

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. on Wednesday 5th March 2014 at 7.00 P.M.

Present-Councillors Medwen Roberts (Chair), Keith Mouldsdale (V.Chair), Steve Collis, John Pugh, Wini Davies, Gwyneth Griffiths, Tim Faire, Dennis Edwards, David Baker, County Councillor Hugh H. Evans OBE, Emma Wynne—Economic Development Officer-(Denbighshire County Council), P.C.S.O. Matthew Williams, Residents—David Greenhalgh, Andrea Perry, Keith Perry, Chris Whipp, Steve Whipp and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES-Councillor Dewi Vaughan Jones

104. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at Neuadd Eleanor on 8th January 2014 which were previously circulated.

RESOLVED-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman allowed the following item to be added to the Agenda.

105. PRESENTATION BY EMMA WYNNE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER) DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Chairman welcomed Emma to the meeting to update members on the Town and Area Plans which were being implemented by Denbighshire C.C. Having implemented the strategy with the Town Councils the authority wished to now involve the Community Councils. The idea being to envisage a Vision for Llanfair D.C. Community Council for the next 5, 10, 15 years. This would involve match funding. The Clerk mentioned that he had read in the local press of projects receiving financial assistance including

1. Improvements to Llanbedr D.C. Village Hall
2. Improvements to Llanarmon Playing Fields
3. Clawddnewydd Joint Venture Project

Councillor John Pugh was advised that projects submitted were considered within the framework of the Local Development Plan.

The members were advised that any ideas for consideration should be submitted in May/June 2014.

RESOLVED-That members consider any ideas and submit them to the May meeting.

106. PRESENTATION BY MR CHRIS BIRCHALL ON THE NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE.

The Chairman welcomed back Mr Birchall to update members on the implementation of the new website. The Clerk reminded members that having instructed Mr Birchall to commence work on this project he could report that a *Domain Name* had been registered, email address had been set up, brochure style web site with up to five pages had been created, Content Management System had been established. Members were now requested to decide what content should be initially included.

The Clerk had since the last meeting received from Mr Birchall a invoice for **£445.00** for work undertaken and having consulted the Chairman had made payment. He now sought approval from members of the action taken by the Chairman and himself. The Clerk also advised members that the Domain Name had been registered with UK-2 Ltd at a cost of **£57.31** inc. VAT. Payment had to be made by Debit/Credit card and he had personally cleared the account. He now sought approval from members for re-inbursement.

RESOLVED-Members confirmed action taken by the Chairman and Clerk on payment to Mr Birchall and the Clerk be paid the aforementioned sum.

The details to be included on the website

1. Name, Address and telephone number of Councillors and Clerk
2. All correspondence to be forwarded to the Clerk
3. Minutes of meetings to be bilingual.—(Separate Pages)
4. Endeavour to link website to the local schools.

To publicise the new website details to be sent to the Free Press, Daily Post and Bedol. To also arrange a poster on the notice board situated on the railings of the school and the other two notice boards in Graigfechan and Pentrecelyn.

Mr Birchall was thanked for attending the meeting and the work he had put into the project.

107. **REPORT FROM PCSO 3008 MATTHEW WILLIAMS—NORTH WALES POLICE**

The Chairman welcomed Matthew to the meeting to give members the opportunity to discuss highway matters. The items mentioned were

1. Cars parked near the junction of the A525 opposite Llanfair D.C. School. Causing difficulty when turning into the B road towards Graigfechan.
2. Speeding through Llanfair D.C. and Graigfechan. This matter was raised by Mrs Chris Whipp.

Matthew mentioned “*Farm Watch*” this was now online combined with farm, house etc.

Members also sought from Matthew a commitment from the police to adhere to the proposals to a 20 mph limit near schools.

108. **CORRESPONDENCE**

108.1 Denbighshire Health, Social Care & Wellbeing and The Volunteer in Denbighshire (Passed to Cllr. Steve Collis).

108.2.Meeting 21st March 2014 of S.L.C.C. in Conwy. Clerk requests approval for him to attend.

108.3 Membership of One Voice Wales 2014/15

RESOLVED-Correspondence be noted , the Clerk be given approval to attend meeting and the Community Council not to seek membership of OVW.

109. **PLANNING**

109.1 The Clerk reported on the Certificates of Decision he had received
(a) Change of use of former chapel to dwelling etc.(Former) Jesus Chapel—A525 Wrexham Road--- Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd—Ruthin---Granted

(b) Change of use of former chapel to dwelling etc. Listed Building Application (Former)Jesus Chapel---A525 Wrexham Road---Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd---Ruthin---Granted

(c) Lawful development certificate for existing use of land as extension to residential cartilage---Pen Y Ffordd---Pentrecelyn---Ruthin---Granted

(d) Works to beech tree in a Conservation Area-Crown reduction by 0.5 metres of overhanging at rear 1.5m at side and removal of epicormic growth and branches overhanging play area---Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn---A525 Wrexham Road---Llanfair D.C.---Ruthin---Granted

109.2 Application 20/2014/0100

Works to beech tree in Conservation Area-Crown reduction by 0.5 metres of overhanging at rear and 1.5m at side and removal of epicormic growth and branches overhanging play area---Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd---A525 Wrexham Road---Llanfair D.C.---Ruthin.

This application was considered by the Chairman and Councillors John Pugh and Keith Mouldsdales. The members fully supported the application.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by the Chairman and fellow Councillors.

110. **CONSULTATION-SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE**

The Clerk advised members that Denbighshire C.C. had produced draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on the following matters

(a) Site Development Brief---Former North Wales Hospital Denbigh

(b) Conversion of Rural Buildings

(c) Parking Requirements in New Developments.

Copies had been passed to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Councillor John Pugh advised members that he would be reviewing various parts of this consultation document.

RESOLVED-The correspondence and comments of the Clerk and Councillor John Pugh be noted.

111. **FINANCE**

111.1 The Clerk passed to members financial statements for the period 1st April 2013 to 28th February 2014 for the General and Business Accounts.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be thanked for the financial statements.

111.2 The Clerk then submitted to members a financial statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2014 including salary for the period 1st October 2013 to 31st March 2014.

RESOLVED-The members unanimously agreed that the Clerk be paid as per the financial statement presented to the meeting.

111.3 The Clerk advised members that Mr Gwyn Davies (Internal Auditor) had confirmed that he was prepared to continue acting on behalf of the Community Council for a fee of £60.

RESOLVED-Members accepted the offer from Mr Davies to continue acting as internal auditor for the financial year 2013/14 for the aforementioned fee.

- 111.4 The following applications had been received for financial assistance
- (a) Neuadd Eleanor Village Hall Management Cttee. (The Clerk reminded members that they had agreed in principle to make a grant of £2000 but had not formally minuted the release of such sum.
 - (b) Nightingale Hospice
 - (c) St. Kentigern Hospice
 - (d) Marie Curie Cancer Care
 - (e) NSPCC
 - (f) Ebenezer Congregational Chapel
 - (g) Salem Chapel

RESOLVED-Payments be made as follows

- (a) Grant payment of £2000 be released
- (b) £100
- (c) £100
- (d) Defer to May meeting
- (e) Defer to May meeting
- (f) Defer to May meeting
- (g) Defer to May meeting

112. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIROMENT**

112.1 The Clerk advised members of the response he had received from Mr Ben Wilcox-Jones (Senior Engineer-Sustainable Transportation) Denbighshire County Council on the meeting he attended in November 2013. Members had received a copy prior to the meeting. Mr Steve Whipp put to members the question “*What action is going to be taken to resolve the problem of speeding ?*”. County Councillor Hugh Evans requested that a copy of the email received by the Clerk be forwarded to him.

RESOLVED-That the content of the email be noted, Mr Whipp be thanked for his comments and that a letter be sent to Mr Llyr Huws Gruffydd AC/AM

112.2 The Clerk advised members that he had received from Denbighshire County Council notification regarding grass cutting. He reminded members that residents throughout the county had made comments on the County Council’s policy regarding this service.

Members were asked what response if any should be made to the local authority.

RESOLVED-That the Clerk advise D.C.C. that all road junctions should be kept visible, but plants like daffodils that are planted on verges particularly as you enter towns and villages should NOT be cut until they are dead.

112.3 The Clerk advised members he was still in communication with the War Memorials Trust regarding the inclusion of members of the Merchant Service on the village memorial.

112.4 The Clerk was requested by Councillor Dewi Vaughan Jones to bring to the attention of members the following matter. During the recent adverse weather conditions vehicles were diverted from the Nant Y Garth through Pentrecelyn when a milk tanker and car got stuck at “*ALLT-Y-FA*”. Councillor Jones asked members to consider requesting D.C.C. to erect a sign—Not Suitable for Heavy Vehicles.

RESOLVED-That the Clerk write to Denbighshire County Council requesting that they erect a sign on the road leading from Pentrecelyn Chapel known as Allt y Fa stating not suitable for heavy vehicles.

113. CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerk confirmed that the contract would be available for signature at the May meeting.

114. Date of the next meeting **NEUADD ELEANOR ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2014 AT 7.00P.M**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

_____ CHAIR

_____ DATE

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 7.00 P.M.

Present-Councillors Medwen Roberts (Chair), Keith Mouldsdales (V.Chair), Steve Collis, Tim Faire, Dewi V. Jones, Gwyneth Griffiths, Wini Davies, David Baker, County Councillor Hugh H Evans OBE, Residents Stephen Whipp, David Greenhalgh, Ian Fleming, P.C.S.O. Lee Humphreys and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES-Councillor Dennis Edwards

115. RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman thanked fellow members and the Clerk for their support during her term of office. Notable events mentioned were The New Bus Shelter, Completion of the Graigfechan Miles (Walk), The attendance at meetings by the local Police Community Support Officers (P.C.S.O), Introduction of the new Community Council Website and the steady flow of planning applications.

116. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2014/15

Councillor Tim Faire Proposed and Councillor Steve Collis Seconded that Councillor Keith Mouldsdales be elected Chairman for 2014/15. This was unanimously agreed. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly completed by Councillor Mouldsdales and the Clerk.

117. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2014/15

Councillor Tim Faire Proposed and Councillor Dewi Vaughan Jones Seconded that Councillor Steve Collis be elected Vice Chairman for 2014/15. This was unanimously agreed.

118. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

It was unanimously agreed that all meetings continue to be held bi-monthly on the First Wednesday of each month commencing 7.00pm. The first meeting in each financial year being in May. The details as stated in Standing Orders.

119. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at Neuadd Eleanor on 5th March 2014 which were previously circulated

RESOLVED-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Minute 105. The Clerk advised members that he had received an email from Councillor John Pugh making observations from the presentation made by Emma Wynne. Members considered further ideas and requested that the Clerk forward proposals for consideration. These being

1. Affordable Housing for Graigfechan, Pentrecelyn and Llanfair D.C.
2. Speed restrictions past the two schools.
3. Moving the 30 mph sign further towards Ruthin.
4. Support Education in the Community Council area and the Retention of both Schools.
5. Footpath from Ysgol Llanfair D.C. to Llysfasi College
6. Playing Field in Llanfair D.C. for Community and School.
7. Playing field in Graigfechan.
8. Re-surface highway from A525 (White Horse) to junction on A494.
9. Re-surface highway from A525 (Junction opposite School) to B5429.
10. Re-surface A525 from White Horse P.H. for approx. 700 metres towards Wrexham.
11. Continued Investment for Neuadd Eleanor Village Hall (Important asset for Community)
12. Improvement to A525—Nant-Y-Garth—Dangerous Highway
13. Community Shop
14. Monitor safety throughout the Community Council boundaries
15. Would also request that the Community Council receive say Quarterly/Half Yearly reports from D.C.C. on the progress if any on these proposals.
16. Further ideas/proposals to be forwarded by members in due course.

Minute 106. The Clerk advised members that he had received an email from Councillor John Pugh making the following observations

1. That the Community Council needed links to the two schools

2. The website needed a community page for the village hall and the Llanfair Village News which could be revived.

Members hoped that the website could be accessed by the end of May.

The Clerk to contact Mr Chris Birchall and request him to attend the July meeting.

Minute 107. Members asked the Support Officer whether any further information was to hand regarding the cars parked on the highway by the Three Pigeons and the parking problem at the junction of the A525. He stated that the Community Council area was covered by Matthew Williams and that he would convey the members comments to him and request that he report back to members.

Minute 112.2. The Clerk advised members that D.C.C. had noted our comments on grass cutting and confirmed the contractors had been given “*blanket instructions*” not to cut down any daffodils.

120. **CORRESPONDENCE**

120.1 The Volunteer in Denbighshire—(Passed to Councillor Steve Collis)

120.2 North Wales Police (2). Details of Crime Prevention and new Chief Inspector.

120.3 Acknowledgement of thanks for financial donations from

- (a) Nightingale House Hospice
- (b) Village Hall Management Cttee.
- (c) St. Kentigern Hospice

120.4 Letter from D.C.C. regarding Training for Chairs and Vice Chairs. Wednesday 9th July 2014 at County Hall. Cost £35 per person.

120.5 Meeting of City, Town and Community Council Cluster Meeting on 7th May 2014.

Unfortunately this meeting clashed with the normal Community Council meeting.

120.6 The Clerk advised members of the Society of Local Council Clerks meeting held at the Guildhall Conwy. Items of interest were:---

- (a) Discussion on the Williams Commission Report—Reducing the number of Unitary Authorities from 22 to between 10 and 12.
- (b) Chairman’s Allowance---Implications of tax being payable to HMRC.
- (c) Electronic Payments. Repeal of the two signature requirement.
- (d) Clerk requested authority to attend the next meeting to be held in Mold on 19th June.

RESOLVED Correspondence be noted and comments of Clerk.

Minute 120.4 That the Chair and Vice Chair be nominated to attend the training day at a cost of £70

Minute 120.6 That approval be given to the Clerk to attend the meeting.

121. **PLANNING**

121.1 The Clerk reported on the Certificates of Decisions he had received

- (a) Rebuilding of 11kv and LV overhead lines supported by wooden poles---land between Electricity Sub Station, Ruthin and Hafotty Wen, Corwen---No Objection.
- (b) Removal of total of 292 metres of hedgerow separating 4 fields---Fields at Bwlch Y Llyn, Pentre Coch, Ruthin---Approved

121.2 Application 20/2014/0340

Removal of total of 292 metres of hedgerow separating 4 fields---Fields at Bwlch Y Llyn---Pentre Coch---Ruthin

This application was considered by the Chairman and Councillors Wini Davies and Dennis Edwards. The members fully supported the application.

Councillor David Baker did not take part in the discussion or voting on this application.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by the Chairman and fellow Councillors.

121.3 Application 20/2014/0267

Rebuilding of 11kv and LV overhead lines supported by wooden poles---Land between Electricity Sub station, Ruthin and Hafotty Wen, Corwen

RESOLVED-The members raised no objections and fully supported the application.

121.4 Application 20/2014/0397

Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling---Barnfold---Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd---Ruthin

RESOLVED-The members raised no objections and fully supported the application.

121.5 The Clerk updated members of a recent conversation he had with Mr Kevin Rogers regarding his application for the erection of a domestic dwelling in Graigfechan.

County Councillor Hugh Evans gave a more detailed explanation on the recent planning committee hearing.

RESOLVED-The Clerk and County Councillor Hugh Evans be thanked for their comments.

121.6 A letter from Denbighshire County Council---Consultation---Site Development Brief---Bodelwyddan Key Strategic Site.

121.7 With permission of the Chairman, Mr Ian Fleming then addressed members regarding the development of land opposite the village hall.

He advised members that he had been in discussion with officers of Denbighshire County Council who had requested of him to ascertain *What Recreational Ideas He Had and What Bodies Would Be Using The Site*. It was mentioned that any development now required 10% of Affordable Housing and NOT 30% as previously stipulated. Mr Fleming stated that no development was envisaged until at least 2015. Members agreed that their should be engagement with the Community and Community Council on this proposed development.

The Chairman stated that he would liaise with Mr Fleming on any “*Flyers*” which he proposed to circulate in the village.

Members were given a Draft First Preliminary Sketch Layout with Recreational Area of the development area.

RESOLVED-Mr Ian Fleming be thanked for his presentation, members noted the comments made by the Chairman and that this matter be highlighted on the new website.

122. **FINANCE**

122.1 Annual Accounts 2013/14—Submission to External Auditors. The Clerk reminded members the relevant details requiring the Chairman and himself (Responsible Financial Officer) to sign a copy of the annual accounts prior to submission to the auditors.

RESOLVED-That the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2014 and that a copy be then forwarded to the external auditors.

122.2 The Clerk passed to members financial statements for the financial year ended 31st March 2014 for the General and Business Accounts. Having only received the first precept payment at the end of April he had not prepared a short balance sheet for the period 1st April 2014 to 30th April 2014.

RESOLVED-The Clerk was thanked for the financial statements.

123. **COUNCIL INSURANCE**

123.1 The Clerk advised members that he had received from Came and Co. the renewal documentation for 2014/15. The policy commencing on 1st June. He proposed that further quotes be requested to determine whether the premium could be reduced. He also proposed that he consult with the Chairman and Vice Chairman before any policy is accepted and payment made. He would report back to members at the July meeting on any decision made.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be authorized together with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to ascertain the best policy/quote and report back to the July meeting.

123.2 The following accounts were submitted for payment

- (a) Mr Gwyn Davies—Internal Audit Fee 2013/14---£60
- (b) Denbighshire County Council—Admin Fee—Payroll Services---£50
- (c) Information Commissioners Office—Data Protection---Renewal Fee---£35
- (d) Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council---Renewal Fee---£15

RESOLVED-That the aforementioned accounts be paid.

123.3 The following requests had been made for financial assistance.

- (a) Ysgol Reoledig Llanfair D.C.
- (b) Childrens Cancer Support Group
- (c) Victim Support
- (d) Salem Chapel
- (e) Ebenezer Congregational Chapel
- (f) NSPCC

(g) Marie Curie Cancer Care

RESOLVED-Payments be made as follows

- (a) **£150**—Councillor John Pugh abstained from the discussion and voting-Governor
- (b) Nil
- (c) Nil
- (d) **£200**
- (e) **£200**—Councillors John Pugh and Wini Davies abstained from the discussion and voting.
- (f) Nil
- (g) **£50**

123.4 The Clerk reminded members that it was not now a requirement for payments of money to be signed by two members-the “Two Signature Rule” although they had already decided to continue this practice. He could confirm that their bankers HSBC would still continue to accept the existing arrangement whereby all cheques would be signed by three people (Clerk and Two Members).

RESOLVED-The Clerk was thanked for his comments.

124. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIROMENT**

124.1 The Clerk had received a letter from Denbighshire County Council regarding a Footpath from Bethel Chapel to Bridleway 16 and was seeking agreement for an alternative route proposed by the local landowner.

124.2 Further letters received from Denbighshire County Council

- (a) Garden waste Collections—(To cease between November 2014 and end February 2015).
- (b) Purchase of Dog Fouling Signs
- (c) Report on Traffic Calming Measures

124.3 The Clerk reported he was still making enquiries regarding the War Memorial.

RESOLVED-The correspondence be noted

Minute 124.1 Fully support amended proposal.

Minute 124.2 Not to purchase any signs

125. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS** **ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS** **ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Clerk had circulated to members reports on the above mentioned items for consideration.

Members considered in detail these reports and unanimously agreed they were satisfactory.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be thanked for the reports and that they be implemented and kept under constant review.

126. **CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

The Clerk submitted to members (Previously Circulated) a draft Contract of Employment between himself and the Community Council.

RESOLVED-That this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

127. Date of the next meeting **NEUADD ELEANOR ON WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 2014 AT 7.00 PM**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

_____ CHAIR

_____ DATE

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. on Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 7.00 P.M.

Present-Councillors-Keith Mouldsdales (Chair), Steve Collis (V.Chair), John Pugh, Wini Davies, Gwyneth Griffiths, Dennis Edwards, Tim Faire, David Baker, David Greenhalgh (Resident) and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES-Councillors Dewi Vaughan Jones and Medwen Roberts

128. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held at Neuadd Eleanor on 7th May 2014 which were previously circulated.

RESOLVED-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. Comments were made regarding the new website and it was agreed that the Clerk and Mr David Greenhalgh arrange to meet Mr Chris Birchall to discuss further details to be added to the site.

129. **CORRESPONDENCE**

129.1 Mr Darren Millar AM/AC-Neonatal Services in North Wales

129.2 Annual Report-Ombudsman for Wales-(Passed to Councillor Steve Collis)

129.3 Denbighshire County Council—Empty Homes Project.

129.4 Information Commissioner—Confirming renewal of registration.

129.5 Thank you letters for financial donations from

- (a) Marie Curie Cancer Care
- (b) Capel Salem
- (c) Capel Ebenezer Chapel

The Clerk advised members that Mr Chris Birchall was unable to attend because he was on holiday.

RESOLVED-Correspondence be noted.

130. **PLANNING**

The Clerk reported that the only item was a letter from Denbighshire County Council regarding a Planning Training Session on 17th July 2014 the subject being Highway Considerations.

RESOLVED-Letter be noted.

131. **FINANCE**

131.1 The Clerk passed to members financial statements for the financial period 1st April 2014 to 30th June 2014 for the General and Business Accounts.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be thanked for the financial statements.

131.2 The Clerk then submitted a verbal report to members on the negotiation he had with insurance companies on the Annual Insurance cover for the Community Council.

Came and Company acting on behalf of Aviva had originally submitted a renewal figure for 2014/15 of **£570.38** including Ins. Tax.

Zurich Ins. Submitted a quotation of **£512.49** including Ins Tax.

AON Ins. did not submit a quotation.

The Clerk then advised members that he subsequently advised Came and Co. of the other figure and would they wish to reconsider their original quote.

He could report that an amended figure of **£499.88** was then submitted. The figure paid for 2013/14 was **£527.40**. He could confirm that he had informed the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the negotiations he was having with the insurance companies.

On the authority of both members he agreed the amended quotation with Came and Co. and on the authority of the Chairman subsequently sent a cheque for **£499.88**.

The Clerk then requested members to confirm the action taken by himself, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED-The members thanked the Clerk for his report and unanimously agreed the action taken by him, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

131.3 The Clerk having consulted the Chairman sent a cheque for £200 to Faire Conservation for the removal of branches from a dangerous tree on common land in Graigfechan. The Clerk requested members to confirm action taken by himself and the Chairman.

RESOLVED-Members unanimously agreed the action taken by the Clerk and Chairman.

131.4 The Clerk advised members that he had now received a copy of the Annual Accounts for Neuadd Eleanor for the financial year 2013/14. The Chairman and Councillor John Pugh did not vote on this matter.

RESOLVED-The matter be noted.

131.5 An application had been received from St Mary's Church PCC for a donation towards grass cutting around the church.

RESOLVED-That a payment of £200 be made.

132. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIROMENT**

132.1 The Clerk reported on the following

- (a) A section of the A525 South of Llanfair D.C. has been earmarked for a Surface Dressing.
- (b) Road works on the B5429 from Llysfasi Crossroads towards Graigfechan in a westerly direction for approx. 561 metres for BT.
- (c) Members also enquired on when the road sign would be replaced on the A494
- (d) The Etape Cymru cycle event would be taking place on Sunday 14th Sept.

132.2 RWE Innogy UK—Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm—Community Funding Information Sheet.—(Circulated to Members)

RESOLVEDThe report of the Clerk be noted, the Clerk be requested to advise Denbighshire County Council that the members consider the verges in general throughout the county area were causing a road safety hazard.

133. **CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

Having previously circulated to members a draft Contract of Employment it was proposed by Councillor John Pugh and Seconded by Councillor Dennis Edwards that it be approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

RESOLVEDThe Contract of Employment was formally signed by the Chairman and Mr Michael Shorter in his position of Clerk

134. Date of the next meeting **NEUADD ELEANOR ON WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

_____ CHAIR

_____ DATE

CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. on Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

Present Councillors John Pugh, Dewi Vaughan Jones, Wini Davies, Gwyneth Griffiths, Dennis Edwards, County Councillor Hugh H Evans OBE, Julia Edkins and Tim Holdsworth (Etape Cymru Cycle Evant),
Residents--Janet Cook, Ian Cook, David Greenhalgh, Ian Fleming and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES—Councillors Keith Mouldsdale, David Baker, Medwen Roberts and Steve Collis.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman members elected Councillor John Pugh to chair the meeting. Proposed Councillor Dewi V Jones, Seconded Councillor Dennis Edwards

135. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held at Neuadd Eleanor on 2nd July 2014 which were previously circulated.

RESOLVED-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

136. **PRESENTATION BY JULIA EDKINS AND TIM HOLDSWORTH (ETAPE CYMRU CYCLE EVANT)**

The Chairman welcomed Julia and Tim to the meeting regarding the cycle race taking place on Sunday 14th Sept. 2014.

The members were given an update on the arrangements in hand regarding the 2014 race e.g Marshalls, Refreshment Areas and communications with the local communities. In 2013 charitable income for Nightingale House was approx. £30,000. For 2015 consideration was being given to make the event an open road race and not located in the rural communities. This was namely due to cost factors. Both guests took questions from those present with County Councillor Hugh H Evans stating that their had been better communications from the organizers than in previous years. The Chairman thanked Julia and Tim for their attendance and presentation.

137. **CORRESPONDENCE**

137.1 A letter of thanks from the Sec. of St Mary's Church PCC for the financial donation.

137.2 A letter from the Leader of Denbighshire County Council on the financial constraints being placed on them by the Welsh Government. County Councillor Evans outlined to members and residents that originally cuts of £12m had been imposed on the authority but now they were required to find an additional £6m over the next 2 years. Further cutbacks may be required when the financial settlement figures for 2015/16 is announced in late Sept./early October.

There would be cuts to all services e.g :-

Local Services—Grass Cutting, Planting, Litter picking, CCTV.

Local Facilities---Playgrounds, Toilets, Community Buildings

Councillor Evans stated that although the Welsh Government was blaming Westminster for financial cutbacks money previously allocated to Local Government was now being diverted to the NHS.

He advised those present that when the settlement figures for 2015/16 were known the authority would have to make major decisions on where the savings would have to be made.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Evans on his detailed analysis on the problems now facing D.C.C.

137.3 The Clerk reminded members of the comments he had made at previous meetings regarding the cutbacks in Wrexham County Borough and now submitted reports on two local Community Councils on how they were reacting. (Previously circulated with agenda).

137.4 The Clerk had also circulated with the agenda details on the new *Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013*. The additional information required under the act would need him to publish information electronically on the website and on notice boards. He considered that this additional work would entail the Community Council to review his hours of working possibly with effect from 1st April 2015. This matter could be considered at the November meeting when his remuneration for 2014/15 is considered.

137.5 The Clerk requested permission to attend the next meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks to be held in Rhyl on 19th September 2014 when the guest speaker would be the CEO of Denbighshire County Council.

RESOLVED-The correspondence be noted.

Minute 137.4 This matter be discussed at the November meeting.

Minute 137.5 Permission be granted to attend the meeting.

138. **PLANNING**

138.1 Application 20/2014/0795

Felling of 2 No. Cherry trees situated within the Llanfair D.C. Conservation Area.

Neuadd Eleanor---Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd---Ruthin

This application was considered by the Vice Chairman and Councillors Gwyneth Griffiths and Medwen Roberts. The members fully supported the application.

Councillors John Pugh and Keith Mouldsdales did not vote or consider this application.

Members of the Village Hall Management Cttee.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by the Vice Chairman and fellow Councillors.

138.2 Application 20/2014/0786

Gwerddon---Graigfechan---Ruthin

This application was considered by the Chairman and Councillors Medwen Roberts and Wini Davies. The members fully supported the application.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by Chairman and fellow Councillors

138.3 Application 20/2014/0956

Erection of Conservatory---Hyfrydle---Graigfechan---Ruthin

RESOLVED-The members raised no objections and fully supported the application

138.4 Application 20/2014/0826

Extension to rear. Amended scheme, further to certificate of decision Code No. 20/2012/1257/PF

RESOLVED-The members raised no objections and fully supported the application.

139. **FINANCE**

139.1 The Clerk passed to members statements for the financial period 1st April 2014 to 31st August 2014 for the General and Business Accounts.

RESOLVED The Clerk be thanked for the financial statements.

139.2 The Clerk then submitted a request for payment of salary for the six months ending 30th September 2014. Members were reminded that the policy of the Community Council was to pay the Clerk half of the salary granted in the previous financial year then make a final decision on his salary for 2014/15 at the November meeting. The amount paid the previous financial year being **£2120.60**.

RESOLVED-That the Clerk be paid an interim payment of **£1060.00**.

139.3 The Clerk reported that he had received an invoice from the external auditor Hacker Young for **£210 inc VAT**, he subsequently consulted the Chairman who gave authority to make payment.

The Clerk requested members to confirm action taken by the Chairman and Clerk in making the payment.

RESOLVED-Members confirmed action taken by the Chairman and Clerk.

140. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT**

The Clerk had no matters to report.

Members commented on the state of roads with particular reference to pot holes and Mr Ian Fleming commented on the possibility of flooding by the Old Railway Lodge near Eyarth Crossroads.

RESOLVED-That the Clerk be requested to write to D.C.C. regarding the possibility of flooding by the Old Railway Lodge.

141. Date of the next meeting **NEUADD ELEANOR ON WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

_____ CHAIR

_____ DATE

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. on Wednesday 5th November 2014.

Present Councillors Keith Mouldsdale (Chair), Steve Collis (V.Chair), Wini Davies, Medwen Roberts, Dennis Edwards, Tim Faire
Residents Messrs W.Perry, Steve Whipp, Ian Fleming, David Greenhalgh, Tim Cook, Richard Cotter and the Clerk.

PART 1

APOLOGIES-Councillors John Pugh, Dewi Vaughan Jones and David Baker

141. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held at Neuadd Eleanor on 3rd September 2014 which were previously circulated.

RESOLVED-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

142. **CORRESPONDENCE**

142.1 Notification from Denbighshire C.C. inviting the Chairman and Clerk to attend an evening in the company of the Chairman, Leader and Chief Executive to be held on 6th November 2014.

The Chairman and Clerk had accepted the invitation.

142.2 The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Pwllglas Community Shop to place notices on the three notice boards owned by the Community Council promoting the Christmas Fruit/Veg/Salads Box. He had given permission to this request.

He now sought confirmation from members of the action taken.

142.3 Details from Denbighshire C.C. on grants available for the maintenance and repairs of war memorials.

RESOLVED-The correspondence be noted.

Minute 142.2 Confirm action taken by the Clerk

Minute 142.3 This matter be discussed at the next meeting.

143. **PLANNING**

143.1 The Clerk reported on the Certificate of Decision he had received.
Erection of conservatory—Hyfrydle—Graigfechan—Ruthin---Approved

143.2 The Clerk advised members that a local resident Mr Richard Cotter was present and had requested permission to address the meeting. The Chairman having been advised of this request granted Mr Cotter permission to address the meeting. Mr Cotter outlined his concerns regarding any proposed development on land facing the A525 opposite to the village hall.

The Clerk advised members that having received an email from Mr Cotter to which he had acknowledged and sent the following response

The Community Council have briefly discussed this sale of land.

At the present time NO formal planning application had been received by the Community Council to consider the future development of this land.

Members have agreed in principle that this development is of such importance to Llanfair D.C. that as and when a planning application is received from Denbighshire C.C. that a public meeting should be convened

In response to the points raised by Mr Cotter, Mr Ian Fleming (owner of the land) responded by stating some of the facts raised were unfortunately incorrect. Mr Fleming advised the meeting he was employing consultants to formulate proposals for the future use of the land.

Mr Fleming was going to arrange a public consultation on this development when he had received the report hopefully in December/January.

Having discussed the various views raised by the members and local residents the Chairman suggested that an officer from Denbighshire County Council be invited to attend the next meeting to clarify the current planning position.

The Clerk proposed that members consider inviting Angela Loftus, Manager of the LDP Team

RESOLVED-Members accepted the proposal that Angela Loftus be invited to attend the next meeting and the Clerk be requested to send a formal invitation to her.

143.3 Application 20/2014/1050

Upgrade of existing 11kv overhead line supported by wooden poles to 3 phase—Ty Newydd Farm---Llanfair D.C.---Ruthin

This application was considered by the Chairman and Councillors John Pugh and Gwyneth Griffiths. The members supported the application.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by the Chairman and fellow Councillors.

143.4 Application 20/2014/1082

Demolition of existing dutch barn and erection of an agricultural building---Genus Breeding Ltd---Llanrhydd---Ruthin

This application was considered by the Chairman and Councillors John Pugh and Gwyneth Griffiths.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by the Chairman and fellow Councillors.

143.5 Application 20/2014/0965/PF
Conversion of agricultural buildings into a dwelling, associated drainage and access.
Bryn Coch Farm---Llanfair D.C.---Ruthin

RESOLVED-The members raised no objections and fully supported the application.

144. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT**

144.1 The Clerk had received from Hannah Arndt (Access Officer) Denbighshire County Council details on an appointment to the Denbighshire Local Access Forum. Councillor Tim Faire mentioned that his name had been proposed by one of the farming unions and he was prepared to act in a dual capacity as a nomination from the Community Council.

144.2 A letter had been received from Mr Aled Roberts AM (Welsh Liberal Democrats) regarding a review being undertaken by the Welsh Government and the Trunk Road Agency on speed limits on trunk roads. It stated that despite the Welsh Government issuing guidance in 2009 promising to consult local communities to date it appeared not to have been the case. Members and residents again voiced their concerns on the quality of life being suffered by speeding on the A525 in particular and on the lack of feedback from Ben Wilcox Jones (Highways Officer—Denbighshire Council). The Chairman suggested that the residents present write to the Assembly Member voicing their own individual concerns as well as a letter being sent from the Community Council.

144.3 Councillors Tim Faire and Steve Collis commented on the lack of salt bins on the road known as Plas Bedw Lane and at the junction on the B5429 with the road leading to Pentre Coch.

144.4 Councillor Steve Collis commented on the dangerous traffic situation which arises on the A525 when Remembrance Sunday Service is taking place. He thought that a police officer could be in attendance to control the traffic. The Clerk thought that time would be against them in getting a PCSO to attend.

RESOLVED-Minute 144.1 Councillor Tim Faire be thanked for having his name being put forwarded.

Minute 144.2 A letter be sent to Mr Aled Roberts AM outlining the views of the Community Council.

Minute 144.3 The Clerk write to Denbighshire C.C. on additional salt bins

Minute 144.4 The Clerk enquire whether police could be in attendance on Remembrance Sunday.

PART 2

145. **FINANCE**

145.1 The Clerk passed to members financial statements for the financial period 1st April 2014 to 31st October 2014.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be thanked for the financial statements.

145.2 The Clerk was pleased to report that the Wales Audit Office had decided to redistribute reserves held at 31st March 2014 to Local government Bodies. All Town and Community Councils would be paid the sum of £30 which was now shown in the latest financial statement

145.3 The Clerk reminded members of the Annual Poppy Appeal. On a Proposal from Councillor Tim Faire and Seconded by Councillor Steve Collis that a donation of £100 be forwarded to the Ruthin Branch of the Royal British Legion.

145.4 Members commented on the delay of the new website. The Clerk stated that he and Mr David Greenhalgh (present at meeting) were still trying to arrange a meeting with Mr Chris Birchall

145.5 The Chief Executive Officer of Denbighshire C.C. had forwarded details to the Clerk of proposed areas of cutbacks being considered for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 budgets.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be thanked for his observations and report
Minute 145.3 Unanimously agreed that aforementioned amount be made.
Minute 145.4 Clerk requested to contact Mr Birchall and report back to next meeting.
Minute 145.5 Details of cutbacks be forwarded to members

146. **ANNUAL REVIEW—REMUNERATION OF CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

Before being requested by the Chairman to leave the meeting whilst this matter was discussed the Clerk briefly outlined to members the criteria which had been used in previous years upon deciding his salary level.

He also requested that they consider in the 2015 review the number of hours worked on Community Council business due to the implementation of the new website and the Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013.

The Clerk then left the meeting while members deliberated on his review.

RESOLVED-The Chairman was pleased to advise the Clerk that member had unanimously agreed that he be paid on the salary scale SCP 25 for the financial year ending 31st March 2015.

Members also agreed to review in 2015 the number of additional hours worked on Community Council business.

The Clerk was very appreciative of the Chairman's comments and the salary increase announced.

147. **PRECEPT 2015/16**

The Clerk submitted to members draft proposals for 2015/16 together with details which had been considered for 2014/15.

He mentioned the additional amount which he had included of £250 for translation costs of the minutes on to the website. The total amount being £5491.

Members deliberated on whether the figure proposed for translation costs was adequate.

On a Proposal from Councillor Tim Faire and Seconded by Councillor Dennis Edwards that the amount be increased from **£250** to **£750**.

The Clerk advised members that he had no indication at present what charges would be levied for the current financial year in respect of translation costs.

The additional funding would bring the proposed total to **£5991**

RESOLVED-It was unanimously agreed that translation costs be increased to **£750** and that a Precept of **£6000** be levied for the financial year commencing 1st April 2015.

Date of the next meeting **NEUADD ELEANOR ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00PM**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

_____ CHAIR

_____ DATE

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

Present-Councillors Keith Mouldsdale (Chair), John Pugh, David Baker, Dennis Edwards, Tim Faire, Gwyneth Griffiths,
Residents-David Greenhalgh, Steve Whipp, Richard Cotter and the Clerk.

PART 1

APOLOGIES-Councillors Dewi Vaughan Jones, Medwen Roberts and County Councillor Hugh H Evans OBE.

148. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at Neuadd Eleanor on 5th November 2014
Which were previously circulated.

RESOLVED-The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

149. MATTERS ARISING

No matters raised

150. PRESENTATION BY ANGELA LOFTUS-MANAGER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM—DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed back Angela to discuss the LDP and in particular the proposed development of land opposite to the village hall.

Mr Richard Cotter was requested by the Chairman to open the discussion by outlining his own views/concerns on this proposed development.

He enquired what parameters would be available to the community regarding the design and facilities proposed.

Angela explained that the LDP is for the period ending 2021. The Welsh Government decides on the number of properties to be included in the LDP and in fact increased the number to be built within Denbighshire.

The principles of housing namely now dependant on the economy. At the present time applications for development within the county were very slow.

In the Llanfair area there were two sites available, Vicarage Field—25 properties and the land owned by Mr Ian Fleming for approx 59 plus playing field.

These figures were purely indicative.

The planning authority consider 35 dwellings per hectare unless local areas required larger houses then of course an adjustment would be required.

Any developer is encouraged to consult the community regarding any proposed development.

Denbighshire C.C. originally proposed 30%-40% for affordable but this was now 10% but could be increased.

Affordable housing was related to Price, Types, Social Rent, Shared Equity.

Another consideration would be local income within the development area.

Mr Steve Whipp enquired about any development brief and supplementary guidance.

The Chairman enquired what the procedure is when the developer initially submits his proposals for the development.

Angela explained the ongoing proposals for the Denbigh Hospital and Bodelwyddan sites. For the latter a proposed development of 1,700 properties was proposed.

A draft proposal for the site was expected in napprox 8 weeks.

When any development is proposed leaflets would be circulated around the area this being undertaken by the D.C.C. and the developer is expected to arrange public meetings regarding any proposals.

Richard Cotter raised the question of the new school being proposed to replace the sites at Pentrecelyn and Llanfair D.C. Councillor John Pugh (Governor-Llanfair D.C.) explained the current situation.

Mr Cotter remarked about the problems regarding gas and sewerage appertaining to further development within the village area.

Mr Ian Fleming responded by saying that he had been advised by Welsh Water that funds were in place to upgrade the current system and that a feasibility was to be undertaken. Mr Fleming was of the opinion that a possible planning application would be submitted during March and any proposed development would not take place until 2017. He further stated that any proposals would include 2/3 bed properties for affordable housing and that arrangements would be for a presentation to the Community Council before the application is submitted to public scrutiny within the local community.

Councillor Dennis Edwards also commented on the importance of the sewerage system being updated.

The Chairman thanked Angela for her attendance and presentation. Angela thanked those present and assured the Chairman that she and her staff were always available to attend future meetings.

151. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had no matters to report.

152. PLANNING

152.1 Application 20/2014/1318

Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling (amendment to previously approved scheme reference number 20/2011/1288)

Wenallt—Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd—Ruthin

This application was considered by the Chairman and Councillors John Pugh and Gwyneth Griffiths. The members fully supported the application.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by the Chairman and fellow Councillors.

153. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT

153.1 The Clerk reported that a new Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd road sign had now been erected on the A525 when entering the village from Ruthin.

153.2 Councillor Dennis Edwards submitted to the Clerk the name of Mr Robert James River's Fuller M.N. for his name to be put on the village War Memorial.

153.3 The Chairman submitted his observations on erecting in future years a Christmas tree by the war memorial

153.4 Consideration be given for a P.C.S.O. to be in attendance to control traffic on Remembrance Sunday.

RESOLVED-Minute 153.1- Be noted

Minute 153.2 That the name of Mr Fuller be added to the war memorial.

Minute 153.3 The Clerk to enquire on ownership of memorial, insurance cover and Mr Tommy Higgins on installing a secure power supply. Action to be taken in tidying of site and Councillor John Pugh be asked to ascertain costs on adding a new inscription.

The Chairman be thanked for his observations.

Minute 153.4 The Clerk to arrange with the local police on this matter.

PART 2

154. FINANCE

154.1 The Clerk circulated to members statements for the financial period 1st April 2014 to 31st December 2014 for the General and Business Accounts.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be thanked for the financial statements.

154.2 The Clerk advised members that the renewal of membership of the Society of Local Council Clerk had now been received for 2015.

He recommended that payment be made of **£77**.

154.3 The Clerk advised members that the cost of translation of council minutes into Welsh would be £50 per 1,000 words.
It was agreed that translation of council minutes should commence from May 2014.

154.4 The Clerk submitted applications for financial assistance

- (a) North Wales Deaf Assoc.
- (b) The Stroke Assoc.
- (c) Victim Support
- (d) Children's Therapy Centre Wales
- (e) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod
- (f) Shelter Cymru

RESOLVED-Payments be made as follows

- (a) £50
- (b) Nil
- (c) Nil
- (d) Nil
- (e) £100
- (f) Nil

154.5 The Clerk reported that the Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2015/16 had been increased to £7.36.

RESOLVED-Minute 154.2 Renewal be made for the aforementioned sum.
Minute 154.3 Be noted.

Minute 154.5 Be noted

Councillor David Baker requested that it be minuted of his appreciation of receiving a sympathy card from his fellow councillors and the Clerk on the recent bereavement of his father. He greatly appreciated the gesture.

Date of the next meeting **NEUADD ELEANOR ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.00PM.**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

_____ CHAIR

_____ DATE

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. on Wednesday 4th March 2015.

Present-Councillors Keith Mouldsdale (Chair), Wini Davies, Gwyneth Griffiths, Dewi Vaughan Jones, Medwen Roberts and Tim Faire. County Councillor Hugh H Evans OBE

Lisa Walchester and Lowri Roberts—Officers--Denbighshire County Council.
Residents-David Greenhalgh, Sarah Wynne, Steve Whipp, Ian Fleming, Jane Jones (Ysgol Pentrecelyn) and the Clerk.

PART 1

APOLOGIES-Councillor David Baker.

155. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at Neuadd Eleanor on 7th January 2015.

Which were previously circulated.

The Clerk apologised to members for the omission of Angela Loftus from those minuted as present at that meeting.

RESOLVED-With the addition of Angela Loftus to the minutes they were approved and signed by the Chairman.

156. MATTERS ARISING

No matters raised.

157. PRESENTATION BY LISA WALCHESTER AND LOWRI ROBERTS— MODERNISING EDUCATION OFFICERS—DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Chairman welcomed both officers to discuss the proposals being considered by Denbighshire C.C. regarding modernising education within the county and in particular the building of a new school within the Community Council area to replace Ysgol Llanfair D.C. and Ysgol Pentrecelyn.

Due to other commitments Mrs Jackie Walley was unable to attend.

The officers outlined the proposals to create a New Area School to serve both Llanfair D.C. and Pentrecelyn Communities. They explained that the local authority was bound by Welsh Government procedures on the proposals/discussions now taking place.

Mrs Sarah Wynne (Chair Pentrecelyn Governors) stated that her main concern was the continuation of the Welsh language. Members were advised that the local authority were proposing to designate the new school as a Category 2 and not a Category 1.

Category 1 being Purely Welsh speaking and Category being Desirable to speak Welsh.

Councillor Dewi Vaughan Jones asked the officers why were the local authority were proposing Cat. 2 and not Cat 1 for this new school. They were unable to give a definitive answer to the question.

Those present were advised that the new school would initially use the existing buildings in Llanfair and Pentrecelyn. The way in which the sites would be used

would be a decision for the headteacher and governing body to discuss and implement. Options that could be considered would be to keep the pupils and staff as they were with increased opportunities for the two sites to come together for specific events. This would allow for a smoother transition into the new build for both pupils and staff. The proposal was that the new school would be ready by September 2017. The officers reiterated that the status of the Welsh Language would be always be upper most in any future discussion/development.

Mrs Jones stated that she felt it unfair that children from Pentrecelyn having to go outside the area to be taught Welsh.

Due to the absence of Councillor David Baker the Chairman read out an email from him regarding his points of view regarding the new school.

Mr Steve Whipp supported the idea that the new school should be Category 1.

The consultation period would end on 16th March 2015.

Councillor Tim Faire suggested that the two farming unions be consulted on this matter which the officers agreed would be pursued.

After a very informative discussion the Chairman thanked both officers for their attendance and presentation.

The members then agreed that a formal response to Denbighshire County Council was required.

On a proposal from Councillor Dewi Vaughan Jones and Seconded by Councillor Tim Faire that the Community Council formally recommend that the new school be Category 1 and Not Category 2.

The decision was Unanimously Carried.

RESOLVED-The Clerk write to the local authority advising them of the decision made by the Community Council.

158. **CORRESPONDENCE**

158.1 The Clerk advised members that he had received two emails which he had forwarded to the Chairman regarding the resignation of Community Councillors. He had to report that Councillor Lord Steve Collis had formally resigned as a Community Councillor with effect from the date of the meeting due to work commitments.

Secondly Councillor Dewi Vaughan Jones had formally advised the Chairman that this would be his last meeting as a Community Councillor. Councillor Jones addressed the meeting and thanked the members for their support over the years and wished them every success in the future. The Chairman thanked him for his service to the community as a Community Councillor.

The Clerk advised members of the correct procedure regarding the filling of the vacancies.

RESOLVED-Members accepted the resignations with regret and requested that the Clerk advise the Electoral Services Officer of Denbighshire County Council of the two vacancies.

158.2 Membership of One Voice Wales

158.3 Letter of thanks from North Wales Deaf Assoc on donation of **£50**.

158.4 Invitation letter from the Chairman of Denbighshire County Council to attend his Charity Dinner on 23rd March 2015.

158.5 The Clerk requested approval to attend the next meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks on 27th March 2015 in Wrexham.

158.6 The Clerk advised members that he had submitted his name to attend a presentation for Clerks on the Members Code of Conduct to be arranged by Denbighshire C.C. on 19th May 2015 at County Hall. No cost would be involved..

RESOLVED-Correspondence be noted
Minute 158.2 Not to seek membership
Minute 158.4 No member available to attend
Minute 158.5 Approval be given

159. **PLANNING**

159.1 Application 20/2015/0080
Erection of first floor pitched roof extension to side of dwelling.
Ty Carreg---Graigfechan---Ruthin.
This application was considered by the Chairman, and Councillors Wini Davies and Dennis Edwards. The members fully supported the application.

RESOLVED-Confirm action taken by the Chairman and fellow Councillors.

159.2 Application 20/2015/0161
Alterations to attached store/games room to provide accommodation for dependant relative/carer and erection of a porch.
Glanrafon Farm---Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd---Ruthin

RESOLVED-The members raised no objections and fully supported the application.

160. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT**

160.1 Letter from Aled Roberts AM—Update on Welsh Government’s proposals on highway matters.

160.2 Email from Denbighshire C.C. on War Memorial.
Clerk reported that he was awaiting confirmation from Ariel Electrics on site visit and update from Councillor John Pugh on costing for new inscription repair work.

RESOLVED-Correspondence be noted and comments of the Clerk.

160.3 County Councillor Hugh Evans advised members of the reduction in grant money for highways maintenance in the next 12 months and what impact this would have within the county. He suggested that an officer of Denbighshire County Council be requested to attend a future meeting to update members on the current situation.

RESOLVED-The members accepted the suggestion of the Clerk that Mr Tim Towers (Highways Officer) of Denbighshire County Council be invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Council.

PART 2

161. **FINANCE**

161.1 The Clerk circulated to members statements for the financial period 1st April 2014 to 28th February 2015 for the General and Business Accounts.

RESOLVED-The Clerk be thanked for the financial statements.

161.2 The Clerk submitted to members a financial statement regarding payment of salary for the period 1st October 2014 to 31st March 2015, together with reimbursement of stationery and postal charges.

161.3 The Clerk also submitted claims for travelling expenses attending meetings of the Society of Local Council Clerks at Mold and Rhyl for **£10.80** and **£19.80** respectively.

161.4 The Clerk advised members that having consulted the Chairman and receiving his approval he had purchased a new printer at a cost of **£126.98** including VAT of **£21.16**.

He now sought approval of the purchase and the action taken by the Chairman and himself.

The Clerk stated their was a cash back of **£60**.

RESOLVED-The Financial statement be accepted, payment be made for travelling expenses and confirm action taken by the Clerk and Chairman in the purchase of a new printer.

161.5 The Clerk submitted applications for financial assistance

(a) P.C.C.-St Mary's Church

(b) Capel Salem

RESOLVED-Payments be made as follows

(a) Decision deferred. Clerk to ascertain cost of repainting church porch and Lynchgate.

(b) **£200**

161.6 The Clerk sought authority to purchase the latest edition of the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability (Wales). The Cost being **£20** plus delivery.

161.7 The Clerk reported that Mr Gwyn Davies (Internal Auditor) had advised him that he was prepared to continue to audit the accounts for a fee of **£60**.

RESOLVED-The Clerk purchase the above mentioned item and to accept the offer from Mr Gwyn Davies.

161.8 The Clerk reported that he had received notification from Denbighshire County Council that they were no longer able to process payments of salary made by the Community Council. This was due to new pension legislation.

The Clerk advised members that he would ascertain where future salary payments could be processed and would update members on this matter.

161.9 Before his official retirement from the Community Council Clouncillor Dewi Vaughan Jones voiced his concern on the closing of the Consultant led

Maternity Unit at Glan Clwyd Hospital. He suggested that a letter be sent to the local Health Board with a copy to the First Minister opposing such action being implemented.

This was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED-That a letter be sent to the Health Board and First Minister outlining the concerns of members to the proposed action.

Date of the next meeting **NEUADD ELEANOR ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2015 AT 7.00PM.**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

_____ CHAIR

_____ DATE