

Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council that met on Thursday **February 7th** 2019.

Present

Chairman Kevin Titley, vice chairman Gruffydd Price, Iolyn Jones, Robin Ward, Caroline Evans, Goronwy Davies, Eirwyn Thomas, Annwen Hughes CG.

Apologies for absence

Helen Johns, Ian Morris.

Declaration of Interest - Nothing to declare

Receive the Minutes of the last meeting and seen as a true representation., Also to include the fact that the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman Gruffydd Price, in the absence of Kevin Titley Chairman.

Financial Report

The spread sheet was in line with the Bank Statement at the end of January 2019 £ 17528.38

Number of items to be paid out of the account in February: -

Payments

Guthrie Jones and Jones - registration of the Hall with Land Registry (transfer of lease from the Community Council to Neuadd Gymdeithasol Llanbedr - £ 186.00

Payment of £ 17.50 to the Clerk for the Remembrance Sunday Wreath
G.L.Jones Bethesda for playground equipment assessment £ 234.00 (inclusive of £ 39 VAT).

SLCC - membership of the Association of Clerks £ 43.00

Wales Audit - external audit BDO £ 542.40

Payment for Catrin Williams translation for February . (Will receive invoice in February)

Pay for Christmas Tree. Number of trees not on the invoice. Need to establish how many trees to pay for. The invoice is £ 81.00.

Need to secure for next year the number of trees that the Beer Festival orders, and that the Community Council pays for that amount.

Received a letter of thanks from HAL for the contribution and also from the Sheep Dog Trials Association.

BDO examination

Clarification was received for the amount due for the audit of accounts.

Llanbedr was higher this year than the previous year. Due to the fact that 7,20

hours were taken to carry out this year's work compared to 2 hours last year. There was also an email showing what is expected from the Councils, and it was agreed that Iolyn Jones will help the Clerk from the outset.

A list was also included showing the amounts payable for work, depending on experience and hourly rate, as follows

	2019/20	2018/2019
Director	£ 161 per hour	£ 159
Manager	115	112
Chief Auditor	94	93
Senior Auditor	73	66/76
Auditor	57.00	57.00
Graduate Trainee	46.00	44.00

It was noted that a number of Councils had not received a completion certificate from the inspectors.

Also, there is an additional cost, if they receive documents in the Welsh language. Any correspondence via telephone also adds to the costs.

The Clerk explained that there is no certainty who is conducting the examination, and by sending an e mail or by post who examines them. Having consistency would be welcome.

Cost of Clearing Public Footpaths - that the Clerk had sent the details to the relevant officer Liz Haynes for repayment.

Appointment of Internal Auditor - it was agreed that the Clerk sends a letter to Gwynedd Council - Luned Jones to carry out the work.

Committee Reports / Impact on risk assessment

Playing Field

The Clerk noted that the play equipment had been assessed by G.L.Jones and that there was a need to do some work in the playground according to the report. (Recording as Risk 7.2.19)

It was agreed that the work has to be done. Certainly before Easter, and as soon as possible. Contact G.Jones .. The cost is £ 1590.00. (VAT included £

Bear Bin in the playing field - because of the rubbish left behind, and also that the concrete base was a danger, it was agreed that the bin was relocated there. Eirwyn Thomas agreed to relocate it, and he was thanked for this. The bin may also need to be cleansed.

Benches

Need to examine these.

Private bench broken near Cambrian Clearance. Need to notify the owner of this problem.

The Graveyard - Need to examine the gravestones. 2 of the Councillors agreed to do this in February .

The Clerk examined the path and hedge February 4.2.19

Need to spray the path - moss growth . Ivy growing on the wall and causing stones to fall.

The Clerk noted that the Councillors should visit the site in order to decide whether to put the work out to a local contractor with a qualification certificate to use chemical weed killers. (It was noted that Hywel Wyn Jones has the adequate qualification .)

Other Matters for Risk Assessment – The War Memorial path, footpaths (but these are more relevant to Gwynedd Council, goods, such as display boards, and bins that are owned by the Council..

Record entry in the register and also the minutes when any audit was carried out and when any qualifying work was carried out.

Committee Reports

Report by Annwen Hughes - Gwynedd Council

- Pentre Gwynfryn footbridge - that this work has gone out to tender.

Expecting the work to be done before the end of March.

- Regarding Precept - had been in 2 workshops - one in Dolgellau and the other in Caernarfon. That Gwynedd anticipates a 5.5% increase, in the same way as Wreccsam. Other councils with a higher rate. This is expected to be an additional £ 71.53 per annum on housing in Band D. It has been said that there will be a charge for replacing recycled bins if broken, but Councillor Hughes did not favour this. A final decision will be made in the March committee.

