

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held Remotely at
6.30pm on Thursday 15th April 2021.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. R Griffiths (Chair), Elwyn Williams, G Bevan, J Porter, P Totterdale, S Thomas, H. Lewis, J Slate, P Price. Cllr Richards due to a technical hitch did try to join, however was unable to connect.

1.APOLOGIES Cllrs D Williams

One elector present, and Howard Davies (newly appointed clerk), Clive Thomas (retiring Clerk)

2. Declaration of Interest – none

3. Chair’s Announcements – The chair advised that he had sent a sympathy card to Her Majesty the Queen upon the death of her husband Prince Phillip The Duke of Edinburgh from the residents of Llangunnor, and The Community Council. He also wished to bring to the attention of the Council, the death of a long-standing Councillor for the Tre Gynwr ward Mr Keith Carmody.

A minute silence was observed to mark their sad passing.

4. Members of the Public Present – 12 minutes for questions – None

5. 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 18th of March 2021 (**minute 0421 – 5**)

6. Committees:

Finance committee – Meeting held on 12th April where the accounts were agreed. Please see Point 7 below.

Park & Environment – The next meeting will be scheduled for May after the AGM, where the following points will be placed on the Agenda:

- 1.Review of excessive use of Dog Gloves seen of late being well above normal usage.
- 2 Proposal from Cllr Dafydd Williams- To consider placing flower tubs beneath the new notice boards and below the Llangunnor sign on Login Road where apparently there was one some years ago.
3. A request from a resident that we consider buying a local red phone box which are being sold off by BT for a £1 to be used for the community’s benefit.
4. Look at ways of improving the appearance of land adjacent to the underpass, and to discuss an overgrown area of land adjacent to Peter Johnson’s old yard at Pensarn which has become overgrown and unsightly.
5. To discuss better signage at the “mother and toddlers” area, and how this area is being utilised at present.

6. Parking outside the park entrance which is creating a danger for park users as they leave the park. In addition, park users are also parking at the bus stop is causing concern from a safety point of view.

7. Performance and usage of the “hand sanitisers”

8. To discuss our policy on Climate change, carbon emissions and our commitment to plant trees as raised by our resident-Carmarthen Trees.

9. Following circulation of the recent footpath report, confirmation to be sought from Carmarthen CC that all paths are clear, safe, and walkable, as requested by Trysor.

It was also reported that the repair works on the footbridge at Llangunnor had been completed to an excellent standard and the Council Rangers were to be thanked and commended for their works.

Web & Media – No meeting this month, however by way of update:

The new web page has gone live, where community feedback has been extremely positive.

There have been some small teething problems, but these have now been addressed.

The chair and the clerk are to receive training on the webpage shortly from Vision ICT.

Christmas – no meeting had taken place.

7. Finance Committee - The clerk (CT) took the members through the circulated paperwork, that had also been considered and approved at the Finance Committee (12/04/21) and it was **i)** unanimously agreed (**Minute 0421 – 7i**) that the paperwork as circulated by, accepted by Council viz: Financial out-turn year ending 31/03/21; Bank Reconciliation 20/21; Clerk Salary / Allowances / HMRC / Other Payments; Asset Register, **ii)** it was unanimously agreed (**minute 0421 – 7 ii**) that the clerk (CT) as RFO and the Chair sign the Annual Return and that the appropriate paperwork be presented to the Internal Auditor **iii)** the Remuneration Panel Recommendations as put forward by the Finance Committee (0420 – F3a: 0421 – F3b and 0421 – F3c) were unanimously agreed (**0421-7iii**)

8. It was agreed that Cllr Elwyn Williams would become Chairman, Cllr Geraint Bevan would become Vice Chairman of Llangunnor Community Council for the following year and that Cllr Jenny Slate would become Chair of The Planning Committee. All nominations having been duly proposed and seconded. Committees will be elected at the AGM.

It was unanimously agreed that as Cllr Heather Lewis will be away on holidays on the night of the AGM that Cllr Sandra Thomas be allowed to vote Cllr Lewis onto any additional Sub Committee at her discretion. (Minute **0421 – 8**)

9. The Motion from Cllr Slate: “The Terms of Reference of Committees (excluding Planning) be amended so that a maximum of 5 Councillors should sit on each committee – chair / vice chair of council to sit on all committees” was unanimously agreed **Minute 0421 – 9)**

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

11 County Councillor Report – Cllr Williams had nothing major to report, apart from there had been some amendment made to planning laws centrally for developments that had no connections to mains sewerage.

12 To approve the schedule of accounts April 2021- unanimously approved. (minute 0421 – 12)

| Payee | Description | Amount £ |
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| 1. Emrys Williams | Works at the Park - £97 | 97.00 |
| 2. Clive Thomas | Clerical Duties – £655.70 Allowances - £140.00 Sanitiser Liquid - £53.90 + £10.78(VAT) | 860.38 |
| 3. Howard Davies | Clerical Duties – £596.11 Allowances - £140.00 Zoom Monthly Payment - £14.39 | 750.50 |
| 4. CCC | Lighting Charges – 2020/21 Maintenance - £3,215.64 + £843.40 (VAT) Energy - £836.40 + £167.28 (VAT) | 4,862.45 |
| 5. CCC | Cut and remove fallen tree in park. | 976.50 |
| 6. 1VW | Annual Subscription. | 425.00 |
| 7. | | |
| Income | None | |

13 Schedule of Correspondence Received for monthly meeting 15/4/21.

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| 1. | Child Exploitation | Circulated |
| 2. | Keep Wales Safe Newsletter | Circulated |
| 3. | Wickstead update on delivery time for fence | Circulated |
| 4. | Planning Change of Use – Peter Johnson Yard Pensarn | Circulated |
| 5. | A48 Consultation | Circulated |
| 6. | Paul Sandbrook – Trysor, confirmation paths are walkable. | Circulated |
| 7. | Response from G. Davies (GDR Developments) – Roman Rd. | Circulated |
| 8. | Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 | Circulated |
| 9. | Keep Wales Tidy – Stay Local Restrictions Leaflet | Circulated |
| 10. | Membership of 1VW | Circulated |
| 11. | Footpath Report 2008 | Circulated |
| 12. | Antisocial Behaviour | Circulated |
| 13. | Cllr. John Porter retirement letter | Circulated |

14 Local issues brought up by Councillors:

Cllr Bevan suggested that we write to Carmarthen CC to see if the lighting charges will reduce going forward as the lights have now been replaced with more efficient LED bulbs/units.

Action point – Clerk to query with Carmarthen CC.

Cllr J Porter was concerned that a pedestrian access was in the process of being created at the rear of the last bungalow being constructed at the new development off Roman Road, contrary to planning approval, where the Community Council believed that there was to be no access to be provided onto Roman Road itself. A gateway between two block pillars was in the course of construction.

Action point. Clerk to write to Carl Atkins Monitoring Officer at CC pointing this out and seeking his clarification.

Cllr P Totterdale. Several large builder's bags filled with hedge clippings had been left on the verge below the Police Houses as you turn in to Tre Gynwr. It is evident that a large boundary hedge at the bottom of the properties had been cut back, but it was difficult to ascertain which properties the waste belonged to.

Action point. Clerk drove by over weekend where bags were still there but on a positive note by Monday, they had been removed.

Next monthly meeting to be held (remotely) on Thursday May 20th, 2021 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Signed:

Date: