

# **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

**PRESENT: Councillors:** I M Williams (Chair)  
I Griffiths, M I Slader,  
LDJ Armishaw, L M Morgan,  
N Lloyd, A J Parry, G R Jones,  
J Leeuwerke

**APOLOGIES: Councillors:** G Thomas, J A Seward, H J Davies

**1. Declaration of Interests**

There were none other than M I Slader when grants to organisations are being considered.

**2. Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

It was proposed by Councillor N Lloyd and seconded by Councillor G R Jones that the Minutes be accepted subject to amending Minute 5(v) second paragraph to read "the education budget has been protected in the past" and Minute 12 cheque payment 205806 details be amended to January 2023.

It was so RESOLVED.

**i) Defibrillators**

The Clerk has been in contact with a Mr Marc Gower, SaLC Community Collaborator, NHS Wales Health Collaborative and he is prepared to come to meet and address members at the start of the April meeting of the Council.

It was agreed to accept the offer.

**ii) Removal of Trees at Aber Llwchwr**

Councillor I Griffiths met the contractor cutting down the trees on site. He was told that the land had been bought individually by local residents who jointly agreed to cut down the trees.



Councillor G R Jones reported that it appears that a Mr Wayne Morgan has bought the land in question. There are no Tree Preservation Orders in existence and therefore nothing legally to prevent this action taking place.

The Chair commented that he believes that the residents will plant shrubs and trees to replace the ones taken down.

iii) **Council Website**

The Clerk reported that the website has been updated to include Council members after the May 2022 election. Estimates for 2022/23 and 2023/24 and the Annual Return for 2021/22. External Audit report on the latter has still not been received.

The Clerk also commented that the Bryn Hall Committee perhaps should create its own web page as is the case with the Community Centre Committee web page. This could be linked into the Council's web page.

4. **Surveyor's Report**

i) **Section 106 Money**

The Surveyor had prepared a written report in which he sets out that a balance of £6470.59 is left under this fund and is potentially available for the Bryn Park. This is a small sum which falls short of providing a sum of money to provide an additional item of play equipment. This sum was generated by the Bryn Uchaf development which was completed several years ago.

The Surveyor suggested providing a 'slide' of a type that follows existing sloping ground levels rather than having a tall stepped platform. A budget estimate for the provision of such an item was put at £8000 but this is likely to be on the low side and perhaps a more realistic sum would be in the region of £10000. There is therefore a potential deficit of £10000-£6470 which is £3530. The actual deficit could not be assessed until Fixed Price Tenders are received.

The budget has been set for 2023/24 and no provision has been included for such a play item at the park.

The Clerk commented on discussions he has had with the Surveyor on the likely cost of redecoration of the Community Centre in 2023/24. It is likely that there will be an underspend of at least £1500 on this work following receipt of quotations to carry out this work. The underspend could be vired to finance the play item at the Bryn Park and some other underspends are possible in the 2023/24 which could be used to finance the remainder of the deficit.



The Chair asked if the balance of the Section 106 Fund could be used to finance items at another park such as Cae Pownnd.

The Surveyor replied that he cannot answer that question until further enquiries are made at County level including discussions with County Councillor D Cundy who sanctioned £25000 of Section 106 money for use to finance the purchase of play equipment at the Bryn Park. This sum was generated by the Bryn Uchaf development for use in his ward, Bynea.

Councillor L Armishaw agreed that further enquiries be made on the possible use of this sum.

ii) **Goal Posts at Cae Pownnd**

The Surveyor will have to make further investigations into this.

iii) **Plinth for ashes area**

The Surveyor has approached two companies, WAM and Stewart Moore. The former has not supplied a quotation and would not be able to proceed with the work until the Autumn. The plinth is likely to be required much earlier than this.

Stewart Moore has quoted a price of £1593 plus VAT.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Stewart Moore.

iv) **Bryn Hall flooring**

The Surveyor reported that he has received one price to provide a vinyl flooring and this is £5292 plus VAT. There is no budget sum in the 2023/24 financial estimates for this work. To proceed with this work all items would have to be removed from the hall.

It was agreed that this work cannot be sanctioned at this point in time.

The Surveyor asked if there are any objections to the removal of the organ and to which there were no objections.

