

Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council – virtual meeting 2.12.21

Present – Gruffydd Price, Eirwyn Thomas, Annwen Hughes, Iolyn Jones, Robin Ward, Helen Johns.

Apologies – Kevin Titley, Caroline Evans.

A word from The Chair Gruffydd Price – wishing the Council's condolences with Kevin Titley in his recent bereavement of his mother.

Planning Applications – no applications received.

Vested interest – none to declare.

Planning issues – several activities taking place in the Village that are not known to the relevant Authorities. RW noted that it is not right to place the site names in the minutes in relation to this. It was therefore passed to delete from the minutes of last month.

There has been considerable discussion on this, and it has been passed in the end that this is the responsibility of the National Park Authority. GP noted that it is not our responsibility as a Council to target and visit site owners who are doing work without planning permission. We therefore agreed to leave matters as they are at present.

RW noted that some form of notice needs to be placed on the webpage when this is re- done. For people to ensure that they have the right permission before starting any appropriate work.

Accept the records as been correct having made the adjustment to them..

Interest – nothing to declare.

Finance

Spread sheet was circulated via e mail, and shown on the zoom page.

Expenditure for the month – November / December

Tree Cutting in the cemetery £250

Donation to Beer Festival - Christmas lights £400

Need to have an invoice for the christmas trees.

Dyffryn Iron Designs - bill for work - mowing playing field November £140

The draft budget was reported by IJ.

He noted that these are estimates for determining a precept. Need to be in a better position by January to be more assertive..

Website - Set aside £2000 for a website. This is to be discussed in January. It would be nice to have a positive figure here by then.

Maintenance of footpaths – running costs again £1000

Need to walk the paths to assess how much work will need to be done here – clearing trees and so on, and have a better idea of the costs needed.

Huchefeld - £1000 because a group of youth are expected to come to Llanbedr next year. Must be sure how much money is already in their bank account. Clerk to enquire about this.

Community Garden - maintenance - £1000

Community garden – it was noted that funding will be required for maintenance, grass cutting, hedge planting, tree planting. And develop more on site. The daffodils have been planted.

It was questioned where the zoom budget is – it was noted that this was attached to a translation section.

This is right, and a reason to leave the precept as it is £15000 for another year.

Because a large sum of money is carried from year to year. Need to ensure that this is allocated - for projects that have not been fulfilled but are in the pipeline.

E TH noted that there were significant costs on the maintenance of the playing field. Mowing costs. There is also a need to cut the boundary-side hedge between Tyddyn Pandy land and the playing field (river side). This hedge is a mess and needs to be trimmed. Again extra costs.

It was decided to leave this to the garden community group – volunteers to do any work or to price. Need to discuss properly In January.

Look at public footpaths, community garden and Huchenfeld. What is needed here and potential costs.

Gruffydd Price thanked Eirwyn, and Iolyn and the Clerk for their work in preparing this statement for preliminary discussions

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Thanked Kevin Titley for his work in organising Remembrance Sunday, also to Richard Workman for caring for the loudspeaker, and all others who took part in this year's remembrance service.

2. Open meeting arranged by Members of the Public Pobl Llanbedr. 10.12.21 at the Airfield.

IJ noted that this was good, more people there to support.

RW – that there is a link on page fb.

Annwen Hughes will chair. Karl arranged to borrow the hanger. Liz Saville Roberts and Mabon ap Gwynfor, Dyfrig Siencyn, David Young have also promised to be there.

Dyfrig Siencyn has contacted Vaugh Gethin regarding the need for good quality work here at Llanbedr.

RW – noted that having a petition and meeting is fine, but that there should also be measures in place to do something positive, move on and see something happen.

AH – things not so easy as that.

HJ – rumours of green development in the report. And traffic lights to reduce congestion.!!

GP – indicated that he was keen to speak at the start of meeting to provide the historical background to the proposed development, and new road at Llanbedr.

ETH - noted that the Airfield Directors has not publicly commented since the statement was pronounced.

AH – noted that they have contacted the Welsh Government regarding the refusal of this development

IJ – noted that work is vital for the area.

RW – that the report says plainly enough that this development in Llanbedr is too large. And one access road to the Airport – from the Barmouth side – should be seriously thought of.

GP – noted that this is not sufficient and lorries would also come from a northerly direction to Llanbedr, and the bridge again troublesome.

HJ – Remember this is the development of a New Access Road for facilitating transport to the Airfield.

IJ – remember the economy, which is vital.

GP – need to contact other councils to invite them.

Eth – supportive of the meeting but need for Councillors to show a boundary between us and them.

AH – there as a County Councillor.

Community Council Councillors may be there as individuals.

GP – noted that a Community Council as a body is supportive of the New Road. (but some are not so keen, he will represent the Council.)

AH – everyone to respect the views of others.

Llanbedr Bridge

The bridge receives a biennial inspection in accordance with order / request in relation to this type of bridge. A last audit was carried out in May 2020 and the next will be programmed for May next year. 2020

The most recent inspection has highlighted that the bridge is in good condition. The score comes out as follows - 89.23

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Very Good - between - >90 & <100 Good - between - >80 & <90 Fair - between - >65 & <80 Poor - between >40 & >65

Very poor – between >0 & <40

Work is needed on the stone wall of the bridge that has been struck by heavy vehicles but this does not affect the bridge structure at all. We will between now and the end of the financial year arrange an audit of the foundation through a scour audit regime.

Other Issues

1. ETh raised the issue that the "Sarn Hir" road near the sewerage entrance is very uneven and very dangerous especially to drivers towing a trailer. Contact Gwynedd Council.
2. RW – remember the christmas lights are switched on the 3.12.21 between 5.30 and 7.00. Come and support , thank you.