

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held
'remotely at 6.30pm on 13th May 2021.**

Present: Councillors: Steven Richards, Paul Price, S. Thomas, Elwyn Williams, P. Totterdale, Dafydd Williams, Jenny Slate.
Also, Ex Councillors R Griffiths (retiring Chair) & J Porter

Seven Electors present and Mr Howard Davies Clerk

As Vice Chair for 20/21 Cllr Elwyn Williams took the Chair:

1. Chairperson / Vice Chair / Chair of Planning 2021 / 2022

Following minute 0421-8 it was unanimously agreed (**minute AGM 2021 – 1**):

- i) Election of Chair for Llangunnor Community Council for the year 2020/21 – It is proposed that Cllr. Elwyn Williams be elected Chair for the coming year 2021/22
- ii) Election of a Vice Chair for Llangunnor Community Council for the year 2021/22- It is proposed that Cllr. Geraint Bevan be elected Vice - Chair for the coming year 2021/22
- iii) Election of Chair for the Planning Committee for the year 2021/22 - It is proposed that Cllr. Jenny Slate be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the coming year 2021/22

2. Cllr Williams invited Cllr Robin Griffiths outgoing Chair to provide a summary of his two years in Office.

Cllr Griffiths began by saying how proud he was of the achievements of Llangunnor Community Council over the years, with special mention made of their management and development of the park, provision of a Memorial stone to commemorate those who lost their lives in the First World War, the close relationship that had been developed with Llangunnor School, and financial support given to local groups within the community.

Additionally, he wished to thank his fellow Councillors for their friendship and hard work over the years, with special thanks to the 6 clerks that he had worked with during his thirty-five years on the Council, singling out Clive Thomas for his unstinting support during the most challenging of periods helping steer us through the Covid Pandemic, and to Howard Davies his successor every success in the role.

He also wished to thank Carmarthen County Council, and numerous other public and private bodies and community groups too numerous to mention here, for their support.

The last two years had been exceptionally challenging for the Chair, and its Officers due to the Pandemic, with Llangunnor CC more than rising to the challenge.

The highlights of his term in Office being:

Donating 1k to the local food bank.

Proving a 2k donation to Llangunnor Primary School to help buy tablets, to assist with the provision of distance learning during this Pandemic.

Increased support towards the cost of School transport for local families.

Errection of the 1st World War Memorial and its dedication.

Extensive investment into providing upgraded facilities at the Park.

Purchase of 3 new Defibrillators sighted at three key locations within the community.

He then went on to give an appt tribute to his fellow retiring Councillor John Porter, thanking him for his friendship and hard work over many years.

3.Apologies: Cllr. G Bevan & H Lewis

4. There were no declarations of interest

5. Responsible Financial Officer / Proper Officer.

Resolved unanimously – (**minute AGM 2021-5**) to appoint the Clerk as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer / Proper Officer.

6. Minutes of previous AGM – 14th September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th September 2020 were confirmed as true record (**minute AGM2021 - 6**)

7. Cheque signatories

Resolved (unanimously) to re-appoint Cllr G. Bevan, Cllr E. Williams and to add Cllr S Thomas following the retirement of Cllr Griffiths – (**minute AGM 2021 – 7**).

8. External Audit

It was noted: the appointment of Audit Wales as External Auditors for the year ending 31st March 2021 – (**minute AGM 2021– 8**).

9. Review allowances paid to Clerk

Resolved (minute AGM 2021 – 9): that the clerk convene a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the allowances.

10. It was agreed that the following Councillors would represent the Council on (minute AGM 2021 – 10 I, ii, iii, iv)

- i) Finance Committee – Cllrs S. Thomas, S Richards, H Lewis & Chair / Vice.
- ii) Web & Media Committee – Cllrs. J. Slate, H Lewis, P Price & Chair / Vice.
- iii) Park and Environmental Committee – Cllrs.P. Totterdale, J Slate, P Price & Chair / Vice.

- iv) Christmas Lights Committee – Cllrs. S. Thomas, P Totterdale, J Slate & Chair / Vice.

11. Chair's allowance for the year 2021 / 22.

In line with (**minute 0620-F5**) - **Resolved** (unanimously): allocate a sum of £1650 for the Community Fund and £350 for Chair's Support Fund with the opportunity to review in-year – (**minute AGM 2021 - 11**).

12. In line with **previous** minutes - **Resolved** (unanimously) :that the annual members allowance for 2021/2022 - be £150 (paid pro rata), unless they inform the clerk in writing of their wish not to receive the payment – (**minute 0620 – F6(i)**); and a further payment of £150 be made to the Chair of Council for the extra responsibility and work involved in carrying out the role – (**minute 0620 – F6(ii)**.)
Ratified (**minute AGM 2021 – 12**).

13. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES.

i) Un Llais Cymru/One Voice Wales

Left vacant as no proposal received. Will be carried forward to our next monthly meeting for further discussion/proposal.

ii) Riverside Development Committee.

Resolved (unanimously): to appoint Cllr. P Price & P. Totterdale as Council's representative – (**minute AGM 2021 – 13ii**).

iii) Carmarthen River Festival - resolved (unanimously) to appoint Cllr P Price & Cllr P Totterdale as Council's representatives (**minute AGM 2021 – 13iii**).

iv) Governor to Llangunnor School.

Resolved (unanimously): to appoint Cllr G Bevan Vice Chair to become governor- (**minute AGM 2020 – 13iv**).

v) Carmarthen Town Forum – resolved unanimously that Cllr. S Thomas be our representative on the Forum (**minute AGM2021 – 13iv**)

Any other business

Cllr John Porter wished to record that being a Llangunnor Community Councillor had been a very rewarding, pleasant and satisfying experience, and it was with regret that he was stepping down on health grounds. He thanked his fellow Councillors for their friendship, hard work and the help and guidance of the Council clerks over the years. He wished Clive Thomas retiring clerk, a richly deserved retirement, and Howard Davies his successor every success in the role.

Confirmed as true record _____ E Williams - Chair)

Date.