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Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council meeting held on Thursday 5th December at 7.00 pm

Present

Kevin Titley, Annwen Hughes, Iolyn Jones, Helen Johns, Goronwy Davies, Robin Ward, Caroline Evans.

Apologies for Absence

Eirwyn Thomas, Gruffydd Price.

Personal Interest - Nothing to declare

Received the Minutes of the last meeting and confirmed as being a true record

Introduction from the Chairman

Welcoming everyone to the meeting, and also wishing the Councillor Annwen Hughes a very special birthday.

Financial Report

The balance in the Bank at the end of November was £ 20558.58

Donation of £ 2000 for the toilets has not yet been cashed although the Clerk has contacted Gwynedd Council regarding this.

Also received £ 3060 burial fees (x2)

Cheques need to be paid during this month:-

£ 16.00 Hall Rent

£ 17.00 Wreath war memorial

£ 50.00 Eisteddfod Arduwy

Discussion also took place regarding the budget for next financial year. And a calculation had been made regarding this. Haven't raised the budget in 3 years.

It was passed to have a meeting on the 9.1.2020 set aside for budget and important issues only.

Planning Applications

NP5 / 62/399 - new road application - environmental issues

Following a recent meeting with a Planning Officer regarding this application, it was understood that this is a planning application for the necessary environmental amendment, not for the full planning application.

There is no change to the road layout, more landscaping, and a map showing more of the land that will be temporarily used for the site work. Also set aside land as a footpath to the standing stones. This is to be welcomed by the Community Council.

It was noted that an email had been received from the owners of Talwrn Bach and their proposed comments.

That the previous letter to the National Park remains valid in respect of this application.

Note additions for the update letter: -

Signage - although not currently a planning issue, CG plans do not respond to Llanbedr requirements.

Further discussions are needed with them regarding this.

Roundabouts - as we have often said. 2 of the 3 junctions are in an already lit up area. Roundabouts would slow down traffic.

Traffic Calming - 60 mph has been taken from the Transport 2013 document which states that if there are valid environmental reasons and a high number of junctions on the proposed development then 40 mph is favourable. Both of these elements apply to Llanbedr.

Loss of local businesses - one person has expressed concerns regarding loss of business as a result of the proposed works.

Temporary car park required if land area - picnic area is used for machinery and cabins. Where will it be possible for people to park cars if traveling by train? Need to consider a safe pedestrian route from Talwrn Bach station to the Village while the work is being carried out. Important to keep in mind these issues for the economy of Llanbedr

Need to send to YGC, Nia Bowden, Sioned Williams.

That the Council is supportive of the Planning Application as before, but wishes to see these comments addressed.

Planning Application NP5 / 62 / 405A - retention of mast for 12 months Tal Artro, Llanbedr

This application has been the subject of much debate. It was agreed to object to the development on the following grounds: -

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Too much noise is generated from the diesel generator.

Had enough time and opportunity to make necessary improvements on this site.

Also received an email from the owners of Talwrn Bach complaining about the noise. Some residents of the Village have also complained about the noise.

Regrets that objections have to be made as a communication mast is important for the whole Village.

Planning Application No. NP5 / 62/415 - insulation exterior work, No. 3 Bryn Deiliog

Supportive of this development - improving appearance and also being more sustainable.

Other Matters

Talwrn Bach Station - informed Transport Wales of the poor condition of Talwrn Bach Station. They want to look at whether it is part of the improvement plan that is now being implemented. L.Joyce will make some enquiries whether there is work likely to be done in Llanbedr. Also check if an inspection has been done here recently.

Coed Aber Artro - drain discharging into the road - Ed Midmore of the Woodland Trust has arranged for the works to be carried out.

Salt Bins - have received a message from the County Council asking if any salt bins need to be filled in the Llanbedr area. (Rhiw Cypla Bin)

Taith Ardudwy Trail - received a message from Mr Gwynne Pierce following his request for a contribution towards keeping the website for Taith Ardudwy alive. They intend to reimburse the Chairman as he has defrayed the cost of keeping the website going for the past 2 years. Debt of £ 250. 2 signs such as those at Llanbedr square have not yet been installed. Can't get a site at Cilfor or Harlech at the moment. The cost of the website is £ 125 annually. It appears that other Councils have now given money. Llanbedr to contribute next financial year, and set aside £ 100 in budget.

Hedges near Bron Pwll - Following confirmation from Gwynedd Council Steffan Jones that this work will be carried out soon.

The Wooden Art work - there is some doubt as to whether this is worth replacing. A piece has rotted in it. Some want it to be reinstated. Need to ask Ian and Malcolm if this is doable.

Christmas Lights

Again this year Llanbedr is at its best with Christmas lights. Thanks to the Beer Festival Committee, and also to Caroline for the donation to the Village of a Christmas tree near Victoria Inn. The other trees given by the Community Council but have not received the invoice for them.

Councillors Report

CG Report by A. Hughes

* Regarding Bryn Hyfryd salt bin - arrangement in place to install a new bin with fresh salt supply.

* Waiting to repaint zig zag lines near the School.

* Due to the election being on 12.12.19 she is unable to contact any Member of Parliament regarding any concerns.

* Cambrian Line meeting - work on the railway bridge is nearing completion.

* Governors Meeting 10.12.19

* A.H. thanking the Beer Festival for the spectacular Christmas lights. Councillor Robin Ward noted that the profit for the evening was £ 570 towards Stroke Association.

Paths / Woodlands Committee - Nothing new to report. Need to contact Magnox to show the work that has been done and also to apply for the grant. Had a meeting with Peter Rutherford National Park and was happy with the accessible plan for Aberartro Wood. Need to apply for further grants towards this.

Unfortunately Victoria Inn is putting a rubbish bin in front of the display board in the Village. Kevin will talk to them about this.

Huchenfeld Committee

There will be a fund raising evening in the New Year. Jennifer Greenwood is going to Germany and wants to put a wreath of flowers near the site where the British soldiers were killed. Nothing more than that. That Helen Johns presented the Community Council with a gift from Sabine, Mayor of Huchenfeld (bottles of wine and glasses). Passed to send a thank you card for their kindness. It was also agreed that the wine was offered as a raffle prize at the fundraising evening.

Llanbedr Kiosk

If the telephone supply is switched off, no individual can purchase the red box. Although there is some

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interest in this. It was therefore passed that the Community Council would pay £ 1.00 if the matter was not resolved.

A request from a member of the public to look after the equipment, paint etc has been received. Council supportive of this.

Public Toilets

To keep them open all year long would need to contribute £ 4000 (this increases the precept value for Llanbedr) But toilets are needed all year round to attract people to stay and explore Llanbedr. CG has a grant available for local businesses to open their toilets for public use. The Clerk has passed a form to RW regarding this.

Lagoon – have received a printout or newsletter (issue 4) regarding this.

Next meeting 9.1.2020