

LLANGEFNI TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Full Council held at 6.30pm, **Monday Evening, 1ST of April 2019** in the Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Llangefni.

PRESENT : Cllr . Ieuan G. Davies - Chair
Cllr. Llinos G. Jones
Cllr. Terry Jones
Cllr. Christine Roberts
Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis

Cllr. Margaret Thomas
Cllr. Victor Hughes
Cllr. Dylan W. Rees
Cllr. J. Huw Owen.

CLERK : Mr. Rhys Parry - Clerk
Ms. Linda Powell - Clerical Assistant.

ALSO PRESENT : Ann Williams.

18/362 **APOLOGIES** : Coun. John Lee, Coun. Arwel Môn Hughes, Coun. Non W. Parry,
Coun. Richard Parry, Police.
The Chairman wished Cllr. John Lee a speedy recovery./

18/363 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** : None

18/364 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF POST – TUDUR WARD**

The Chairman welcomed Ann Williams to the Meeting as a Town Councillor, Tudur Ward. Ann read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Post and received a Councillors' Handbook from the Clerical Assistant.

Cllr. Ann Williams expressed gratitude for the opportunity to represent Tudur Ward and the town of Llangefni.

18/365 **POLICE** : No representative.

1 **Youth Shelter** - The Chairman referred to an email dated 31.03.2019 received from PCSO 3915, asking for assistance in solving the problem of young people congregating around the entrance to ASDA to use Wi-Fi. Councillors were aware that the young people's behaviour was a serious matter and that there was a real need to support the Police request that an appropriate Youth Shelter be available for a Wi-Fi connection.

RESOLVED :

- To support the Police request;
- Meet the PCSO to find a way ahead;
- Suggest that the Youth Shelter be moved from the Club House Parking Ground, refurbished and placed at Maes Hyfryd Playing Field;
- Ask the Police for financial support through their Community Fund. **Accept.**

18/366 **PRESENTATION : Adfywio Llangefni** - The Clerk read out an email explaining the reason for deferring the Presentation until the Full Council Meeting on 7th May 2019. **Accept.**

18/367 **TO ACCEPT THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 04.03.2019**
Coun. Margaret Thomas Proposed and Coun. Christine Roberts Seconded Acceptance of the Accuracy of the Minutes. **RESOLVED** to accept the above.

18/368 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 04.03.2019

- 1** **Item 18/368.1 - Llangefni Flooding Partnership Group** – Due to Cllr. Non W. Parry being absent, an update would be discussed at the Full Meeting 07.05.2019.
- 2** **Item 18/368.2 – Community Energy Saving Scheme** – Cllr. Margaret Thomas reported that a Consultant, through the Trefi Môn Group, would be submitting an Application for Solar Panels and for any additional income available for this project. Cllr. Margaret Thomas suggested Canolfan Ebenezer and the Cemetery Workshop as potential sites.
Accept.
- 3** **Item 18/368.3 – GDPR** – The Chairman reported that the Office had prepared a password for each Member that needed to register, and was waiting for the system to begin. The Clerk would message the Members when this was in place.
Accept.
- 4** **Item 18/368.4 – Railway Bridge, Glanhwfa Road** – The Chairman read an email 18.03.2019 received from the Chief Highways Officer, Isle of Anglesey County Council, suggesting a meeting to discuss the options, and inviting a Representative from Network Rail to be present as well.
Cllr. Victor Hughes repeated that the Highways Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, was the statutory body responsible for the Bridge and for finding a solution to the matter of the Lorry Company's Insurance claim.
Cllr. Victor Hughes referred to the Freedom of Information Act and to information involving reopening the Amlwch Line, which was relevant to the above. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis reported that the Act also applied to the Town Council.
Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** :
- (i) To collaborate with Rhun ap Iorwerth and Albert Owen MP and to suggest there be a meeting to discuss the above and the latest situation regarding reopening the Amlwch Line;
 - (ii) To meet Officers of the Highways Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council together with Network Rail;
 - (iii) When writing to Network Rail, to emphasize that it was essential that they sent a person with authority to meet Delegates from the Town Council and Officers from the Isle of Anglesey County Council.
Accept.
- 5** **Item 18/368.5 – Sandbags** – The Clerk reported, on behalf of Cllr. Non Parry, that an Officer from the Highways, Waste and Property Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, had suggested a suitable site for a Container, near the Industrial Estate. Cllr. Victor Hughes would enquire further with a Local Company to enquire whether they had a suitable Container for the Town Council's use as storage for the Sandbags.
Accept.
- 6** **Item 18/368.6 – Club House, Lôn Talwrn** – The Clerk reported that Morgan Evans, Valuers and Auctioneers, had valued the Club House property in total at £905.00 -
No discussion.
- 7** **Item 18/368.7 – Extending the Cemetery** – The Chairman reported that this item had been discussed at the Cemetery and Playing Fields Sub-committee 27.03.2019 and that it was difficult for the Town Council to move forward because of a lack of suitable land. It was recommended the Sub-committee invite the Chief Officers of the Planning, Highways and Property Departments, Isle of Anglesey County Council, to a Special Meeting with Members of the Town Council, to bring pressure to bear on the Officers to bring matters together and agree on a location as a matter of urgency.
Cllr. Victor Hughes suggested that one of the sites under consideration, near the roundabout on the industrial Estate, be reconsidered. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis suggested visiting that site before meeting Officers of Isle of Anglesey County Council. Another option suggested was to look for a location outside the town.
RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to arrange a Special Meeting in accordance with the above.

18/369 TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS SUB-COMMITTEE 27.03.2019

Cllr. Dylan Rees drew attention to there being no Recommendations including the Minutes - Cllr. Dylan Rees Proposed and Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Seconded that the accuracy of the Minutes be accepted.

- 1 **Item 18/358 (Minutes of the above 27.03.2019) – Cricket Field** – Cllr. Dylan Rees was concerned there was no response from the Trustees’ Solicitor. The Clerk reported that he had arranged to meet the Solicitor on Thursday 4th April 2019, to press him to bring the matter to an end. The Clerk would give an update after the Meeting.
- 2 **Item 18.361 (Minutes of the above 27.03.2019) – Date of the Next Meeting** – Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to no date having been set for the next meeting of the Sub-committee. The Clerk explained that the dates of Meetings/Sub-committees for 2019-2020 would be distributed at the Annual Meeting 13.05.2019. **Accept.**

18/370 TO ACCEPT THE DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE 20.03.2019

RESOLVED to accept the accuracy of the Minutes.

- 1 **Planning Applications** – A self-explanatory email dated 11.03.2019 had been received from the Planning Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, regarding the procedure for Planning Applications.

18/371 SUMMARY OF THE TREFI MÔN MEETING 20.03.2019

RESOLVED to accept the Minutes for information.

Solar Panels - Following the above Meeting, Cllr. Margaret Thomas reported that a Specialist was working on behalf of the Five Towns to advise which buildings would meet the Grant requirements.

C.C.T.V. System - Cllr. Margaret Thomas was keen to extend the CCTV Camera coverage around the Ffordd yr Efail area and drew attention to the lack of clarity of film from the cameras due to trees around the town. Because of this, some of the trees needed to be pruned. **Accept.**

18/372 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

- 1 **29.03.2019 - Canolfan Glanhwfa Llangefni - Concert** - The Mayor had sent an apology due to illness – a contribution had been given to the Event.
- 2 **05.04.2019 – Chair of Anglesey County Council’s Charity Concert** – Cllr. Dylan Rees reported that 250 tickets had been sold up to that point, with the Proceeds going to St. David’s Hospice.
- 3 **12.04.2019 - St.Cyngar’s Church** – An Evening of Entertainment to raise money for maintenance of the Church Organ – more information to follow from the Mayor.

18/373 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS - None.**18/374 REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

- 1 **Shire Hall** - The Clerk reported there had been no recent contact with the New Landlords but he had written to Isle of Anglesey County Council’s Solicitors regarding the contents of the lease between the Town Council and the County Council, which was in place till 2025. Cllr. Margaret Thomas Proposed that the Clerk write to the Town Council’s Solicitor to obtain legal advice on the Town Council’s situation in relation to the conditions of the Lease, bearing in mind that the town’s CCTV System was located in the foyer of the Shire Hall. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Seconded the above.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to send a letter in accordance with the above to the Town Council’s Solicitors.

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- 2 **Place Shaping Canolbarth** – The Clerk reported that only Cllr. Non Parry had volunteered to work with Planning Officers to put forward ideas of what it was desired to see developing in Llangefni, e.g. Groups, Clubs, Use of Shops for one year, together with having conversations with residents. The Clerk asked for more interest from the Members to develop the above, not only in the Llangefni catchment area but also including the Canolbarth area of Anglesey. **Accept.**
- 3 **Standards Committee – Anglesey County Council** - Report dated 11.04.2019, following an Interview with the Clerk, which had been distributed to the Members.
Training - Cllr. Llinos Jones drew attention to a reference in the Report that Members' attendance at training seemed low. The Clerk responded that only three Councillors had come forward to inform the Office following training.

18/375 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- 1 **One Voice Wales – 05.02.2019 – Training – Understanding the Law** – Cllr. Margaret Thomas reported that the training was informative and referred to different On-line links for obtaining advice. It was a matter of concern that few Information Sheets were available during the training. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis enquired about the structure of One Voice Wales Membership and asked why Llangefni Town Council was not referred to as one of the "Larger Councils". As Cllr. Lewis was one of the Town Council's Representatives on One Voice Wales, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr. Lewis to ask for an explanation of the above at the next Area Committee meeting, asking what the advantages and recognition were of being known as a Larger Council, and whether there was a financial increase etc. Cllr. Lewis to report back to the Full Committee in time.

Accept.

- 2 **Liaison Forum Meeting - 14.03.2019** - Cllr. Margaret Thomas stated there was not much to report back and that the forum was expecting arrangements to be made to move forward with Hafan Cefni and the New Schools.

There was discussion on the Presentation from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and the Clerk was asked to inform the Panel whether or not there were returns from Town Council Members. Cllr. Llinos Jones asked about the conditions from the IRPW and whether the Town Council could claim the money, to be spent on the Community if Councillors did not wish to receive an allocation of the allowance. **RESOLVED** to discuss the matter further at the Annual Meeting on 13th of May 2019.

Accept.

- 3 **Llangefni Stakeholders Group - 27.03.2019** - Cllr. Victor Hughes and Cllr. Christine Roberts had attended as Town Council representatives. The Councillors reported that discussions were continuing regarding speed limit zones in the area of the New School, and also having a Roundabout on the B5109 road. Cllr. Victor Hughes reported there was a difficulty with this Committee in that decisions were made before meeting the Group, and he expressed disappointment that the Representative was not part of the process, having only limited input.

The Chairman thanked the above Members for their input.

Bench in front of the former shop, Rhostrehwfa – Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis was concerned about the condition of this bench and enquired whether it could be replaced.

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RESOLVED to look into the situation and obtain more information, to find out which Council had the bench on its Asset Register. **Accept.**

18/376 FINANCE

- 1 **Financial Statement** – Cllr. Llinos Jones drew attention to the need to remove the names of two Employees before the Balance Sheet became public in the Library. In accordance with this, Cllr. Dylan W. Rees Proposed and Cllr. Terry Jones Seconded that the Financial Statement be Accepted. **RESOLVED** to Accept the Financial Statement.
- 2 **Wales Audit Office** – The Chairman referred to a self-explanatory email 11.03.2019 – No discussion.
- 3 **Internal Audit of Accounts 2018-2019** – The Chairman referred to considering accepting Gwynedd Council's service that year to Audit the Internal Accounts for 2018-2019. Cllr. Dylan Rees Proposed and Cllr. Margaret Thomas Seconded Acceptance of the above. **RESOLVED** to accept the service from Gwynedd Council.
- 4 **Accept the BDO External Auditors Report 2017-2018** – The Chairman reported there was additional information appended to the Agenda Pack for that Meeting. Cllr. Dylan W. Rees Proposed that this item be discussed at the Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee 24th April 2019, Cllr. Margaret Thomas Seconded. **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal above.

