

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBEDR DYFFRYN CLWYD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes – 10th February 2025

1. Chair, Cllr L Evans, Cllr R Craig, Cllr J Bird, Cllr S Stell, Cllr D Richie, Cllr G Jones, Cllr N Smith and the Clerk J Jones

1a Other key persons present were DCC Cllr H Williams, DCC Highways Officer Mr Ben Wilcox-Jones and Ms Millie Vozza of Kompan (a park design and installation company)

1b approximately 20 members of the public also attended.

2. Apologies for absence Cllr Linda Jones

3. Declarations of interest – Cllr Richard Craig

4a. Discussion with members of the Public in attendance. – The chair explained the concerns of the council with speeding along the B5429 and how he proposed the evenings discussion should progress. He introduced DCC Officer Ben Wilcox-Jones.

Mr Wilcox-Jones presented the councils views acknowledging that there was a problem with mororists speeding along the B5429 and presented a way forward and agreed a set of actions.

He took questions from the 20 or so members of the public present before leaving with Cllr Richie to inspect the narrow points of the road in the darkness. Cllr Richie later returned to the meeting.

At Appendix 1 is a comprehensive report of what was discussed during this segment of the meeting.

4b. The chair introduced Ms Millie Vossa who presented her plan for the proposed park in Maes Famau.

Pictures of the design were circulated amongst those present.

Questions were taken from those present.

DCC County Councillor Huw Williams stated that another site had been earmarked on the Vicarage/Alyn Homes development.

At Appendix 2 is a comprehensive report of what was discussed during this segment of the meeting.

Following this section the vast majority of the members of the public present left.

5. A motion was passed that the minutes of the previous Council meeting were a true record of what was said.

6. Matters arising from the minutes not appearing on the agenda – none.

7. Finance report, the clerk presented his report previously circulated.

8. Correspondence – the only correspondence of relevance was that Vice Chair, Cllr Tim Baker had resigned his post. The chair, Cllr Lyn Evans made reference to Cllr Bakers service to the community and thanked him for the record. He also assured the group that he would formally write to Cllr Baker.

9. Planning Applications - None

THREE STRAND POLICY

STRAND ONE (Eco Strategy/Improvements to Physical Environment)

10. Cllr Evans updated that Alyn Homes had not returned his call but referenced an update from DCC Cllr H Williams that Alyn Homes were keen to commence building as soon as was possible.

Cllr G Jones presented his update regards the muddy footpath in Cae Cenant and the costs of the proposed works to rectify it. Following discussion a motion was passed not to proceed on the basis that costs were prohibitive and that permission to carry out the works would likely never be granted by the Woodlands Trust as they were too invasive.

STRAND TWO (Access and Safety).

11. Road safety (B5429) – This was discussed at point 4a above. The chair requested that a formal letter of thanks be written to Mr Wilcox-Jones for attending.

STRAND THREE (Events and Social Cohesion)

12. The Website and Social Media update was updated as per the report previously circulated by Cllr Stell. Regarding the website Cllr Stell will continue to find a value for money IT professional to advise how to operate the website. A motion was passed that councillors would use the Clerk email address as their contact and Mr Jones would act as a gate keeper and forward them onto the relevant Councillor.

13. Social Committee – Councillor Bird update as per her report previously circulated and requested that a formal letter of thanks be sent to Anne Jones for all her assistance with the catering at village events for 8 years.

14. Agenda items to be considered at the next Council Meeting - None

15. Urgent business under Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Parking issues in the village at night have been highlighted in the church, village hall and at the Griffin. It was agreed that the chair would take this forward with the respective bodies.

NEXT MEETING

16. Next Meeting Monday 10th March 2025.

Appendix 1 – Report Concerning Item 4a

Mr W-J acknowledged receipt of the data obtained through the Traffic Survey carried out by the Community Council and acknowledged that there was an issue with speeding motorists and that he wished to work in collaboration with the Community Council.

He stated that as a starting point he had written to Go Safe and requested that they carried out speed enforcement on the B5429 in the village. He stated that this action would provide a short term deterrent.

He went on to discuss other traffic calming methods, highlighting the positives and negatives and cost implications.

Mr W-J then went on to explain the strategic overview regarding the 20mph zones nationally, the consultation currently underway and the review of the DCC policy that will soon be undertaken. He suggested that the timescale for this was a “handful of months”.

Cllr Craig highlighted that this was an issue that had been discussed for 30 years and that his aim was to help and keep pedestrians safe. He suggested a pavement.

Mr W-J explained that because of costs DCC could not fund this and Senedd funding would be unlikely.

DCC Cllr H Williams provided a verbal schedule of works carried out to make the road safer at the narrowest points, including clearing the verges.

MOP Gwynfor Evans commented on the darkness and danger to pedestrians. He suggested a Traffic Speed Indicator sign.

Mr W-J agreed to list and escalate Llanbedr on the list to use the DCC sign and to use the data obtained from it.

MOP Caroline Duckworth highlighted that sat navs guided people to use the B5429 when travelling from Mold to Denbigh rather than the A541.

Mr W-J accepted this but said DCC were powerless to intervene.

MOP Gwenda Williams asked about times of speeding – the data states that it is early morning and evenings.

MOP Wyn Hughes wants the 20 zone on the A494 extended to the end of the 30 mph sign towards Mold. It was stated by Mr W-J that this was a matter for the Trunk Road Agency.

MOP Kevin Higham pointed out that HGV's frequently speed along the A494 and was supportive of Wyn Hughes' point.

MOP Barbara Murray pointed out problems along Lon Cae Glas, the lack of 20 mph signs and the road markings (rumble strips) being removed during resurfacing. It was highlighted that repeater signs are not lawful.

Cllr G Jones referred to cost of a speed indicator sign and Mr W-J explained the process of using a full time community funded one.

Actions agreed

- 1) Mr W-J to contact Go Safe (Already completed)
- 2) Mr W-J to place Llanbedr on the list to use the DCC mobile speed indicator sign and escalate their case as urgent.
- 3) Mr W-J to pick up on the Lon Cae Glas rumble strips being removed.
- 4) Mr W-J to email the Chair with the relevant address for the Trunk Road Agency so the Chair can write to them about extending the 20 mph zone on the A494.

A further update was provided with regard to extending the 20 mph zone at the school which had been agreed. Mr W-J stated that it was hoped to be in place within 3 to 9 months dependant on any objections.

DCC Cllr H Williams stated that he had noted anecdotally that school pupil parents may be some of those speeding and asked what could be done to educate them.

Mr W-J stated that they operate an education programme and can link in with the school.

Appendix 2 – Report concerning Item 4b

Ms V presented her plan for the play park and provided details of previous projects she had undertaken.

The plans included an approach that catered for multi ages from toddlers to aged approx. 16 and for children with different cognitive abilities and was inclusive. The current plan was built with safety grass matting and included space net climbing, a mugger (10 x 8m football and basket ball) Tunnels, inclusive swings, somersault bars, play panels for cognitive development that are sensory and tactile, a variety of swings including an accessible swing and a climbing frame that pays tribute to the local hill forts and Jubilee Tower on Moel Famau.

DCC Cllr H Williams stated that a park was first desired 30 years ago when funding commenced but ultimately failed. He was fully supportive in principle but believed the community council had selected the wrong site and wanted it in the new site near the rectory as it was central to the village.

It was further discussed regarding a field next to OSP but this is privately owned and would need to be purchased first.

MOP Kevin Higham asked about accessibility and raised some issues regarding ASB.

It was agreed that further scoping would be undertaken before a decision would be taken by the Community Council.