

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 3rd April 2023, at the Llangennech Community Centre.

PRESENT: **Councillors:** I M Williams (Chair)
I Griffiths, G Thomas,
M I Slader, H J Davies,
N Lloyd, J Leeuwerke

APOLOGIES: **Councillors:** J A Seward, L M Morgan, G R Jones,
A J Parry, L D J Armishaw

1. The Chair introduced Marc Gower, SaLC, Community Co-ordinator NHS Wales Health Collaborative and Rebecca Hopkins, Paramedic to members.

Marc Gower began by stating that he works full time for Public Health Wales and Rebecca Hopkins is also a full time paramedic.

He was appointed to his present post in November 2022 and stated that there are 75 defibrillator units in the SA14 area and there are some 5 or 6 units in the Llangennech and Bryn area that have public access but some are in locked buildings part of the time. The ideal situation is that they are accessible to the public 24 hours a day and therefore located on the outside of buildings.

There is a database with a circuit name and this is managed by the British Heart Foundation. There is a link to the Ambulance Control Unit.

Each defibrillator unit needs to be registered in the circuit and a guardian appointed that is responsible for the unit. The guardian will receive an "E" Mail from the Circuit Control. The guardian can log into the account and then needs to follow the prompts displayed and there is a 90 day cycle. The Ambulance Service if contacted will notify the caller of the location of the nearest defibrillator unit. A defibrillator unit once used becomes unavailable for further use until proper maintenance procedure is followed and completed.

Councillor H J Davies informed members that the unit at his caravan site was used recently and that the pads now need replacing at a cost of some £70. Marc Gower stated that the guardian for the unit is not responsible for replacing the pads at the guardian's expense. He also stated that Save a Life Cymru is encouraging Local Community Councils to take responsibility for units in its area and to fund the cost of pads and batteries replacement.

Marc Gower also stated that the guardian for the pavilion defibrillator is not responding to calls from himself. There is also some work required to bring it back to a proper functioning condition.

Councillor G Thomas asked if there should be perhaps two guardians nominated for each defibrillator unit.

Marc Gower also stated that the guardian for the defibrillator outside the chemist in Llangennech is uncontactable. The Bryn Breakfast unit was offline with no guardian but the owner has now signed up as a guardian.

Councillor G Thomas asked to the lifespan of batteries and pads and the reply was pads have a life of 2-4 years and batteries have a life of 4-6 years.

The Chair commented that there is a need for defibrillators to be properly maintained.

Marc Gower stated that there is need for details of the guardian for the pavilion and that the contact details are up to date. He also stated that batteries cost between £100 and £300 depending on the model.

The Chair again was of the belief that there needs to be a proper functioning control of the administration and maintenance of defibrillators.

Marc Gower agreed to provide details of the location and guardianship of defibrillators in the locality.

Councillor M I Slader asked if there are enough defibrillators in the village. Marc Gower replied that access and distance is an important factor.

The Chair believed that a defibrillator needs to be located in Hendre Park. Marc Gower gave statistics regarding survival from heart attack and stated that on average there are some 5800 cardiac arrests in Wales annually. He also stated that there are many defibrillators that are not registered on the system. He also is prepared to come back to provide training in the use of these units. He also referred to the fact that some cabinets have codes to open them which would be given to those contacting the ambulance service to locate and access a unit in an emergency.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were none.

3. Public Participation

The Chair introduced Simon Clement, Cricket Club, to members.

Mr Clement was in attendance to respond to any questions or comments on the Cricket Club's letter which had previously been distributed with papers for tonight's meeting.

The letter addressed the following matters.

i) Storage Facilities

It is hoped that this will be completed by the 29th April 2023. There are some amendments to the patio area including the increase in length from 4 metres to 5.5. metres and the building of a 600mm high wall around the patio.

ii) Scoreboard

Repair work will commence shortly and would not take long.

iii) WIFI – Pavilion

The Council discussed this in February and decided not to proceed at that time because of the cost.

The Cricket Club would be happy to contribute to this cost during the cricket season. They are looking to use a payment machine which will require WIFI.

iv) Fencing – railway side

There are 10 new boards to be erected for the 2023 season. A new fence will be required to accommodate this and the Cricket Club is asking for permission to erect this fence. This was agreed.

v) Pavilion

The hall will be required this coming cricket season and therefore the Cylch Meithrin equipment will have to be moved to one side.

Councillor G Thomas raised the issue of the Cylch Meithrin storage of equipment.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Surveyor meet with the Cylch Meithrin to discuss the issues raised including the original request from the Cylch for a storage container to be sited nearby.

The Surveyor commented that he hopes that repair work to the scoreboard can be dealt with quickly to avoid water entry as occurred last year. He also raised the matter of scaffolding and ladders being left around the building which could result in vandalism.

Councillor M I Slader raised concerns regarding the condition and usefulness of the tables and chairs in the pavilion. This will be looked at by the Clerk and Surveyor.

Councillor N Lloyd asked that the provision of folding tables be looked at as an option rather than the siting of a storage container.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th March 2023

It was proposed by Councillor N Lloyd and seconded by the Chair that the Minutes be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

i) Removal of Trees at Aber Llchwyr

Councillor N Lloyd referred to discussions on social media of a proposal to remove the footpath at Aber Llchwyr.

ii) Goal Posts in the Recreation Ground – LBSA

The Chair reported that some field markings are required to be carried out by Dewi Davies, Contractor, before this work can be completed.

iii) Assistant Caretaker, Llangennech Community Centre

Following the Council meeting held on the 3rd March 2023, a Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting was held on the 20th March 2023.

