

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held Remotely at
6.30pm on Thursday 20th May 2021.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Elwyn Williams (Chair), G Bevan, P Totterdale, S Thomas, J Slate, P Price, S Richards, D Williams.

1.APOLOGIES Cllr H Lewis

Six electors present, in addition Howard Davies Clerk

2. Declaration of Interest – none

3. The new guidelines regarding public attendance at our virtual Zoom meetings were read out by the Chair and it was unanimously agreed that they would be adopted with immediate effect. **(Minute 0521 – 3)**

4. Chair’s Announcements – The Chair had no other announcements apart from wishing to record that the latest Accounts had been Audited and approved without amendment and had now been sent to The Welsh Audit Office. **(Minute 0521 – 4)**

5. Members of the Public Present – 12 minutes for questions –

Lee Whatley asked why the Agenda had been circulated/posted late this month. Clerk responded to apologise and advised purely down to workload which was accepted.

He also enquired who was responsible for cutting the large grass verge surrounding the Memorial stone, on Llangunnor Road. Clerk responded it was the Council’s Highway’s Department, however currently they were prevented from cutting grass verges, until next month to protect wildlife, flora, and birds nesting etc.

The grass has in fact been recently cut by a resident Mr Meade who had laid a wreath to commemorate the death of his son Dean in Afghanistan. Clerk further suggested that Mr Emrys Williams (handyman) be asked to maintain an area of approx. 10 feet around the stone periodically if the grass required cutting which was accepted. **(Minute 0521- 5)**

There were no further questions.

6. Minutes of meetings – i) it was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on the 15th of April 2021 **(minute 0521 – 6)**

7. Committees:

Finance committee – No meeting had taken place.

Park & Environment – No meeting had taken place, however one would be scheduled for early next month.

Web & Media – No meeting had taken place.

Christmas – No meeting had taken place.

8. The Motion from Cllr Williams: “In memory of Cllr Alun West I would like to propose that we mark his memory. Near to Alun’s house there is a bench overlooking Carmarthen, I would ask The Community Council to dedicate this to his memory and place a plaque on the bench” was agreed in principle subject to Mrs West approving the final wording and an estimate of the plaque cost received. **Minute 0521 – 8)**

9. Members representing Council on other bodies – No reports received.

As there were again no nominations to fill the vacancy on One Voice Wales, it was agreed to roll over onto next month’s meeting.

Action point: Clerk was asked to ascertain date of next meeting, and to obtain a job description if available.

10. County Councillor Report – Cllr Williams had nothing to report.

11. To approve the schedule of accounts May 2021- unanimously approved. (minute 0521 – 11)

12 Schedule of Correspondence Received for monthly meeting 20/5/21.

13. Local issues brought up by Councillors:

Cllr Sandra Thomas advised that she had visited the stone mason, and the clerk had circulated information together with prices. The stones are all on display at their Carmarthen show room, situated next to St Peters car park, and Councillors could call and view if desired.

It was also suggested that Cllr Thomas and the Clerk meet with a representative of the company on site to discuss installation options/requirements and these to be factored in with the works already scheduled to give better access to the memorial stone. The Council can then be updated at our next meeting.

Action point: Clerk to arrange for a site visit to be undertaken with a representative from Messrs G Williams Stone Masons.

14. Any other important business:

i) Riding of E Scooters in the park.

Cllr Thomas advised the meeting that PCSO Nicola Waters had called with her advising that the riding of e scooters by young people had become a particular problem, through the Dyfed Powys Police area, and instances had been reported of scooters being ridden inconsiderately at the park. She advised that as the park was designated as private land by the Police as it was being managed the Llangunnor CC on behalf of the residents, they could not prosecute unless signage was clearly put in place advising that the riding of e scooters was prohibited with in the park then they could not take appropriate action/ issue fines etc. After much discussion it was agreed to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Park Committee.

Action point. Clerk to add to Agenda.

ii)Adoption of BT Phone Box.

Again, after much discussion it again agreed to place on the agenda for the next meeting of the Park and Environment Committee.

Action point. Clerk to add to Agenda.

iii)Urgent Tree issue at 9 Maes Lewis Morris

Clerk advised that he had received a complaint from the houseowner, that branches from a tree on the park side of his property, had been falling onto his rear garden, and he was concerned as to the safety of his young children, and possible damage being caused to their trampoline.

Clerk further advised that he had spoken with Paul Clever at Tree Consultants Wales our specialist advisors, ahead of our meeting who advised that the Council should write to complainant advising that:

The management of the trees at the park was undertaken by specialist company Tree Services Wales on behalf of Llangunnor CC.

As part of this management programme the trees were fully inspected on a biannual basis, with the next report being due in January 2022.

The resident could at his cost trim back/lob any branches that were overhanging up to his boundary fence.

Should any further issues arise following receipt of our letter, then these are to be referred onto our advisors Tree Services Wales.

It was agreed that the clerk write to the complainant as suggested by our Advisors. (**Minute 05/21 – 14 iii**)

Request to hire park out for 5 weekly teaching sessions for Babel Zion Newydd Church.

Clerk referred to the details of the request that had been previously circulated.

It was unanimously agreed that permission be granted (**Minute 05/21 14 iv**) on a trial basis subject to:

- 1.Sight of Public Liability Insurance and confirmation of clear DBS check.
2. No fee would be charged.
3. The hire would be subject to all attendees observing the limited parking being available near to the park, and that there were no toilet facilities at the park.

Next monthly meeting to be held (remotely) on Thursday June 17th, 2021 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 7.20 pm

Signed:

Date: