

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 4th November 2024, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

PRESENT: **Councillors:** I Griffiths (Chair)
 G Thomas, H J Davies, M I Slader,
 I M Williams, N Lloyd, L M Morgan,
 A J Parry,
 J A Seward (Zoom failed)

APOLOGIES: **Councillors:** G R Jones, L D J Armishaw

1. Declaration of Interests

There were none.

2. Public Participation

Residents of 35 Aber Llchwyr attended the meeting.

They gave a background statement to the Planning Application PL/08424 with regard to use of woodland to rear of their property. They stated that the planning application description is incorrect. That stated change of use from woodland into residential use. This is not the case and they do not plan to build anything on it and, in fact, cannot.

The plan is to create raised flowerbeds, poly tunnel biodiversity pond, bird house viewing platform and a wild meadow.

The Chair then thanked the owners of 35 Aber Llchwyr for the explanation and then they left the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th October 2024

It was proposed by Councillor I M Williams and seconded by Councillor M I Slader that the Minutes be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

i) **Police Presence at Meeting of 2nd September 2024**

Councillor N Lloyd reported that the Police contacted her this week regarding the incident of assault on her son and was told that matters are progressing.

If the persons that actioned the assault on her son admit to the assault they will then receive a caution.

Councillor N Lloyd does not want the offenders to have a criminal record and hopes that the matter will be left as a caution only.

ii) **LDP**

The Chair stated that he believed that County Councillor G R Jones was to attend the Zoom meeting on the 15th October but cannot confirm that he did and there is no report.

4. Surveyor's Report

i) **Centre Road Access**

The Surveyor reported that a letter has been sent to the Police and there has been a response. The Police requested recent photographs of the incidence of parking along the road and asked for appropriate signage along the road and also that incidents be reported to the control centre. They also requested that proof of ownership be provided in due course.

The Surveyor reported that he has requested from the Council Solicitor details of what should be included on the signage. A response is awaited.

The Clerk reported that he has sent twelve photographs to the police and the problem is worse on a Sunday. There has been no response from the Police to date.

A Sub Committee meeting will be held with the Police in due course.

Councillor G Thomas requested that the sign be bilingual.

Councillor I M Williams asked whether the provision of signage will be effective. He also is of the view that the Police will not come out to deal with the problem.

Councillor N Lloyd asked that yellow lines be provided and believes that they will be a deterrent for many people and that was agreed by Council several months ago.

The Surveyor will make further enquiries regarding the cost for provision of yellow lines.

The Clerk referred to the fact that there is not a budget sum available in this financial year for this work.

Councillor M I Slader also asked as to the likely cost of providing yellow lines.

Councillor G Thomas asked as to the latest position with regard to selling Council land to the Bridge Inn.

The Surveyor replied that the matter is with the Bridge Inn to move forward on the purchase.

ii) **Recreation Ground**

The Surveyor reported that there has been a considerable amount of complaints regarding the state of the road as a result of the work on upgrading the playground. The road is now clean and will have a further check tomorrow. The use of dumper trucks was the main cause of the problem.

The improvement to the playground is now nearing the end and it is planned that it will be complete by the end of next week.

iii) **Bryn Park Tree Removal**

This will be carried out in December.

iv) **Aber Llwchwr – resident complaints**

There has been no further development on the issue.

5. Pay Agreement for 2024/25

A copy of the local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2024/25 has been received from One Voice Wales.

The Local Government Association has informed One Voice Wales that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from the 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The effect of the offer increases the Wages cost by 5.8% and Salaries by 2.8%.

The Clerk referred to the fact that the Budget includes for a 6% increase in wages and 4% for salaries.

After due discussion it was proposed by Councillor M I Slader and seconded by Councillor H J Davies that the offer be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

6. By Election for Llangennech Community Council

The County Council has provided a statement as to persons nominated for the Election on the 20th November 2024.

There are three people listed and they are:

Wayne Erasmus	-	Wales Can be Better Party
Emma Evans	-	Plaid Cymru Party
Jordan Sargent	-	Labour Party

Councillor G Thomas asked as to why Wayne Erasmus did not declare his home address in full.

The reply to that question is that there is an option under Guidance from the Electoral Commission for a candidate not to publish the home address on the Statement of Persons nominated on the ballot paper.

7. E Mail from the Ysgol Feithrin regarding the Pavilion

The "E" Mail raised issues with regard to the Pavilion and use by the Cylch Meithrin.

These are:

Fire exit door in the main hall does not always close properly as does the cricket entrance door which is now used as the entry door by the Cylch. The window frames in the main hall need attention which means that the windows cannot be closed properly.

The main hall gets really cold in the winter and part of the reason is that the walls are plain brick and not plastered walls.

There is a request on an update on whether the Youth Club is to restart. From January 2025 the Cylch will take 18 months old children which will then mean a sleeping area is required. Finally there is a request for the guttering to be repaired.

The Surveyor reported that the guttering will be repaired by Barry Gould the groundsman. It is hoped that the CCTV system now in existence at the park will help to reduce vandalism of the guttering.

The Surveyor will also inspect the windows but at the present time lack of finance is the main issue and the Council is unable to deal with all the issues raised because of the lack of financial resources.

Considerable sums of money have been spent on the pavilion over the recent number of years. The Surveyor will prepare a priority list for consideration at budget setting time.

Councillor N Lloyd commented that there is a request in effect of a complete refurbishment of the pavilion. At the end of the day the building is a sports pavilion. The Cylch should reconsider relocating to the Community Centre.

Councillor G Thomas stated that the Council does not have the finance available to satisfy the request.

The Chair asked if an estimate can be prepared to complete the work requested.

The Surveyor replied that the request is beyond the resources of the Council at present. He agreed to look at the window issues.

Councillor M I Slader asked as to the proposal discussed last year to extend into the alcoves. She also asked as to the possibility of secondary glazing.

8. Footpath – Heol Morlais to the Recreation Ground

Councillor I M Williams reported that dumping of hardcore material is taking place along this footpath.

The Surveyor agreed to investigate.

9. Damage to Barrier along access road to Centre

Councillor G Thomas asked if the Police could be contacted regarding damage to the barrier by an uninsured driver.

The Clerk will follow up on the matter.

10. Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED not to object to the following:

- i) PL/08424 - conversion of land to wild hedgerow, biodiversity pond, bird house platform etc. at 35 Aber Llwhwr
- ii) PL/08344 - create a permeable hardstanding for pick up and drop off of a disabled person at 11 Bridge Street