

LLANGEFNI TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES Llangefni Town Council Meeting, **Monday Evening, 2nd of September 2019** at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Llangefni.

PRESENT :

Cllr. Margaret Thomas – Chair	Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies
Cllr. Llinos G. Jones	Cllr. Terry Jones
Cllr. John Lee	Cllr. Non W. Parry
Cllr. Dylan W. Rees	Cllr. Christine Roberts
Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis	Cllr. J. Huw Owen
Cllr. Richard Parry	Cllr. Victor Hughes.

ALSO PRESENT :

Mr. Rhys Parry - Clerk
 Ms. Linda Powell – Clerical Administrator
Police : PS2150 Neil Jones , C3915 Sioned Williams.

Chair welcomed Members to the first Meeting of Autumn following the August 2019 recess.

19/090 **APOLOGIES** : Cllr. Arwel Môn Hughes, Cllr. Ann Williams

19/091 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** : Cllr. Dylan W. Rees - Items : 19/092 Pen Derwydd Estate, 19/097 Football Club.

19/092 **POLICE** :

1 **Pen Derwydd Estate** : Officers from the Police reported that damage had been caused to a fence behind property Number 25 recently, as children had been using a slope they had created, as an unofficial path, whilst also running into the fence. Another Officer reiterated the importance for owners of the nearby properties to call 101 to report any damage, however recently, no calls have been received from residents of Pen Derwydd Estate.

Cllr. Dylan W. Rees and Cllr. Victor Hughes had visited the site to look at the possibility of placing a large stone to close the gap, to prevent children from using the slope. Cllr. Dylan Rees reported that the residents welcomed this proposal as well as placing a warning Sign at the top of the slope, stating not to use this area. Police Officers agreed with the proposal to place a Warning Sign. Cllr. J Egryn Lewis drew attention that Signs are needed on both sides to prevent use of the unofficial paths, and suggested that the Clerk seek advice on the appropriate wording for these Signs.

Cllr. Llinos Jones stated that the owner of the land behind the Estate has not maintained the site for a few years and suggested consulting with the landowner to put pressure on the owner to acknowledge responsibility. The Clerk reported that he had received advice, that as the land is not under the jurisdiction of the Town Council, to keep out of the discussion.

Following the above discussion **IT WAS RESOLVED** :

- (i) To ask the Clerk to arrange to place a Warning Sign behind Pen Derwydd Estate in the first instance, then to consider another Sign for the other end;
- (ii) To provide information to the complainant about the above decision.

Whilst discussing the above, Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis suggested, for next year's Budget, to allocate money towards gradually placing a proper fence, or hedge, on the boundary of the Nant y Pandy Playground, following down to the other side towards the Dingle area. Cllr. Richard Parry adding the need to ensure that it is the boundary of the Town Council that falls on legal responsibilities.

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- 2 **Antisocial Behaviour around the town:** Police Officers reported that the drug abuse situation around the town has improved during the previous weeks, especially where the offenders were congregating, near the steps by the River. Only a single 101 call had been received to make a complaint. Officers informed the Members that the 'POP' (Problem-Orientated Policing) system is in place, which is used to develop a strategy to reduce offences, with the power to arrest and search by some Officers. Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies stated the concern that gangs are working through 'County Lines' and moving locations to sell drugs. Police are aware of this and vigilant. Police Officers confirmed they have asked the town's Shop owners if the above matters have been affecting their businesses. This has not, but the owners and the town's people are uncomfortable with the current situation. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to the Town Council's Notice Board, situated in the centre of town, that had been vandalised during the first week of August. The Chair stated that the damage coincided with vandalism to plant pots across town.
- 3 **Shelter, Football Pitch, Lon Talwrn:** A suggestion has been made to relocate the Shelter at the bottom of the Maes Hyfryd Playground, near the Cemetery. Before going ahead with this, the Clerk reported that the Town Council has asked the Police if there were any monetary recognitions to the Community or a Grant available for the relocation. Awaiting response.

Cllr. John Lee drawing the Police's attention that double yellow/white lines down Station Hill, Field Street towards Ffordd Glandŵr have faded. The Chair stated that this is the responsibility of the Highways Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, and not the Police. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to bring this to the attention of the County Council.

Chair thanks the Police Officers for their input.

19/093 TO ACCEPT THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 01.07.2019

Cllr. Dylan W. Rees drawing attention to Item 19/067 of the Minutes, under the heading 'Anglesey County Council Monthly Report', Boundary Commission, to read ... at least three additional County Councillors to the Island ... and not Anglesey Central Ward, as noted. Following the above correction, Cllr. Dylan W. Rees Proposed, and Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies Seconded that the Minutes be accepted for accuracy. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the above.

19/094 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 01.07.2019

1. Item 19/094.1 – GDPR – Clerk reported that the Chair and the Clerical Administrator had completed the above Course on Friday the 30th of August 2019 and received their Certificates. Cllr. Christine Roberts confirmed that she is in the process of following the Online instructions to complete the Training

2. Item 19/094.2 – The Railway Bridge, Ffordd Glanhwfa – Chair referred to correspondence received from North Wales Police explaining why there was no prosecution following the destruction of the Bridge's structure. Cllr. Victor Hughes

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stated his disappointment that Network Rail has not, at present, gone through the process of claiming Insurance money to renew the Bridge.

IT WAS RESOLVED to take action and support the process when official developments are brought to the Town Council's attention.

3. Item 19/094.3 - Signage, Link Road – Chair referred to the e-mail dated 23.07.2019 received from the Highways Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, stating that the appropriate signage will be placed to direct merchant vehicles/lorries towards the Industrial Estate. Chair stated that the Highways Department are responsible for the Signage, and that they conform with the guidelines of the Isle of Anglesey County Council. **Accepted.**

4. Item 19/094.4 - C.C.T.V. System – Chair confirmed that the trees obscuring the CCTV Cameras have been trimmed on the 4th of August 2019. Members drawing attention to other tree overgrowth across the town, including trees growing too high, e.g. Station Hill. The Chair replied that she had asked Officers from the Planning Department, Isle Anglesey County Council, to attend to all the trees in the town, but she was informed that the trees are only trimmed once every two years due to a lack of funds. **Accepted.**

5. Item 19/094.5 – Shire Hall – The Clerk reported on the responses by the Assistant Chief Executive, Isle of Anglesey County Council, following the concerns of Llangefni Town Council, on the process of marketing and sale of the Shire Hall. The Clerk reported disappointment with the content of the letters stating that the Town Council had attempted to purchase the building, which would have prevented relocating the Registry Office. The Clerk further reported that the sale of the Shire Hall had been completed, and the documents were signed on the 22nd of August 2019. More details under Item 19/100 – Town Clerk's Report.

6. Item 19/094.6 – 'School' Signs in the Industrial Estate- Highways Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, confirmed to remove the signs. **Accepted.**

19/095 TO RECEIVE THE DECISIONS BY THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE 17.07.2019

Cllr. Dylan W. Rees Proposed and Cllr. Terry Jones Seconded to accept the Minutes. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the above.

- 1 **Planning Matters:** Chair referred to the e-mail dated 17.07.2019, Planning Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, apologising that the objections of the Town Council regarding Application FPL/2019/40 with relation to the Golf Club, were not addressed. (Objections sent to the County Council 21.03.2019). Chair stated disappointment that the County Council had their facts incorrect, and that the misleading Declaration appeared in the Press, to the disadvantage of the Town Council. Cllr. Llinos G. Jones stated that the Isle of Anglesey County Council should explain the above error to the County Councillor who provided this article to the Press. **Accepted.**

19/096 TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE 29.07.2019

Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Proposed and Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies Seconded that the Minutes be accepted for accuracy. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the above.

Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention that the meetings of the above Sub-Committee should have a full timeslot, and not to schedule a second meeting on the same evening. The Chair explained the reason for this, and the Clerk responded that he had received advice from One Voice Wales, which confirmed and explained that the above was acceptable. Cllr. Lewis was dissatisfied with the response. The Chair reported to ensure that each Sub-committee meeting will receive a full timeslot. **Accepted.**

19/097 TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS SUB-COMMITTEE 29.07.2019

Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Proposed and Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies Seconded that the Minutes be accepted for accuracy. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the above.

19/098 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION BY THE MAYOR

1 04.07.2019 –Annual RAF Valley Reception– Apologies due to a prior engagement.

2 26.07.2019 – ‘Fundaction Real Madrid Clinic’ Presentation – The Mayor reported that the week had been very successful with many children attending. The Mayor had awarded the Certificates to the children and stated that arrangements are in place to arrange another ‘Clinic’ next year.

Cllr. John Lee expressed concerned that many children are not able to attend due to the cost involved. Cllr. Llinos Jones suggested that there should be an option for parents to pay in monthly instalments. Chair and Members were supportive of this suggestion and will feed this back to the Organisers ahead of the 2020 Clinic. **Accepted.**

19/099 MATTERS ARISING FROM MEMBERS

1 Cllr. Non W. Parry – Benches near the Glan Cefni Flats : Cllr. Non Parry asked the Clerk to write to the Highways Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council, to draw attention to the need for benches in this area for residents. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to contact the Highways Department to decide on how to proceed.

Cllr. Victor Hughes suggesting the use of recycled materials for the Benches.

2 Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis - The Memorial in front of the Shire Hall : Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis reported, following the sale of Shire Hall, that it was not clear on the ownership of the Memorial. Clerk replied, by reading a paragraph of a letter sent by the Isle of Anglesey County Council, dated 21.06.2019, confirming that the Memorial, nor the land it stands upon, is part of the sale, nor in the ownership of the County Council. Clerk to make enquiries regarding the maintenance and ownership of the Memorials. Cllr. Huw Owen asked if there is a Committee invigilating the town’s Memorials. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to make relevant enquiries.

19/100 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

1 Shire Hall - Clerk reported that correspondence had been received by the new Owner of the Shire Hall, ‘Chief Properties Ltd’, declaring that the sale had been completed on the 22nd of August. The Clerk explained the contents of the correspondence to the Members, as follows:

- The Town Council to pay six months’ rent immediately as a deposit;
- Payment for the last week of August, and to pay the rest immediately.

Clerk lead the Members through the conditions:

Previous Licensor, Isle of Anglesey County Council, under the license dated 31st of January 1979 made between (1) Gwynedd County Council and (2) Llangefni Town Council (‘The Licensed’). The previous Licensor had transferred their interest in the property to the New Licensor on the 22nd of August 2019;

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- (i) **Previous Tenants** – Isle of Anglesey County Council, under the Lease dated 9th of July 2003, made between (1) Anglesey County Council and (2) Llangefni Town Council ('The Lessor'). The previous Tenants transferred their interest in the Property to the New Tenants on the 22nd of August 2019.

Following discussion on the content of the above documents, alongside general concerns relating to the future of the Town Council Office and the use of the Chamber, **IT WAS RESOLVED :**

- To ask the Town Council's Solicitor's for observations on the contents of all the above documents;
- To accept the guidance of NALCC Solicitor if necessary;
- Not to pay rent until the legal matters have been solved, and all the conditions in place;
- The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the Clerk to meet with the New Owners to see what is offered to the Town Council as terms, etc., before making any response;
- Organise a Special Meeting, if need be, to come to a decision on the payment of rent.

2 **Christmas Illuminations 06.12.2019-** Chair reported that Activities are in place, and the planning of the Christmas light display is ongoing.

3 **Form to Declare Monetary Interest or Declaration of Registration-** Clerk reminded the six members who have not completed and returned the Form to the Office. The Clerk drew attention to the Statutory Requirements to issue a List of Members Interests on the Town Council's Website.

4 **Remembrance Sunday 10.11.2019** - Clerk informed Members of this year's arrangements by confirming that the Parade will be congregating at the Car Park, Town Hall. Chair confirmed that the Parade's Organiser will visit the Office next week to go through the plan.

5 **Llangefni Cemetery** - The Clerk reported he had been in contact with an Officer from Coleg Menai regarding the Gardening Course that is ongoing, and the possibility for Student volunteers to help with the gardening work around the Cemetery and other locations under Town Council jurisdiction. Clerk awaiting an official response and confirming that the appropriate Insurance is in place for the above. **Accepted.**

6 **Isgraig Area** – Clerk reported that he had received a request by the owner of a property on the Isgraig Estate to demolish part of a boundary wall between the property and Lon Newydd Playing Field. Following legal advice, the Clerk lead the Members through the 'Indenture' dated the 13th of November 1911, which declares that the Town Council is responsible for the boundary between the property and the Playground.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the property owner conforms with the above and the Clerk to inform him of this.

19/101 **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

1 **Meeting with the Floods Partnership Group – 04.07.2019 –**

Cllr. Non. W. Parry reported that the wall behind Glandwr Terrace is not strong enough, needs reinforcing, and is encroaching on the owners' properties. This was brought to the attention of the Highways Department, Isle of Anglesey County Council.

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Cllr. Non Parry further reported that she will be attending a Briefing Session in St. Asaph regarding Insurance in North Wales, to gather information on what is available to business/property owners within Floodplains. Cllr. Parry to report back to the next Full Council Meeting.

Cllr. Non Parry referred to the Drop-in Session regarding floods – more information under Item 19/104.3 of the Agenda and confirmed that invitations will be given to residents for their input. **Accepted.**

2 Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum Meeting– 18.07.2019 –

Minutes attached, for information. Any matters to be referred to the Forum to be presented to the Representative.

For information:

3 One Voice Wales – Model Informal Resolution Protocol -

Accepted.

4 New Strategy Plan for the Llandrillo Menai Group-

Accepted.

19/102 FINANCE

1 Financial Statement July 2019 – Cllr. Llinos Jones asked for an explanation for two Fuel payments on the same day. Clerical Administrator explained the reason for this.

2 Financial Statement August 2019 – Attention was drawn to the following payments:
 (i) “Monitoring Services Alarms” Company - Ty Clwb, Lon Talwrn – Clerk explained that the service has been adopted in the past and the payments are indebted to the Company;
 (ii) Poll Tax, Bowling Green, Lon Las – Chair reported that a cheque is payable by the Bowling Club as a contribution towards the Tax payment;
 (iii) Afon Cefni rent is displayed twice on the Statement – The Clerk explained that the line had been added on the second page in error, and that this has no effect on the total.
 Cllr. Dylan W. Rees Proposed and Cllr. Richard Parry Seconded to accept the Financial Statements for July and August. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the above.

3 BDO – Annual Return 2018-2019 – Members have received the Internal Auditors’ Report Gwynedd Council 2018-2019 – No discussion.

19/103 MONTHLY STATEMENT BY ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Cllr. Dylan W. Rees reported that August had been uneventful, with only the following to present:

- Isle Anglesey County Council has appointed a Chief Executive, with one role available as a Deputy;
- Re-starting the process of modernising the Llangefni Catchment Area – Scrutiny Committee to change the structure of Llangefni’s Schools.

19/104 CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS

Correspondence :

1 Contributions 2018-2019 – Letter of thanks received by Wales Air Ambulance.

2 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission – Letter dated 12.07.2019, for information.
 No discussion.

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- 3 **Natural Resources Wales, Anglesey County Council, Welsh Water – Drop-in Session, The Bull Hotel, 23d of September, between 3pm and 6pm.**

19/105 CORRESPONDENCE: FOR INFORMATION

- 1 **One Voice Wales – Matters sent by e-mail during July/August 2019 - Accepted**
 2 **Other Matters – Other Matters sent by e-mail during July/August 2019 – Accepted.**

19/106 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR

Shire Hall - Chair stated her disappointment that Officers from the Isle of Anglesey County Council had not discussed or informed the Town Council on the content of the Lease and License before going ahead with the sale.

Llangefni Regeneration 10.09.2019 – Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend the Meeting and to report back in the next Full Meeting.

Chair conveyed sincere condolences to Cllr. Llinos Jones on the passing of her Father.

- 19/107 DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Monday Evening, 7th of October 2019.**

CLLR. MARGARET THOMAS

CHAIR