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Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council Zoom meeting – Thursday evening 3.12.20 at 7.00 pm.

Present – meeting 8 Councillor and Councillor Annwen Hughes and Sioned Williams head of Econ and Comm Gwynedd Council.

Ian Morris has received a letter by post but no response back from him. Need to contact the Gwynedd Council electoral division now to inform that Llanbedr Council has a vacant seat.

Discussion took place - potential for the Village after the bypass (a contract for the workforce and what could be received from the Contractor as a result).

GP provided a summary of the history relating to the proposed bypass, or access road to the Airfield. The plans have been agreed and so the road is a fact. He noted that the Council had made several efforts to get changes to the plans or improvements in 2017 but there had been no luck. Such as roundabouts on the road.

The other issues below are of great importance to the Village as well –

Signage, pavement to Talwrn Bach, Car Park.

With all the expenditure on such a large project there has to be a strategy for the Village - so that we do not miss out.

We need a Visitor Centre, and emphasis on walking trails and improvements - which have already started - the public toilets open all year round. Possibility of a museum in Moreia?

SW – the need to look at Government policy "Community Benefit". That the contractors give something back to the Community.

IJ – noted that a car park was very practical. With little additional costs. Site for parking cabins etc for the proposed works - reserved on the plans for an area near the standing stones. A need to put this forward before any contract is in place. The field would be purchased – or part of the field, and therefore already in the possession of YGC.

SW – looking at a contract – an opportunity for Gwynedd Council. Look at how to put this into the contract. Look at a smaller group of the Community Council to do this. Important to work together. Happy to be part of any discussions.

GP – land area – car park – land purchase enforcement.

SW – the land area in a flood area, an environmental issue. Ensure that there is scope to work on this.

IJ – the issue of flooding. Buying land because this is happening here.

RW – note that we do not know where the work site will be. There is certainly a need for parking spaces close to the Village for the benefit of the local shopping.

GP – agree but that there is a land restriction at Llanbedr.

SW – look at the possibility of a car park as a separate project, but it must be put into the contract between the work Compound and the Village.

IJ – in relation to the issue of flooding – that YGC is going to buy this land, that planning permission comes with this.

SW – Can there be a small group to look at the best sites?

This is of course possible.

Timescale – work on this.

Kevin – whether the toilets can be improved as a result of the bypass.

AH – the building is old and bleak and run down

RW – concern with speeding on the new road . Tried to put in place limit of 40 mph. But YGC 60mph..

GP – can this be a topic for group discussion?

SW – it is important to include the wishes of the community. Put this on the table as a discussion point

CE– my interest is marketing, and good signage is needed to attract people to the Village. This is very important; what are the signs and when this needs to be discussed?

SW – There are 2 types of signage – One for road safety and regulations and 2. for marketing and tourism

Remember this is supposed to be an access road to the Airfield and its purpose is not to avoid Llanbedr. How to raise awareness and appreciate this.

GP – need to create a small group to drive forward. Trying to have a meeting at beginning of new year-.

RW – how can feedback be received from the community?

GP – we can discuss this again and consult with the community.

GD – lost the discussion because of internet problems.

GP – thanked SW for her views and hoping that new jobs will come to Llanbedr as a result of developments at the Airfield.

SW – any agreement with the community locally is very welcomed.

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Finance Report – e-mailed to all beforehand.

Total in the bank at the end of November 2020 - £19108.59

This does not include the second payment of £2000 for the toilets. – Gwynedd Council do not acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

History again emphasises this. Same as the end of last financial year. The Clerk noted that she had the same difficulty. A cheque of £2000 not processed out of the Council's account. Although an e-mail confirms that they in Gwynedd had received that cheque (31.1.20)

It was agreed that the Clerk would send to the Head of finance department explaining all this. (Dafydd Edwards.)AH to forward e-mail address

High cost of work on playing field equipment by G L Jones £1865.00 cleaning and re-painting of toddler equipment. That Beer Festival had given £400 towards this in March.

It was passed that something had to be done before they got worse. But without putting so much of this aside for the budget.

It was agreed that IJ and the Clerk would have a zoom meeting to look at the financial possibilities.

### **Matters Arising from The Minutes**

1. Mast - Talwrn Bach – Helen noted that things have not improved. RW referred that he had contacted the Planning Department to see what the problem was. And responded by saying that they were waiting for new posts to be erected.
2. Bryn Deiliog and water flowing into the road. AH noted that work force had visited Bryn Deiliog area to resolve the problem with the water running into the road. Leaf sweeping has commenced in Meirionnydd since the beginning of November. In addition to this the clearing of side of the roads has been going on in the valleys to improve the situation.
3. Yellow line marking – arranged with the workforce to re-paint the lines. But dry weather is needed to paint these

### **Planning Applications**

1. Cefn Uchaf Agricultural shed application – number NP5/62/ 72D

Already discussed. No objection. And sent comments to the National Park

2. Application No. NP5/62/418. Erect a side extension over the existing garage, rear extension and install a dormer window. Clydfan, Llanbedr

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Comments – no objection

3. Fallen animal storage application – GP noted that this application had been rejected once again.

#### .PLAYING FIELD ISSUES

The Clerk noted that there were many factors arising from the playing field, some aspects historically such as

1. Solar Panels – have been through the old records 2016 and 2017 –

That the matter is more complex - 6.7.17 minutes maintain that 2 batteries are required for each lamp. Need to find the solar panel (in Dolgellau) and need 12 volts bulbs. Or wiring electricity to the site. Community Council will have to pay for the work but Gwynedd Council would be happy to look after them afterwards.

In the Minutes of September 2017 neither the battery controller, nor the lamp was working. The solar panels work. Recommending that LED bulbs to be placed there. Gwynedd Council is investigating the cost. They would be happy to install them but the Community Council would have to pay for the equipment.

Minutes of March 2018 – states that discussions must be held at the April 2018 meeting.

Minutes April 2018 - says it's difficult to get any concrete information. Had contact with an LED company. IJ noted that the matter should be forgotten. But there was no support for this. Talk about a windmill system to put on the existing poles. To explore this possibility further.

And that's where the issue was left until now.!

2. Another issue raised by reading through the old records was - drainage and soak away from Plas Newydd land and Bryn Deiliog (Minutes 1.6.2017)

This has yet to come to an end. The environment department is now responsible and they want to contact the Clerk. This was instead of both parties' Solicitors (Artro Properties Solicitors and Gwynedd Council Solicitors) who were due to finalise matters. The Community Council were keen to have something in writing in terms of who's responsible - if the soak away drains were to block up in the future. But no solution yet.

Agreed that this was passed to Gwynedd Council, The Clerk to send details to AH.

3. Plot of land near the playing field – in the minutes 4.4.2019. Pass to cut this plot of land once a year in the autumn. The plot that now is under discussions as a community garden!

Potential Grants available but the application must be submitted, and if successful, work to be done by the end of the financial year. Some for different aspects.

a) Potential Grant from Gwynedd Council's department – by contacting Gwen Eluned Evans (Econ and Community) – titled play grant. A potential source of grant towards repairs to play field equipment.

And football goals. That GP has arranged to visit some residents of the village in relation to the football field. 5.12.20

b) Application through National Park (Ann Williams.) But now Rhys Owen is implementing the project. This is for a community garden. May have set aside £7000 towards the purchase of equipment, courses, plants, trees, shrubs. An open-ended request in the information. It will be possible to work with SNPA on this and be able to benefit from their service and experience.

c) Other grant from Snowdonia National Park – community grants £100 - £500 Contact Etta Trumper. This can help the rough patch area – a community garden.

d) Potential grant of "resilience Fund" covid 19. Possibly, but what are the long-term objectives? Declaration of interest required by 7.12.20

Possibilities for the football field –

Caroline and Steve visited the site. That the posts are starting to rot. Ok for now. There are no nets here. Steve can do work to install iron pillars to prevent the footballs from getting further through the goal.

GP noted that he was meeting with a group on Saturday morning.

Potential cost for new goals £800 - £900. But could also be galvanised at an additional cost. Agreed to ask Caroline to contact Steve to give an estimate of all the work.

To try and move forward with applying for this grant application. –

Kevin – that we as Council act after receiving the complaints.

Eirwyn – it is possible to put goal posts in sleeves in the ground.

Re solar – forget about it.

Un-registered drain – send details to AH.

### **Community Garden –**

GD and GP explained that a small number had met on the site last Saturday in relation to the development of the site as a community garden. That it is possible to carry on with this. Potential grants available to access as well.

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GP – discuss the ideas of the volunteers – an idea to cut an area of land, remove the brambles and see what will grow in the spring. Cutting bracken. Get a machine to do this. Possible to install benches, paths through the grass.

