

## LLANGEFNI TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes** of a Full Meeting of Llangefni Town Council held on **Monday Evening, 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019** at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Llangefni.

**PRESENT** :            Cllr. Margaret Thomas – Chair  
                          Cllr. Victor Hughes  
                          Cllr. Non W. Parry  
                          Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis  
                          Cllr. Llinos G. Jones .

Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies  
 Cllr. John Lee  
 Cllr. Dylan W. Rees  
 Cllr. Christine Roberts

**ALSO PRESENT** :            Mr. Rhys Parry    - Clerk  
                          Ms. Linda Powell - Clerical Assistant  
**Police** : PS2150 Neil Jones, C3458 Ashley Dacre, C3915 Sioned Williams  
**Press** : Mr. Gareth Wyn Williams.

*The Chair acknowledged the presence of the Police and a Representative of the Press at the Meeting.*

**19/055**    **APOLOGIES** :            Cllr. Terry Jones  
    Cllr. Arwel Môn Hughes  
    Cllr. Richard Parry  
    Cllr. J. Huw Owen  
    Cllr. Ann Williams.

**19/056**    **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** :            None.

- 19/057**    **NORTH WALES POLICE** -    The Police Officers introduced themselves to the Members.
- 1**        **Pen Derwydd Estate, Llangefni** : A Police Officer reported that complaints were received recently from owners of some of the houses in the lower part of the Estate, near the boundary fence, that young people were causing a nuisance. The Officer confirmed that the Police had assessed the situation and contacted the complainant regarding a solution to the problem. The Police added that this area was being monitored and that no further complaints had been received up to that time. The dispute regarding the ownership of the area of land near the boundary fence was still going on and the Police were making enquiries to find the owner's address.
- 2**        **Antisocial Behaviour Around Llangefni Town**: The Police reported that unfortunate cases of antisocial behaviour had occurred in the town recently, associated with four or five individuals. Due to the area around the Iceland shop being overgrown with trees, and having no clear view, that part of town attracted offenders to drink alcohol and misuse drugs. Police Officers providing a visible presence around the town by calling in to local businesses and it was reported to be impractical for them to patrol throughout the day, due to operational cuts. In accordance with this, the Police encouraged owners of businesses and shops to call 101 and record verbal complaints when they witnessed antisocial behaviour, in the hope of then obtaining Civil Orders to move offenders off the streets. Cllr. Dylan Rees welcome the actions to solve the problems in the vicinity of the town centre and suggested alternative use of the steps near the River where the offenders congregated.
- 3**        **Shelter – Football Field, Talwrn Road, Llangefni** : Cllr. Victor Hughes drew the Police's attention to cases of vandalism that were a regular occurrence around the shelter, and asked them to patrol this area outside normal working hours. Cllr. Victor Hughes added that the Town Council is in the process of relocating the Shelter and needed to agree a suitable

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location. The Police Officers and Members were keen to have a meeting to discuss relocating the Shelter. **Accept.**

Finally, Police Officers emphasized the importance of using the 101 service, Website (Webchat) or sending an email to PCSOs to report complaints and to add to the statistics and encourage individuals to use the above system to draw attention to the problems.

- 3** **Signage and White Lines around the Town** : Cllr. John Lee drew the Police's attention to the following: (i) Insufficient GIVE WAY signage to warn drivers in the area of the Town Clock; (ii) White/yellow lines around the town had faded; (iii) Road marking leading to the Ffordd Glandŵr Junction.

Police Officers and the Chair responded that Anglesey County Council Highways Department was responsible for the above and that a Site Meeting had been held in the past regarding (iii) above.

*The Chair thanked the Police Representatives for their informative input.*

**19/058** **TO ACCEPT THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 03.06.2019**

Cllr. Non Parry Proposed that the Minutes be accepted for accuracy and Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies Seconded. **RESOLVED** to accept the above.

**19/059** **TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 03.06.2019**

- 1** **Item 19/059.1 – Flooding Partnership Group** - Cllr. Non Parry reported that a Meeting had been arranged with the Head of Highways, Isle of Anglesey County Council, on Thursday Evening 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the Council Chamber, Shire Hall. An invitation had been extended to everyone on the Register and Members were also welcome to attend.
- 2** **Item 19/059.2 – GDPR** - Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies had successfully completed the online training. The Clerk asked the other Members to contact the Office to arrange to complete the Training. **Accept.**
- 3** **Item 19/059.3 – Railway Bridge, Glanhwfa Road** - Cllr. Victor Hughes was dissatisfied with the latest response from the Highways Department, Anglesey County Council, dated 01.07.2019, which avoided responding regarding prosecuting the Lorry Company responsible for damage to the Bridge. Following discussion, Cllr. Victor Hughes suggested writing further to the County Council to seek answers on this. In the meantime, looking to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to show the Police response regarding prosecuting the Company. Cllr. John Lee suggested asking Cllr. Dylan Rees, as the County Councillor, to look into the above and to share information with the Members. Cllr. Rees agreed to get confirmation to release the information under the above Act. Cllr. Victor Hughes Proposed and Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Seconded using the Freedom of Information Act to see why no prosecution had occurred. **RESOLVED** to accept the above.  
Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis was dissatisfied with the signage leading to the new Link Road and said it was not clear enough to direct commercial vehicles away from the town centre. Cllr. Non Parry agreed that lorries were continuing to travel along Field Street and Ffordd Glandŵr.
- 4** **Item 19/059.4 – C.C.T.V. System** – The Clerk confirmed that the Police had supported the Town Council's request that trees around the town be pruned. A meeting had been arranged between Officers of the County Council, a Police Representative and the Town Mayor, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. It would seek a way ahead in accordance with the requirements of the Police and Town Council.
- 5** **Item 19/059.5 – Llangefni Golf Course** – The Clerk confirmed that the Public Consultation had closed and a response was expected. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis was concerned about the condition

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of the site and drew attention to work going on there and uncertainty about the reason for it. The Chair suggested looking into this. **Accept.**

- 6 **Item 19/059.6 – Shire Hall** – The Clerk stated that a letter had been sent to the Chief Executive, Anglesey County Council, expressing disappointment at the relocation of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Service to the Industrial Estate following the sale of the Shire Hall. The Clerk read out the response from the Assistant Chief Executive, dated 21.06.2019 stating that the correct steps had been taken under the County Council’s Asset Management Procedures (2016). The Clerk further reported that the content of the letter was misleading under Item 2.3 of the above Document, which stated that a “For Sale” sign was to be displayed on the site, together with marketing the site on the Anglesey County Council website, and consultation with Local Members at the start of the marketing process. Cllr. Dylan Rees expressed disappointment with the County Council’s response in ignoring the question asked about moving the Registration Service from the Civic Building in the town centre to the Industrial Estate, which would affect the residents of Llangefni and the whole of Anglesey. Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies supported Cllr. Dylan Rees’ concern that relocating this service to the industrial estate was unsuitable.

The Chair asked, through Cllr. Dylan Rees, that the County Council work more closely with the Town Council in future, together with the other two County Councillors, to safeguard the town. An Officer from Llangefni Regeneration Group expressed support for the Town Council by means of sending a letter to the County Council to bring pressure to bear on them to look again at the relocation of the Registration Service. The Chair suggested arranging a meeting with the Three County Councillors to draw attention to the Town Council’s concerns and bring pressure to bear upon them to work together and answer questions regarding the above situation. Cllr. Victor Hughes proposed and Cllr. John Lee seconded that a meeting be arranged with the three County Councillors, to be held as soon as possible.

- 7 **Item 19/059.7 – Police and Crime Matters** – The Chair reported that she had met the Area Superintendent, together with the Clerk, to discuss problems of antisocial behaviour around the town. The Superintendent had apologized for the lack of Police Representation at recent Meetings, which had been due to emergency calls. After the meeting, the Superintendent was aware of the Town Council’s concerns and would look to having a Police presence more regularly at the monthly Full Council Meeting. **Accept.**

**19/060****TO ACCEPT THE DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE 19.06.2019**

The Chair reported that, because only one straight forward application had been received, it was agreed to make a decision through the Office. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to the need to stay within the rules, under the Statutory Constitution, and hold meetings as arranged.

Cllr. Dylan Rees referred to a recent article in the “Daily Post” that quoted a Local Councillor, Brynsiencyn, reporting that Llangefni Town Council had not responded to the following application: **FPL/2019/40 : Planning Consultation: Full Application for the change of use of a Golf Shop and Club House (Use Class D2) into a Pizza Restaurant (Use Class A3) Llangefni Golf Club. Decision: REFUSAL (sent to the County Council Planning Department 21.03.2019).** Cllr. Dylan Rees questioned why the Planning Department had got its facts wrong, since there was a clear record of the decision to refuse the application. **RESOLVED** to write to the Planning Department to ask for an explanation of the above error.

**19/061 TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STAFFING AND STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE 26.06.2019**

The meeting had been postponed because more information was awaited in order to prepare a Staff Appraisal to be submitted to the Members. **Accept.**

*7.30pm Councillor Llinos G. Jones arrived at the Meeting*

**19/062 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION BY THE MAYOR**

**1 June 2019 – Mapping Work – Place Shaping :** The Chair reported attending, together with Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis and Cllr. Dylan W. Rees, a Networking Event/Conference held jointly between One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales on 11.06.2019 in Llanrwst. “Shaping Your Community – The Role of Community Plans and Place Plans” – there was discussion on the way forward for Councils working together to obtain Grants, understanding Community Asset Transfer with One Voice Wales preparing a Toolkit to assist this.

