

Minutes of zoom meeting of Llanbedr Community Council 3.2.21

Present

Gruffydd Price, Eirwyn Thomas, Helen Johns, Iolyn Jones, Kevin Titley, Robin Ward, Caroline Evans, Annwen Hughes

Apologies

Goronwy Davies (illness)

Personal Interest – declaring an interest by Goronwy Davies – ecological report conducted by his daughter in law – GP noted that the work had been done to a high standard and reasonably priced.

No Planning Application to be discussed

Gruffydd Price as Chairperson welcomed everyone to the February zoom meeting,

The last Minutes – need to include the name of Councillor Iolyn Jones was at the meeting. Otherwise accepted as being correct.

Finance

1. Need to appoint an External Auditor – (same as last year – through Gwynedd Council)

2. Money in the Bank at the end of January is £18980.24

Receipts – Aled Jones has given £50.00 towards the sign at the Campsite – footpaths/woodland project.

£180 from Gwynedd Council – rebate for clearing work on footpaths.

Payments made –

Gwynedd Council weed killing at playfield - £144.

SLSS Membership £45.00

Community Garden Ecological Report £150

Payments which will be required during February – approved these payments

Opening of grave x 2

Payment of a refund to Goronwy Davies for the gloves etc £87.80

Woodland Craft Supplies £164.50

Benches for the community garden

That the shrubs for a hedge have also arrived.

Sion Owen's work – needs payment.

Other Issues

1. Llanbedr Aerodrome Consultation

That the Clerk has responded to this and retained everything as Neutral as required to option 1 and option 2.

The Council would support the development if there was confirmation of the following

1. Noise and emissions reduction
2. Working between 9.00 and 5.00
3. None at weekends
4. Avoid flying over the Village
5. No military work on site.

RW noted that he had seen that a number had responded over the internet. There are also claims that water activities will not be allowed around the Island. (In "exclusion zone of the danger area")

David Young ensures that there is no truth in this. (Kevin Titley had approached him regarding this)

Wait now to see what the outcome of the consultation will be.

2. Meeting with YCG crew regarding Llanbedr Bypass

The Clerk has enquired about this again, as it was postponed at the beginning of January. This was received from Lindsey from Gwynedd Council

"It would probably be better to wait until the next update on the limitations of covid 19 before arranging anything. Probably talking about March".

GP also to finish the plans / map in graphics form – but has not yet completed this, and apologised. Details received pdf from YCG. He will send a copy to each Councillor and to YCG, when completed.

3. Playground and Bins

The Clerk noted that she had contacted Gwynedd Council regarding this. Playing field green bin was overfull with household waste. The lid therefore does not close properly, and because of this, it is full of water. Received a phone call from Carron from the department in Dolgellau, visiting the site, and will drill holes in the bin to release the water Thus making it easier to empty the bin in the future.

Kevin Titley noted that this had now been done.

Also that unlawful tipping has taken place between Tan-y- Wenallt and Pensarn. This has already been notified to the Council.

Also black bins are left near the toilets again. This has been notified to CG.

What to do? Do we need a proper bin here near the toilets? Hooks already on the wall of the building.

It was agreed to enquire whether it would be possible to have a bin here, similar to the one by the Wenallt. A multi-purpose one.

4. Storm Cristoph.

We have recently experienced the strength of nature and major flooding in the River Artro.

Through Councillor RW it was understood that a number of residents had complained to Gwynedd Council in relation to this. AH questioned which dwellings had made a complaint.

Victoria, Ty Ni Maes Artro, The Old School, Tan y Ffridd, Ty Cwch, Pen Parc, 1 Glanafon.

On understanding that Rhydian Roberts Gwynedd Council has arranged to see these individually.

5. Gwynedd Council – AH report

a) Sent to Adrian Williams – regarding road marking, weather fault, ice, snow and flooding preventing the work from going ahead.

AH noted that Llanbedr was at the top of this work schedule.

b) Llanbedr Bridge – is given an assessment (in relation to lines on the bridge, signage and yellow box). Unsure whether this was going to work?

c) Litter bins/re-cycling – not received a response from Cyngor Gwynedd in relation to this.

6. Playing Field

a) Sculpture – that GP has contacted Meirion Jones to secure the sculpture in place properly.

b) Playing field equipment – passed that these are not on the community garden grant application list. So, there is under spending.

c) Have ordered the trees and keep them at the nursery. Plant them next year. Hedgerow trees have arrived. Have not been invoiced for these.

500 mix of – white hawthorn, black hawthorn. 3 types in total.

IJ raised the question - whether blackthorn is suitable for such a hedge, because of its tendency to grow out of control. and need annual pruning work on it?

D) Naming of the land? GP asks that this should not be discussed because GD was not present at the meeting!

IJ – Suggestion to adopt the word Dol - for the playing field. Need to give separate names to the sites.

Eth – What about the Gardd y Ddol, The Ddol Playing Field, Dol Football Field.

KT – different elements on the sites. And discrimination is needed.

Helen Johns – postponement of discussion and consultation with the Community. Everyone is happy with this.

Clerk – A name put forward by GD is Cae Deiliog for the community garden plot.

It was passed to consult with the community on this and put a notice on the community page and also on the website. Important that the community is involved in this and especially the volunteers. Kevin and Caroline to do this.

GP thanked everyone for their work with the community garden project. A great deal of work has been done so far.

6. Precept – record its retention as last year £15000

Additional report from AH on the work of Gwynedd Council

1) That Gwynedd has upgraded an adult section in places such as Hafod Mawddach. 7 bedrooms for residents with dementia.

2) A wind-damaged tree near Bryn Deiliog. (Kevin and Annwen)

3) Storm Cristoph – flooding. AH asks whether there has been any improvement on the Bryn Deiliog road after Gwynedd Council have cleared the drains?

As a result IJ noted that Cypla Road gutters had been cleaned. Now they are quite clear.

Water coming over the road and Glanffrwd bridge. Need to tell Natural Resources Wales.

RW noted that it was extreme weather, very unusual.

ETH – suggest that the Owners of Glanffrwd should strengthen under the gate to prevent this from happening again. That ETH has a word with the owner of Glanffrwd in relation to this and to try to have a meeting with Rhydian to solve the problem – as the water accumulates over the bridge and runs down to the village.

One Voice Wales Report by IJ and ETH.

Having been on the Meirionnydd meeting of One Voice Wales on zoom 3.2.21. They were thanked for this.

That the Welsh Government takes over the lead in relation to the Railway Committee.

Change of voting age to 16.

Change in Accounts Audits. This was mentioned last month.

Council Vacancy – that the Clerk is to inform Gwynedd Council that there is an occasional vacancy on the Council. Clarify the situation. Ask whether this has to be done now, or wait until next year, when it will be the year of by- elections.

Other Issues

1. GP noted that Euron Richards had repaired the slate bench near the toilets.
2. GP has also asked Meirion to replace the wooden art bench.
3. Caroline – noted that there are additional objectives to come in relation to design and printing of signs for the path and woodland project.
4. GP noted the need to spend time discussing woodland routes and project at next month's meeting. Suggests that those who like to walk, walk the trails and report any obstructions on them by the next meeting.
5. Kevin Titley noted that dog fouling is again a problem on the pavement from the Vic to Ty Mawr. Need to keep an eye on this.
6. Cambrian Line closes between 13 and 23 February. Trains stop at Barmouth.

Everyone was thanked for their comments in order to facilitate meetings such as this, and to Catrin for her translation service.