IJ's ideas were also discussed – What are we trying to do here? - to tidy up or leave to go wild. Difficult to know where to start, it is possible to plant daffodils, grow plants from seeds, and then plant them - such as primroses and bluebells, gorse and their yellow flowers for honey bees.

Everyone supports the idea and welcome any access to any relevant grant.

ETH - suggests that the plot of land is too large. This piece has not been mowed since this time last year. Why not focus on one piece of land such as the butterfly area?

Helen – People have their relevant ideas. The area needs to be cut once a year. Also, the need to keep one area wild, with the sloe berries, blackberries, when ripe. People are encouraged to forage the fruit of the fields these days. Why not focus on one piece of land at a time?

RW – thought the purpose of last Saturday's meeting was to gather ideas from volunteers AND THEN FOR US AS a Council to look for suitable grants and funding.

GP – feel that there is too much talk of potential grants that may or not be available and, there is no need to go after grant schemes too much, remembering the volunteers.

GD – it is time to do something now – prepare to clear the ground, and tidy up, but that this growth of vegetation is too much for small machines and smaller strimmers.

ETH – the land is currently too wet to do ground work with a tractor and mower.

The recommendations to cut the area in question was accepted.

How and with what? Penrhyn Tool Hire have equipment to hire for 2 days?

The work was assigned to GD to investigate this, and to see what Penrhyn Tool Hire had to offer and potential costs of hiring such tools.

IJ – this has not been put into the budget.

The Clerk endorsed the scheme from SNPA.

ETH – one autumn cut is needed here even though the grass and bracken are dying.

CE – that residents of the village must be aware of what is happening so that they do not get confused between the plots of land. Trying to make a nice spot, wildlife, trees in memory. But ensure that the other areas are kept tidy in the same way in an attempt to please everyone.

GP – to put messages on fb in relation to the developments.

Kevin – only 5 people were negative in relation to work in the community garden.

That closes discussion about the playing field for the time being.

**Other Issues on the agenda –**

Setting a Precept for next year – passed to hold a Council meeting at 6.30 pm 7.1.21 to discuss this.

IJ and the Clerk to have a zoom meeting prior to this, to arrange finance report so that it can be e-mailed to all Councillors prior to the January meeting for discussion.

Annual audit report changes in 2021. Cycle of 3 YEARS

Also that IJ has been on a zoom course meeting with One Voice Wales in relation to finance and funding.

There are issues to try to improve the way we conduct our accounts. – signing cheques and bank statements for example. How we spend against the budget, summary on the spread sheet - and take note of this in the minutes. Re assess the budget from one column to another!

In taking the course, documents pertaining to the details are available.

**Gwynedd Council Issues – by AH**

1. Did not receive any comments regarding small re cycling bins for village- clothing bin.
2. Received a complaint regarding the need for a dog fouling bin near the entrance of footpath 1 – on the riverbank.
3. Open Consultation in relation to the Aerodrome. Following a recent zoom meeting. Open days at the Camp. Consultation response required by 22.1.21 (opens on 7.12.20) (e mail to follow)

To discuss this at the January meeting.

4. Talwrn Bach train station – not yet received confirmation when the service will resume from here–.

**Other Issues**

1. Kevin – noted that the slate creation bench by the toilets is broken. Ask Euron to do the work
2. RW – Christmas lights are up. An invoice for the 3 small trees will come to the Council like previous year.

3. RW – asked about the Post Office arrangements in Llanbedr. AH had already responded to this – and that the Post Van Service was in Llanbedr every Friday.

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Llanbedr 12.45 – 13.30 (Victoria Car Park)

Harlech 13.45 – 15.00 (Swimming Pool Car Park)

4. RW – an explosion at a sewerage treatment plant in Avonmouth, Bristol, where 4 workers were killed. Need to express our concerns about this to Welsh Water Authority, as there is a similar but much smaller system at Llanbedr.

5. ETh – want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

6. Kevin – that Richard Workman needs to be thanked for mowing the playing field – that GP will do this.

7. AH – that a teacher in Llanbedr Dorothy Williams will be retiring having worked in Llanbedr for 32 years. It was agreed to send her a card and flowers via the Chairperson.

8. Helen noted that the village is very lovely with the Christmas lights up, and that a lot of individual houses have this year made an effort to light up their properties in an exceptional year, ready for Christmas.