The two union representatives for the Assistant Caretaker were unable to attend because one was on annual leave and the other had a hospital appointment.

Further clarification had been requested by the Clerk from P Egan, One Voice Wales, on the issues raised which had not been received by the evening of the meeting.

After due discussion it was agreed that a further meeting be called when the clarification had been received and both the Assistant Caretaker and his Union representative would be invited.

Further issues were identified and need resolving and this included the requirement for the Assistant Caretaker to provide completed time sheets and also the need to resolve outstanding issues regarding the Contract of Employment.

5. Surveyor's Report

i) Section 106 Fund

The Surveyor had prepared a detailed report following the request of the Chair to investigate whether moneys from the Section 106 Fund could be used to finance items at another park such as Cae Pownd rather than at the Bryn Park.

In his report the Surveyor suggests that the Play Area at Cae Pownd be located at a more equidistant point between Brynhyfryd and the Morlais Road area.

The Surveyor states that the existing equipment at Cae Pownd is obsolete and needs to be removed in its entirety. The new scheme could include:-

- a) A modern bank of swings providing at least two flat seats and two cradle seats.
- b) A small climbing unit with steps and small slide and climbing ropes.
- c) A ground mounted slide following existing sloping ground levels.
- d) Provision of one bench seat.
- e) Black wet pour rubber safety surfaces with concrete path edging surround.

The cost of this is likely to be in excess of £25000 including VAT.

The Surveyor recommends that a lottery grant application be made and there is Section 106 Fund money also available. The County Council has recently provided details that a sum of £17026.41 could be made available.

Previously the County had stated that a sum of £6470 was available.

The Scheme, if accepted, would be implemented in 2024.

Councillor G Thomas referred to her attendance at the recent meeting of the Police Commissioner and it was stated that there could be community grants available. She will provide contact details for the Surveyor.

The Chair stated that there is a need for the Council to consider its policy towards investing in playground equipment at another site when it has four sites currently to look after. He put forward possibly fencing the current playground at Maes Ty Gwyn.

The Surveyor replied that fencing could also be considered for Hendre Park and the Bryn Park.

Councillor N Lloyd was not in favour of erecting a fence at Maes Ty Gwyn.

Councillor G Thomas agreed that the Council needs to prioritise its expenditure plans.

Councillor J Leewerke put forward for Cae Pownd to be left as a natural rewilding area.

The Surveyor accepts that the Council has to agree on priorities and he plans to bring forward projects for consideration in the June/July meeting of the Council.

ii) **Goal Posts at Cae Pownd**

Investigations are still ongoing.

iii) **Plinth for Ashes Area**

This has been completed.

iv) **Bryn Breakfast Bar**

Further discussion will take place with the owner.

v) **Centre Redecoration**

Decoration is approaching completion.

vi) **CCTV System at the Centre**

Discussions have taken place with H Thomas, Chair of the Centre Committee. The Committee is prepared to fund the project and it is intended to discuss all aspects of the proposal with one supplier in the near future.

Councillor M I Slader commented on possible funding for a CCTV system in the recreation ground coming from the Police Commissioner's fund.

6. **County Councillor Report**

Councillor G Thomas asked if a written report be prepared when both County members are unavailable to attend a Community Council meeting.

7. **Appoint Chair of the Council for 2023/24**

It was proposed by Councillor N Lloyd and seconded by the Chair that Councillor G R Jones be the Chair of the Council for 2023/24.

It was unanimously RESOLVED.

8. **Appoint Vice Chair of the Council for 2023/24**

It was proposed by Councillor M I Slader and seconded by Councillor N Lloyd that Councillor I Griffiths be the Vice Chair of the Council for 2023/24.

It was unanimously RESOLVED.

9. **Police Commissioner Meeting held on the 30th March 2023 in the Ffwrness Theatre, Llanelli**

Councillor M I Slader had prepared a brief report on the meeting and is summarised as follows:-

- i) Funding has now returned to 2010 levels and there are more police officers than ever before at 1500 approx.
- ii) Number of crimes recorded has increased to 43000 this year.
- iii) There are 4 priorities – ASB (Anti Social Behaviour), drug and alcohol, sexual abuse and domestic abuse.
- iv) There is to be a new police station at Dafen.

- v) The Force Communication Centre at Carmarthen is aiming to get the quickest correct response to all people contacting on 999 with an emergency response of 9.3 seconds and 101 in 8.8 seconds.
- vi) To increase efficiency there will be a Central Prevention Hub in each locality with 4 PCSO's.
- vii) There is a new Structural Risk Assessment for ASB.
- viii) The Police now have a Structural Problem Orientated Policy.

10. Under 11's Rugby Presentation Night at the Community Centre on 19th May 2023

A request has been received by the organiser that a bar licence be approved for the night. The bar will be provided by the Castle Inn landlord.

After due discussion the request was approved. It is essential that cleaning be completed before 10.00am on Saturday, 20th May.

11. Community Centre Committee

An "E" Mail has been received from the Chair informing the Clerk that due to administration reasons the cheque for the sum of £300 given to the Committee by the Council to cover costs for organising the Christmas 2021 festivities had not been presented and there is a request for this to be replaced. There is also a request for a similar sum to cover the costs of the 2022 festivities be also granted.

This was agreed.

12. Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED not to object to the following application:-

PL/05928 - Proposed change of use of former Girls School into
3 bedroom dormer with rear extension at 35 Bank Road.

13. Accounts

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Councillor M I Slader that the following accounts be passed for payment.

It was so RESOLVED.