**Place Plans :** using land for developments for the inhabitants across the community. An Officer from Llangefni Regeneration Group added as follows:

- The advantage under the Place Shaping scheme of looking at a strategic plan for Llangefni and providing a vision for the way ahead;
- Putting together an Application to the Assembly under the Foundational Economy Challenge;
- Organizations and Groups working hard together and no strategy;
- Cooperation to draw the Community together and for them to give their opinion;
- Consideration of getting a price estimate from a Company to look at the town’s economy and collaborate towards the same aim;
- Discuss getting a Tourist Information Centre for the town, with an opportunity to sell crafts produced by Anglesey people;
- Keeping Llangefni Town Council informed of developments.

*The Chair thanked the Officer from Llangefni Regeneration Group for putting forward the above ideas.*

**Mapping :** Pushing ahead with suggestions to tidy up the Town Centre.

**Accept**

**2 Open Evening – Llawr y Dref – 13.06.2019 –** Cllr. Llinos G. Jones reported that the work of transforming the units was of a very high standard. Cllr. Jones expressed concern that the fence and gates around the site were not of a suitable height and that there had been no maintenance around the Units outside the scheme. Residents were concerned there were no parking controls in use. Cllr. Jones had informed the Highways Department, Anglesey County Council, of this many times and there had been no response.

**3 Inter-Island Games 2019 –** The Chair reported that she had enjoyed meeting and greeting the Anglesey Men’s Team and Visiting Teams and being part of the event. An email had been received from the General Manager of Llangefni Football Club, expressing thanks to the Town Mayor for her very important contribution to the 2019 Inter-Island Games. Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies expressed congratulations to the Town Mayor on her contribution to the Island Games and to the Tournament Organizing Committee on the success of the Event and the professional arrangements. Cllr. Davies was keen to support the Application to hold the Games in their entirety in Anglesey in 2025. The Chair confirmed that letters of congratulation had been sent to Llangefni Football Club and the Chair of the Tournament Organizing Committee. The Chair thanked Cllr. Victor Hughes and the Llangefni Town Council External Workers for their contribution to tidying up the site.

**19/063 MATTERS ARISING FROM MEMBERS**

- 1** **Gorsedd Site – Public Footpath** – Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis expressed concern at the condition of the footpath around the edge of the above site. The Clerk confirmed that an Officer from Anglesey County Council had visited the site and had contacted the Health Service, that had by then cleared the site and had a look at the surrounding fence. Cllr. Llinos G. Jones, as the Tudur Ward Councillor, enquired about setting handrails for the future use of this path and researching the Public Footpath Maps to find the correct route of the path. Cllr. Jones also drew attention to the poor condition of a gate and wall. Following discussion, it was suggested there be a Site Visit, discussion of terms with Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board and then looking to make improvements to the entrance, bearing in mind that grant money had been allocated to this site. The Clerk was to give an update on this at the Full Meeting in September. **Accept.**
- 2** **Public Notice – Review of Polling Stations (Tudur Ward)** - Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to the above Notice whereby it appeared there were only two Polling Stations for the Llangefni Wards. Cllr. Lewis suggested, since the Ebenezer Centre was a multi-purpose centre, that the Isle of Anglesey County Council could consider adding that site to the Public Notice in future. **Accept.**

**19/064 REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

- 1** **Shire Hall** - Discussed under Item 19/059 of the Agenda.
- 2** **Christmas Lights Switch On** – The Chair suggested, following a request from Stallholders at the Christmas Craft Fair, who would be setting up around the Town Hall and Bull Hotel on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019, that the two Events be held together in order to attract people into the town.  
**RESOLVED to Accept** the above and to switch on the Christmas Lights on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 3** **Form for Declaration of Financial Interest or Registrable Interest** – The Clerk reminded the Members who had not completed the Form and returned it to the Office. **Accept.**

**19/065 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

- 1** **Llangefni Flooding Group – 03.06.2019** – This had been fully discussed under Item 19/059 of the Agenda.
- 2** **Allotment Society Meeting – 07.06.2019** – Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis stated that he was not present at the meeting because of another commitment and therefore had nothing to report back. **Accept.**
- 3** **Place Shaping Aid – “Shaping Your Community” – 11.06.2019** – This had been discussed under Item 19/062.1 of the Agenda.
- 4** **Llangefni Regeneration Group Meeting - 25.06.2019** - Cllr. Margaret Thomas was not present at the meeting because of another commitment. Minutes to follow.  
**Planning Application – Former County Court Building, Glanhwfa Road, Llangefni** – Following discussion at the above Meeting, Cllr. Victor Hughes expressed disappointment that the Planning Department, Anglesey County Council was not supportive of the application for change of use to Cinema, Restaurant and Bar, insisting on additional assessments before coming to a decision on this Application. Cllr. Dylan W. Rees suggested sending an email to a County Councillor/Planning Committee Chair to consider looking at Policies to retain the character of this historic building and to support the application in principle.  
Following discussion, Members agreed that the application for change of use was of a high standard, it would be a resource for the town and attract people to Llangefni. Cllr. Dylan Rees suggested drawing up a letter with reasons for supporting the application. **RESOLVED** to accept the above.

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- 5 **One Voice Wales - Area Committee - 27.06.2019** – Representatives reported that Town and Community Councils complained at a lack of information from the Planning Department, Anglesey County Council, but they were also aware the Department was under greater pressure, working with fewer staff. One Voice Wales would follow it up at Area Forum Committees, Anglesey County Council. The Portal was not live because there were not enough staff for data protection.
- 6 **Minutes of the Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum – 14.03.2019** – The Area Officer, One Voice Wales, was to write to the Forum regarding planning concerns.

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- 1 **Financial Statement for June :** Arising from the Statement :

- Allotment Association Rates – The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council transferred the money to Anglesey County Council, and the Allotment Association repaid it;
- Remove the name “Glanhau Gwraig” from the Financial Statement before making it public;
- Contributions : A correction to show that the Nant y Pandy Parkrun had received £100.00 rather than the £25.00 recorded in the Financial Statement.

Cllr. Dylan Rees Proposed to accept the Financial Statement and Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies Seconded. **RESOLVED** in accordance with the above, to accept the Financial Statement.

- 2 **BDO Annual Return 2018-2019 :**

Cllr. Dylan W. Rees Proposed and Cllr. Ieuan Davies Seconded approving the Annual Return for 2018-2019. **RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Return for 2018-2019 in accordance with the copy sent by the Internal Auditors, Gwynedd Council, with the report of the Audit to be received during the coming weeks.

**19/067****ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT**

Cllr. Dylan Rees reported on the following :

- The Chief Executive of Anglesey County Council had given notice that he would be retiring from the Post, and the process of appointing his successor had begun;
- Boundary Commission – Consideration of changing the boundaries to give equal numbers of people, with at least one extra County Councillor in the Canolbarth Môn Ward;
- Housing Department Interview – Starting to develop new Council houses, with 25 houses at first and 130 houses to follow on County Council land across Anglesey.

**19/068****CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS**

- 1 **Post Office, Llangefni** – The Chair reported on the contents of a letter dated 18.06.2019, stating that the branch would be run by an independent franchise partner from September 2019, and that postal services would continue. Stationery would be sold as well as having extended opening hours on Saturday afternoons. **Accept.**
- 2 **Anglesey County Council – Common Housing Policy Consultation** – Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to the need to submit comments by 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Cllr. Dylan W. Rees proposed responding to the Consultation by stating that local people should be given priority and supporting the changes in the Policy to Reflect the Local Population.

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**3** **Contributions for 2018-2019** – The Chair referred to a List of thank you letters from Organizations - **Accept**

**19/069** **CORRESPONDENCE : For Information :**

**1** **One Voice Wales - Appointment of Welsh Language Champion** : It was agreed to nominate Cllr. Llinos G. Jones and a Group will be established to include representatives of the Town and Community Councils. **Accept.**

*Cllr. Llinos G. Jones left the Meeting.*

**2** **Other Matters** : Email 07.06.2019 from the Assistant Senior Engineer, Anglesey County Council, regarding the Active Travel guidelines, from Oriel Môn to Nant y Pandy, Lôn Las and the Town Centre, to provide new crossing points, signage and resurfacing of footpaths. Cllr. John Lee reported that a white line in the middle of Ffordd Glandŵr leading to the junction would be of help to residents and visitors to the town. Members reported that a Senior Officer, Highways Department, Anglesey County Council, had checked and advised on this in the past. It was said that dividing the road in two would lead to problems since large vehicles had to use the right hand side of the road in order to turn left. Members were concerned that some of the white/yellow lines around the town had faded and this needed to be brought to the County Council’s attention. **Accept.**

**Signage** – Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to “School” signs on the Industrial Estate even though there was no longer a school there.

**RESOLVED** to ask Anglesey County Council to remove the signage.

Members expressed gratitude to the Highways Department, Anglesey County Council, for restoring the railings outside the Rowlands Pharmacy Shop.

**19/070** **TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR** - None

**19/071** **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday Evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.**

**Cllr. MARGARET THOMAS**

Signed .....

Dated .....