Councillor G R Jones has attempted in the past to find someone who might be interested in the item without success.



v) **Bryn Breakfast Bar**

The Surveyor reported on his discussions with the owner of the cafe and he has plans to build a wall on the boundary between the entrance to the footpath and park and to the rear of his property. There are no objections to this and the wall will replace an existing fence.

There are indications of drug dealing at this location and there is a need to take up this problem with the police.

vi) **Centre Redecoration**

Two quotations have been received and they are £1280 from John Thomas who is local and £1200 from Gravelle from Felinfoel. There is not VAT payable.

The Surveyor recommends accepting the cheaper quotation.

Councillor M I Slader proposed accepting the quotation from John Thomas.

Councillor LDJ Armishaw proposed accepting the cheaper quotation.

The proposals were put to the vote and it was RESOLVED that the cheaper quotation be accepted.

5. **County Councillor Report**

- i) Councillor G R Jones had received an "E" Mail from Stephen Lloyd setting out a complaint from a local resident regarding dog fouling in the cemetery and the fact that there is no signage at the entrance to the cemetery prohibiting dogs and dog fouling.

The Surveyor replied that he does not think that signage is effective.

Councillor N Lloyd agreed with the Surveyor's comment.

- ii) County Council Council Tax increase has been set at 6.8%.
- iii) The underpass at Troserch Road is due to be cleaned this week.
- iv) Road breaking up at Talyclun traffic lights. This has been reported and logged into the system.



6. **Grants to Organisations**

It was RESOLVED that the following grants be paid.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>£</b>
Capel Salem	100
Capel Bethesda	100
Llangennech Parish Church	100
Capel Bryn Seion	100
Llangennech and Bryn Bowls	100
Cymdeithas Llan ar Bryn	100
Merched y Wawr	100
Bryn W I	100
Troserch Woodland	200
Clwb Bowllo Mat Byr	100
WEA	100
Wales Air Ambulance	100
LBSA	200
Llangennech AFC	200
Urdd Eisteddfod	500
Youth Club	150

7. **Entrance Roadway to Station**

Councillor LDJ Armishaw reported that the concrete roadway to the estuary is breaking up. The Chair stated that the farmer owns the land and Welsh Water have an interest.

The Surveyor commented that the Community Council has no responsibility for this.

Councillor G R Jones agreed to contract Welsh Water regarding the matter.

8. **Recreation Ground Entrance Gate**

Councillor I Griffiths reported of an incident last Friday with quad bikes using the cricket outfield. He asked regarding the fact that the entrance gate is not now being locked in the evening.



The Clerk replied that the security person who had been carrying out his work for many years terminated his services in April 2022 and no-one could be appointed as his replacement. The Council agreed at the time that the gate be left open at night and that the position be monitored. There have been no problems since that decision up until last Friday.

The Clerk also reported that there was insignificant damage to the outfield following the incident.

Councillor I Griffiths also raised concerns regarding disability access to Cae Pownd. He agreed to look at the problem and report back to Council.

9. **Assistant Caretaker, Llangennech Community Centre**

A copy of an “E” Mail from a Simon Dunn, Regional Organiser UNISON, had been copied previously for members consideration.

This is an “E” Mail attempting clarification of overtime enhancement payable to part-time employees.

The Assistant Caretaker is unhappy with the Council’s interpretation of the NJC Green Book terms and conditions with regard to non payment of enhancement for overtime hours when total hours worked is less than 37 hours per week.

He is also unhappy with the payment for call out which is currently a minimum of two hours or actual hours, if greater.

Councillor N Lloyd was of the view that a fixed lump sum per call out should be considered by Council. This could be perhaps £30 per call out.

The Clerk recommended that the matter be considered by the Council’s Personnel Committee which has authority over such a pay complaint.

It was agreed that the meeting be scheduled for Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, at 7.00p.m. at the Llangennech Community Centre.

Members of the Committee are Councillors I M Williams, G Thomas, G R Jones, J A Seward and N Lloyd. It was also agreed that Councillor LDJ Armishaw be nominated as a substitute member should someone not be able to attend.

Councillor M I Slader asked if the UNISON representative could be invited to this meeting.