- Llanbedr New Road - that the decision to grant planning permission for the new road had to be removed, due to a matter raised by a local land owner

related to Habitats Regulations Assessments. AH has contacted Meirion Williams regarding this, the plans will be put before the Planning Authority next month. But not yet aware how long this will take. The allegation is that no attention has been taken to the otter habitat on site.

The Clerk had contacted the National Park regarding this also, and expressed concern. There has been a response stating that the officers are working closely with Gwynedd Officers to reassess any impact and comply with the requirements of Habitats Regulations Assessment, and to ensure that a full report is submitted to the Authority's Access and Planning Committee as soon

as possible. They fully understand the importance of this road to the area and will do everything possible to ensure that this will go ahead

- Llanbedr Aerospace - formula 1 car testing on the track 6.2.19

Ysgol Ardudwy's students had a good experience seeing this especially if interested in future engineering work. A number of residents may have heard the noise.

That David Young, one of the Directors, had asked to come to the Council Meeting.

- Either side of the Village - 30 mph signpost have been erected. This is to be welcomed.

- The roads in the area have been swept.

- Street Lighting defects - Bodafon, and Bron Meini, and Ardudwy.

- Cut in electricity supply - February 21 for a period. Elderly people who are completely dependent on electricity for heating may well be affected. But questionnaires have been circulated by the company to those residents, and it is expected that everything will be fine. Many e mails have been received noting their concern for neighbours.

HAL - by Iolyn Jones

There is a new spirit here, and things are looking better. But still concerned that the 3 sections regarding finance are not kept apart. (The Pool, climbing wall and cafe).

Having relied on one person to make a spread sheet, but now he has resigned from the Director's position.

Minutes of meetings were accepted by email.

Paths and Woodlands Committee - Iolyn, Caroline and Gruff. Pritchard and

Griffiths Tremadog had the contract of making the wooden frames for the display boards.

The Woodland Trust is doing their own work, and it is expected that the new display boards will be installed at Coed Crafnant in a few months.

Coed Hafod y Bryn is allocated for a disabled route and needs suitable display boards for disabled people.

Need to drive on with a sign for the centre of the Village.

Another phase will be to produce paper leaflets. No money at the moment for funding this.. But there will be a web leaflet about the paths, and that the advertising boards are more important at the moment.

They were thanked for their work.

Social Hall Committee Report - Eirwyn and Iolyn

It was noted that the Hall was very busy, and new things are taking place here. Improvements made to the fire door in the Cylch Meithrin section, a gate is also placed on the path for safety, and external door has been fixed (engineering impairment)

A meeting was held with the Governors back in December to try and change the contract documents. There was no success, but still tried. They oppose the access to the car park and crossing the pavement .

Therefore at present Cylch Meithrin will re-use the land plot near the Hall.

Learning about community boost-use of hub computer in the hall , morning 8.2.19.

Social Center Committee 28.2.19 with details to follow.

Huchenfeld - Kevin Titley

That officers have been chosen, chairman, secretary and treasurer. GP noted that he was pleased that a new committee had been established.

Arrange for a constitution to include the Chair or Vice Chair of the Community Council on this committee. That the Community Council have agreed through the budget to pay for the Hall's hire charges for the Huchenfeld committees.

Next Committee 5..4.19

Dates for the German visit to Llanbedr (September, October) were discussed.

No definite date as yet.

Other Issues

1. Application for financial assistance from Theatr y Ddraig, Barmouth

Expect a contribution of £ 450 from the Llanbedr Council. Notified by e mail of their annual costs, but no mention of hiring charges, and receipts involved

in the running of the Theatre.

We need more detail. Although some of the Council are supportive, the Clerk needs to ask for more information.

Will this be one payment, or annually?

How much is the cost of hiring the venue?

Need a current balance sheet

How many events do they organize themselves there?

2..An application for financial assistance from Meirionnydd Young Farmers Clubs. It was passed to leave this until next month. As mentioned previously, in a better position at the end of a year to decide.

3. Code of Conduct in place - adopt the same as last year. Although there is a new example available from One Voice Wales.

4. Freedom of Information Act - need to look again at this.

5. Risk Assessments - doing this as individuals, reporting and recording.

Adopt the one we have on the register at the moment with some alterations..

6. That the supply of 02 reception for mobile phones near Talwrn Bach has been cancelled from 10.00 am 7.2.19 and the mast will be removed. This is a concern, especially for the many that have already received a good service in the past, Matter has been referred to Liz Saville Roberts. Member of Parliament for Meirionnydd and Dwyfor

It was also noted that this condition was a temporary permission for this installation for a period of 12 months.

7. One Voice Wales - next Committee will be held 20.2.19 at the Free Library, Dolgellau.

8. The Clerk noted that Capel Gwynfryn (Capel y Ddôl) the building has closed, because the building was not safe for the congregation, and that the services are now held at the Hall in Llanbedr.

Next Meeting 7.3.19