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Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council meeting on the evening of Thursday 9th January 2020

Present: -

Annwen Hughes (CG) Helen Johns, Goronwy Davies, Iolyn Jones, Caroline Evans, Eirwyn Thomas, Kevin Titley (Chair)

Apologies for Absence: -

Gruffydd Price, Robin Ward.

Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting after the Christmas break and wished everyone a very prosperous New Year.

Interest - nothing to declare.

That the December council minutes be accepted as a true record.

This meeting was primarily a Finance Committee to deliver a budget for the 20/21 budget

Llanbedr's precept is currently set at £ 14193

It was raised to £ 15000

This is an increase of 5.67% for a Band D occupancy

The rationale for this is that it will provide an additional £ 807 to the Council's expenditure

The precept has not risen since 2017 and the Council is facing increasing duties

Of course £ 97 needs to be paid in addition to HAL (£ 4041.80 to £ 4138.80) But we had pledged for 5 years towards the swimming pool, and are pleased to support this, and see the success. 2 years remaining in the contract. So what happens after this?

Hoping to open the toilets all year round - this is £ 4000 per annum

Everyone unanimous to have the toilets open all year, attract people to the area, local value when there is a social occasion in the village, help local businesses - walkers ...and also for local use

No money set aside towards the proposed Village Hall Car Park.

Higher cost of maintaining the playing field annually. £ 800 set aside for grass cutting. Another £ 800 towards equipment renewal, inspection etc. This is not enough. It was agreed to try for a grant from Beer Festival.

So rising to £ 15000

2 Councillors do not favour this increase.

Other finance issues - In the Bank at the end of December there is £ 19939.6

Eifion Roberts has not sent his invoices.

The £ 2000 towards Toilets has not been cashed. Contact them every month, regarding this issue..

Christmas tree - bill required

Mowing the playing field - need an invoice for this.

Other Matters discussed and comment by Annwen Hughes

Yellow and white lines will soon be placed in the square, also near Beser Chapel.

Nothing new regarding kiosk.

Nothing to report regarding bypass. It will not be discussed in the January Committee because the consultation process has been extended. This covers the whole application now.

Need to clear around the 30mph sign near Y Felin.

CG responded regarding the need for improvement to public toilets in the Village. No grant funding currently available. Community Council recommended painting, and improvement to the windows.

Telephone Mast

The Clerk read an e-mail addressed to the National Park regarding the Community Council's response – the e-mail a little naive towards us as a Council. RW was asked to respond to them as he had already been investigating the Snowdonia Local Plan and its policies regarding noise levels and nuisance.

Dog Fouling - a complaint that dog fouling is placed in the bin near Never Cut. This is not a crime, everyone is now entitled to put dog fouling in the green bins.

Litter and illegal dumping - litter in the picnic area.

Avon Stores - site left untidy, bins belonging to neighbouring houses, also fly tipping.

An invitation will be made to visit the Airfield shortly - regarding drones. This is to be welcomed.

Hopefully sometime early March.

Moreia Chapel – No longer interested to purchase as a Mosque

Public Toilets

Send to Gwynedd Council regarding our wish as a Council to have the toilets open all year. This is to attract tourism, walkers, for events in the Village, and for local people as well.

One Voice Wales Committee

That the Council's website needs to be reconsidered. Need to provide more information about the Councillors. Do they represent any particular Parliamentary Parties? It was noted that Llanbedr Councillors do not represent any parties whilst applying for a seat on the Council. Things can change though. Councillor retains office for 5 years now.

16.1.20

Unofficial meeting with Parents of Llanbedr FC, to see what their expectations are for the football pitch.

Present, Eirwyn Thomas and Kevin Titley.

Parents - 7 parents present

There was a great interest in the football club with 16 children training every Tuesday night.

Need to cut the field 2 times a month. Maybe not the whole field. They only use a 40 x 60 piece of the field.

Maybe the Club can look into getting someone else to cut during the summer, when Mochras is busy. (July and August), at a cost of £50 or less a time. Community Council has set aside enough money for this.

Other issues - dog fouling on the field.

Moles are also a problem.

First cut early April.

One of the parents stated that every time there is a football training, he sets up the nets. Nets and balls they have bought themselves.

Ask what the Council is spending the money on? After seeing that the Council was paying towards HAL, and many other things, they were satisfied. And as the Council this year made provision for mowing the grass. The Council was unaware of the existence of the Football Club last year. Have asked about having a calendar of fixtures in order that the Council know when these games are played.