

**Minutes of the Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association
Meeting held at St Barnabas Hall
Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at 6:45pm**

Attendees

Rhiannon Griffiths	Acting Chair
Colette Harris	Secretary
Peter Griffiths	Treasurer
Vanessa Marsh	Exec Member
Jean Freeman	Exec Member
Mike Freeman	Exec Member
Terry Davies	Exec Member
Pat Zaidia	Exec Member
Ann Thompson	Member
Esther Robson	Member
Keith Thomas	Member
Diane Melville	Member
Allan Marsh	Member
M H Jones	Member
Allan Randell	Member
Janis Thomas	Member
Olive Preece	Member
M Davies	Member
Ivy Thomas	Member
Christine Whitley	Seaside Resident
Natasha Cody	Member
M Evans	Member
Wyn Evans	Member
Peggy Sampson	Member
Susie John	Member
M Howells	Member
Phyllis Hobbs	Member
Rona Morgan	Member
P Edwards	Member
John Roberts	Town Councillor
Keri Thomas	County Councillor
Karen Chetcuti	Communities First
Mal Heath	Community Safety Partnership
Paul Harries	Llanelli Town Council
PCSO John Hill	Dyfed Powys Police

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dan Snaith, Kevin Skivington, Cllr Carl Lucas, Cllr Roger Price, Megan Kubit, Betty Myers, Betty Davies, Helen Elliott, Margaret Skinner, and PC Tony Thomas.

2. Welcome and Introduction

Rhiannon Griffiths chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Presentation from Mal Heath about Scams

Mal Heath, Community Safety Partnership, showed us a video about scams, then gave a short presentation and handed out literature about them.

Some examples of scams

- A letter saying you've won a lottery or other prize when you haven't entered any.
- Telephone calls saying you've won something, or another recorded message – **PUT THE PHONE DOWN STRAIGHTAWAY**, as it could be a scam where you are charged for just listening. Don't phone any numbers given.

He told us:

- Scams tend to come out of the blue, appear to give you something for nothing, and want money up front – **DON'T BE DRAWN IN**
- Scams and scammers tend to: pretend to know us, can look official, and play on our superstition.
- **DON'T GIVE BANK DETAILS** to such schemes
- If people reply to schemes they risk going onto a 'suckers' list, which means you get inundated with more scams.
- Be careful and don't be taken in.

5. Matters Arising

Bigyn School

Alan Randell said he has a letter from the Director of Education saying there will be an extension at some point for Bigyn School. Mr Randell is unhappy at losing more green space, which is limited in Tyisha. **Action: Cllr Keri Thomas said he would speak to the Director of Education and report back to the group.**

Suggestion box for group members

Rhiannon mentioned that the suggestion box is at the back of the hall, for members to put any suggestions, problems etc into. This can also be used for matters to be brought to the police if any member is uneasy about using the Bobby Boxes. These will be passed on to the police with due regard to confidentiality.

6. Report on Special Executive Meeting

The secretary reported on the Special Executive Committee Meeting, held on Monday 29th September 2008. This was attended by all exec members, apart from Peter Griffiths and Pat Zaidia, who were away at the time, and also by Cllr John Roberts, and Adele Evans from Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services. Adele attended as an independent observer and took minutes of the meeting.

Colette reported that Cllr Roberts had produced a list of points at that meeting, and asked the committee to agree with them, without giving them time to fully read and discuss them. He left the meeting without entering into any discussion on these points, nor on matters the committee wished to discuss, and before the committee considered the meeting to be at an end.

Colette also read a statement, prepared by the exec committee, giving an account of events leading up to this meeting.

Cllr Keri Thomas proposed that this statement and account of events be accepted, and the matter closed. The meeting agreed.

7. Report on Licensing Hearing

The secretary reported on the hearing for the licence application for 29 Station Road (previously 'The Roof'), who had wanted to open till 2am during the week, and 4am at the weekend. Rhiannon and Peter Griffiths, Vanessa Marsh, and Colette Harris represented Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association at the hearing. Other objectors also attended. **The objection was successful, and a licence was given for the premises to open till 1:30am, weekdays and weekends, alcohol not to be served after 1am.**

It was also reported that the owner of the proposed nightclub/restaurant is appealing the licensing committee's decision.

Cllr Keri Thomas had attended the hearing, and congratulated the association's representatives on how they had presented their objection at the hearing.

Alan Randell suggested that noise-recording equipment be used in houses near to the proposed nightclub when it opens, so representations can be made on the basis of noise pollution if applicable.

8. Public Meeting re proposed new primary school in Crown Park

This is to be held at the Antioch Centre, 26th November, at 7pm. It will be open to all residents in both Glanymor and Tyisha. All local town and county councillors will be invited, along with Nia Griffith MP and Helen Mary Jones AM. Robert Sully, Director of Special Projects with Carmarthenshire County Council, has also been invited and confirmed his attendance.

Members were encouraged to attend to make their views known. Many members do not want to lose Crown Park, one of the last green spaces in Glanymor and Tyisha. It was also pointed out that Crown Park was originally given to the children of Seaside for recreation purposes, so on that basis the council should not be able to build a school on it.

Paul Harries pointed out that there should be public consultation on this issue. He is concerned that if the formal consultation process has not yet begun, that council officers may say that they cannot discuss the plans. However, as far as we understand, Mr Sully has said he will be at the meeting. Paul also suggested we write and ask for plans for the school to be on display at the public meeting. **Action: Secretary to write requesting this.**

Cllr Thomas stated that a new primary school for Glanymor and Tyisha is needed, but the question is where it should be. He believes that Crown Park is the council's preferred site.

9. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting had previously been scheduled for 26th November. Due to the public meeting on that date, the **AGM has now been moved to 28th January 2009, 6:45pm at St Barnabas Hall.**

10. Highways Issues

There will be a public meeting about traffic issues, on Thursday, 13th November, at 2pm, St Barnabas Hall.

John McEvoy, Carmarthenshire County Council Traffic Management Operation Manager, will be attending the meeting to hear residents' views and concerns. Members were encouraged to come along and have their say.

11. Any Other Business

Seats on Bigyn hill

Alan Randell stated that he has been in communication with council officers regarding the benches on Bigyn, which he would like to be re-sited. He has not had any satisfactory outcome. Cllr Thomas said he would assist him in this matter.

Bins for dog mess

Mike Freeman would like there to be more bins for dog mess in the Tyisha area. Paul Harries stated that dog mess is considered clinical waste, and such bins are more expensive. The council now tend to encourage dog owners to double wrap the mess and use normal litter bins. Residents complained that these bins are not emptied often enough and are generally too full. Cllr Thomas suggested the group write to the council to ask for the bins to be emptied more often. **Action: The secretary will write this letter.**

Bags for clinical waste

A resident asked where bags for clinical waste, for someone just recently out of hospital, could be obtained. Vanessa Marsh stated the local doctor's surgery can advise on how to obtain them and on a special collection service.

Communities First Update

Karen Chetcuti told us about:

- Courses for IT and Basic Skills, available at Communities First
- Women's Only Exercise, at Emmanuel Hall, Tuesdays at 11am
- Introduction to Learning, also at Communities First

- Various Youth Activities during half term, at St Barnabas Hall
- A new youth 'blog', supported by Communities First

She handed out leaflets on all these.

Further info available: Tel: 01554 777850 and/or www.gandtcf.org.uk

Llanelly House

Paul Harries reported that Heritage Lottery Funding has been obtained to restore Llanelly House. There will be a meeting to discuss this at Selwyn Samuel Centre, 27th October, at 11am.

For further info: Tel: 01554 858101 and/or www.llanelly-house.typepad.com

Letters of support can also be sent to: Llanelli Town Council, The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli, SA15 3DD

Environment and Regeneration Action Group

Colette informed us that there will be a meeting of this group at Emmanuel Chapel, Wednesday 29th October, at 3pm.

Christmas Dinner

To be held at Selwyn Samuel Centre, December 17th. Balance of money to be paid by next residents' meeting, 19th November.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 19th November at 6:45pm, in St Barnabas Hall.**