warlow, Mayor elect of Llanelli Town Council, fellow members, including new members and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Council.

2. **Review of the Year**

Chair Review of the 2021/22 Year

Installation

Appointed Chair of the Council on the 17th May 2021 at a Zoom meeting. The event was a remote meeting of the Council because Covid 19 Restrictions were still in force.

The last face to face meeting of the Council was held on the 9th March 2020 at they Bryn Hall and the next face to face meeting was held on the 15th June 2021 at the Community Centre which meant a period of 15 months meetings had to held remotely.

Staff

- a) There has been no change in the staff employed by the Council and are:

Alun James	Caretaker for the Community Centre
Alan Bowen	Assistant Caretaker for the Community Centre
Rhian Roberts	Caretaker for the Pavilion
Rica Davies	Caretaker for the Bryn Hall

Barry Gould	Groundsman
Alan Williams	Surveyor
Wyn Evans	Clerk

- b) The Council commissioned an independent review of all Council staffing resources, job descriptions, contracts of employment and to set out options for restructuring of the staffing establishment with supporting guidance along with a review of employment policies and processes including pension arrangements.

This was to be carried out by Mr Paul Egan, Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager of One Voice Wales.

This review has now been completed and a report produced and the Council is in the process of implementing recommendations in this report.

Covid 19 Restrictions

The Council was involved in considerable discussions during the year with users of its facilities, including sporting bodies requirement to have access to the pavilion with regard to use of the changing rooms and showers.

The Council spent £1,590 on the creation of a partition to allow changing rooms and showers to be brought back into use. It agreed arrangements to separate the hall, kitchen and ladies toilet from the changing rooms and showers areas so that risk assessment concerns were satisfied.

Environment/General

a) Blaenhiraeth Solar Farm Project

The Community Council had expressed its dissatisfaction with the community benefits offered by the developer. Letters were sent to the Planning Inspector, Solicitors acting for the developer and the local AM asking for reconsideration of the sums being offered.

A response was received from the solicitors acting for the developer which stated that due to costings and viability issues of the project the amounts offered would not be amended.

b) Footpath 35/35 – Heol y Parc

Resurfacing of the path was completed at a cost of £2,736 including VAT.

c) Japanese Knotweed Problem

The Council continues its work of employing contractors to remove this problem from Council owned land.

d) River Mwrwg

The Council employed contractors to clear vegetation from this river and will continue to do so.

e) Flower Baskets

The Council will continue with this service and employs Swansea City Council to carry out this on behalf of the Council.

f) Dog Fouling

This is a major concern of the Council both in general throughout the village and also in the recreation ground.

Various options have been considered and the Council will continue to take this on board.

Christmas Switch On

This took place on Saturday 4th December 2021 and it was a very successful night despite the fact that Swansea City Council withdrew their supply of the land train. A parade was organised at short notice and all involved need to be congratulated.

Planning Matters

Considerable discussion took place during the year on two planning applications in respect of traveller sites.

One application PL/00775 - creation of four family traveller pitches at Maesydderwen was approved on the 24th June 2021.

The second PL/00333 - creation of ten additional traveller pitches to the west of PL/00775 is still under consideration and County Councillor Peter Hughes Griffiths attended a Council meeting on the 14th March 2022 and he agreed to take back to the County Officers and Cabinet Member the concerns and observations of the Council.

Major Items of Expenditure

	£
Maes Ty Gwyn Park – resurfacing work	13524
Removal of trees at the Community Centre	4000
Resurfacing work on Footpath 35/35	2736
New Trailer	1984
Flower Baskets	1905
Pavilion partition door	1590

Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015

The Council continues to work closely with local bodies to deliver improvement in services and facilities.

Considerable discussion has taken place during the year with local bodies to improve facilities at the recreation ground and the current project is to improve the old tennis court and to develop it as a multi use sports facility for the sporting bodies, public and other users.

General

Thanks to everyone for their support during the year.

Welcome to new members of the Council and good wishes to those that retired recently from the Council.

3. Installation of Councillor I M Williams as Chair of the Council for 2022/23

Council G Thomas proposed that Councillor I M Williams be the Chair of the Council for 2022/23. Councillor Williams had been the Chair of the Council in 2012/13 and has been a member of the Council for 15 years. He started his career in the Morlais Colliery, worked for D S Taylor Engineering and he is currently employed at Bishopston Secondary School.

He is interested and supports all sports in the village and is a member of the Troserch Woodland Society.

He is also responsible and arranged the flower basket scheme for the village. The proposal was seconded by Councillor H Davies and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor I M Williams be the Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

Councillor Williams thanked fellow members for appointing him as Chair of the Council for 2022/23 and he will carry out the duties of the office to the very best of his ability.

Councillor Williams also wished to thank the outgoing Chair Councillor N Lloyd for her work during the previous year.

4. Installation of Councillor G R Jones as Vice Chair of the Council for 2022/23

Councillor N Lloyd proposed that Councillor G R Jones be the Vice Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor L Morgan and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor G R Jones be the Vice Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

5. Invite members, partners, special guests and guests

The Chair invited everyone to partake of the refreshments provided.