18/377 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL'S MONTHLY REPORT

Cllr. Dylan Rees reported as follows :

- A Business Plan had been adopted, which would go to the Welsh Assembly Government for a 50% proportion of the cost;
- Canolfan Sgiliau Technegol Menai (Canolfan SteM) Llangefni, opened by Mark Drakeford, First Minister, to provide training for young people. An investment by the Welsh Government.

18/378 CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS**Correspondence :**

- 1 **CND Cymru – Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales** – The Chairman led the Members through correspondence from CND Cymru, who were opposed to the burial of nuclear waste in Wales. **RESOLVED** to support the request from CND.
- 2 **NALC : Llangefni Golf Course** – The Chairman asked for Members' comments on the contents of a letter from NALC dated 19.03.2019. Cllr. J. Huw Owen responded that according to the contents of the letter, Isle of Anglesey County Council had not followed the correct procedure. There was also input from Cllr. Terry Jones stating that the County Council had made a decision before the Consultation process had ended. Cllr. Dylan W Rees reported that Anglesey County Council was aiming to have a Consultation on keeping the site as a Playing Field, and there would be an opportunity for the Town Council to respond before a decision was made. **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to contact One Voice Wales again to bring pressure to bear on NALC to take the matter further. **Accept.**
- 3 **Businesses in Llangefni Town** – The Chairman referred to an email dated 21.03.2019 received at Rhun ap Iorwerth's office, on behalf of businesses in the town, concerned at a

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lack of people visiting the town. Members suggested that Grŵp Adfywio Llangefni, at its next meeting on 9th of April 2019, should look at this and that an Officer from Grŵp Adfywio Llangefni should report back to the Full Meeting of the Town Council on 7th of May 2019.

Accept.

18/379 CORRESPONDENCE : FOR INFORMATION

1 **One Voice Wales – Accept.**

2 **Other Matters – Accept.**

18/380 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR

1 **Former Eisteddfod Ground - The Environmental and Community Improvement Fund –** The Chairman expressed gratitude and appreciation to Cllr. Llinos G. Jones and Cllr. Margaret Thomas for going around Tudur Ward to collect 400 signatures to support the above Application. Cllr. Llinos Jones reported that all but three of the residents supported the Application and were very keen to see the site developed as a Green Area and a place for children to play etc.

The Clerk confirmed that a Grant Application had been sent to Anglesey County Council on Thursday 28th of March 2019.

Identification Badge - Cllr. Margaret Thomas suggested that the idea of providing an Identification Badge for Members be investigated, to recognize that they were representing the Town Council as they went about in the Community/Attended Functions etc. in their role as Councillors.

Accept.

Penraig Estate , Llangefni : Having been collecting signatures around the Penraig Estate, Cllr. Margaret Thomas expressed concern about how much litter and large household items were left around in this area. This problem also persisted in Bron y Graig and Bro Tudur Estates. Cllr. Margaret Thomas and Cllr. Llinos Jones reported they were very disappointed that the Property Department, Anglesey County Council, did not provide a skip for the residents in order to get rid of their rubbish.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to Isle of Anglesey County Council's Property Department expressing disappointment that the skip service was not continuing around these estates and to draw attention to the problem of rubbish.

Accept.

2 **Request from Môn FM for a Financial Contribution** – The Chairman led the Members through a letter dated 28.02.2019 received from the Môn FM Office, asking for financial support towards maintaining and running the Station. The letter invited Members to visit the Studio in its entirety and to meet the Committee and some of the Volunteers. **RESOLVED** to consider the above Request, together with that year's List of Applications for Contributions, as an Agenda Item for the Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee 24.04.2019.

Accept.

18/381 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday Evening 7th of May 2019

Members drew attention to the next meeting being on a Tuesday Evening. The Clerk

explained that it was due to Monday 6th of May 2019 being a Bank Holiday and that Monday Evening 13th of May had been allocated for the Annual General Meeting.

Accept.

Annual Meeting – Monday Evening 13th of May 2019

COUN. IEUAN G. DAVIES

CHAIRMAN