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Minutes of the January 2021 meeting for Llanbedr Community Council 7.1.21 at 6.30

In Attendance – Eirwyn Thomas, Gruffydd Price, Helen Johns, Goronwy Davies, Robin Ward, Kevin Titley, Iolyn Jones

County Councillor Annwen Hughes later joined to discuss Gwynedd Council's issues.

Apologies – apologies received from Caroline Evans, (family bereavement)

Personal Interest – nothing to record.

Last Minutes – last minutes sent by e mail and also a summary of issues discussed during December, in relation to matters arising and also in relation to the accounts with BDO.

It was recorded in this meeting of 7.1.21 that the accounts have been audited, are now accepted, and a report has been placed on the Council's website.

Note also that Llanbedr Accounts will receive a full audit in the next financial year.

Budget

ETh and IJ and the Clerk recently took time over zoom in order to prepare a broad plan of the budget for 2021 and 2022, ref. A) in the documents and a discussion regarding the potential expenditure.

Some columns were changed which is number B in the document (e-mail), and more money was put towards the upkeep of Playing Field (£1800) and also for the upkeep of Public footpaths -£1000. Keep the toilets open all year at £4000 and set aside £1000 towards a trail/woodland project. Continue to contribute towards HAL – a 1.1% increase this year which is less than expected. Also set aside £1000 for the community garden project.

This and other spending raises the amount to £22180

It was explained that the precept could be raised again, but agreed to leave at £15000 as last year because of the difficult circumstances of families losing work and so on because of the pandemic Covid 19.

Therefore, if needed, will dig into the reserves as a result. It was agreed that this was the right motion under the circumstances.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Meeting in relation to a site meeting – bypass and the possibility for the Community to accept something as a result of the contract of work. The Clerk tried to arrange a meeting for early January for this, although again there has been a lockdown period, and no mixing and movement without real need. So, failed to get a meeting.

Councillor Robin Ward recommends that we consider what the Public wants to see in the Village. Message on the web site? Getting comments over zoom? Gruff preparing a graphic plan to send to Gwynedd Council which pinpoints areas – such as parking, signs, road safety.

2. Planning Application – NP5/62/126L Extension 41 Bryn Deiliog

No Objection

3. Community Garden – Gruff Price noted that he and Goronwy had recently visited the site with Jason Coleman and that he would be able to cut the growth in the community garden. He also noted that an arrangement had been made with Rhydian Roberts of the National Park 11.1.21 on site and all interested parties were welcome to convene but to keep a distance. IJ noted that the community garden scheme was a major project and perhaps needed another zoom meeting other than a normal Council meeting? IJ also noted that he was prepared to discuss with Rhydian the surplus money and equipment from the Friends of Coedlannau. Goronwy also noted the same, that they had equipment for cultivation of land, and it would be worth sharing those with the garden project. IJ – That this equipment is kept in Knight Movers, and that the money is with Tim Bush. KT – that the volunteers need to be given information about the way forward. Playground Equipment – contact [G.L.Jones](#) to do the work. The Clerk noted that the grant application was unsuccessful. But still keeping an eye on grants situations.
4. Drains through the playing field – Gwynedd Council identified this as a planning issue. And that an Officer from Gwynedd will question the National Park.
5. Re Consultation for Aerodrome in Llanbedr – Presentation from RW
That the questionnaire needs to be completed by 22.1.21, so not much contingency time.
To select option 1 or option 2.
There had been an open meeting at the Camp in early December and an opportunity to see the plans. There will not be much benefit to the Village, but more use of the air traffic zone.
Talk about the master plan which is very ambitious. But we have not yet received a copy of this. It was agreed that Kevin would contact Dave Young to try and get a copy of this.
That we as a Council must protect the Village, provide a condition of fling between 9 and 5.00. Avoid flying over the Village.
Continue to press for the reports to ensure the best for Llanbedr and surrounding area.
6. The Council's website – GD noted that there was a difficulty with the website, but that this had now been resolved.
7. Trail/woodland project meetings and further work – GP noted the need to re start work and meetings in March. Maintenance required. Covid 19 has been a barrier. AH noted the need for a new notice board at Coed Llety Walter. That the current one has broken. That IJ is to contact Coed Cadw in relation to this. There are also Welsh mountain ponies grazing in Coed Crafnant Wood.
8. Financial request - 3 requests for donations came during December – Air Ambulance, Meirionnydd YFC, and Radio Ysbyty Gwynedd. Although all good causes, the aim is to

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keep money locally. It was agreed to publish the links of organisations on the Council's website so that the public could give contributions themselves. It was also noted that volunteers are making masks at Llanbedr and that the money collected had been put towards the Air Ambulance. (On going project)

9. Vacancy on Council – the Clerk noted that she had not received any response from the Councillor despite sending him a letter and e-mail. He has not responded at all, and has not apologised for his absence. RW said that he had a word with him some 3 months earlier, and said that we were now on zoom, and he was probably interested, yet sadly did not join on the zoom. (although an invitation had been sent to him)

It was passed to confirm that he has now lost his seat on the Council

10. Llanbedr Bridge – need to contact Dylan Wyn Jones

Driving from Llanbedr in the direction of Dyffryn, GP noted that oncoming cars were travelling in the middle of the road. And at some speed. Need to ask about white lines on the road. (They may not allow this because of the width of the road, bridge). Could also ask for a priority sign. Also, could bloc of yellow lines near the junction with Mochras Road be advantageous?

RW – giving priority to transport travelling towards Barmouth.

Traffic slowed to 20 mph.

And also yellow box lines at the junction of Mochras Road.

Eirwyn Thomas noted that you cannot see the whole of the Bridge from near the Old Library

11. Huchenfeld – A zoom meeting will be held in the near future. KT asks if this will be ok with the Council's zoom account. This was agreed.

Any Other Business

1.KT asks if we need something else for volunteers during the pandemic. (Gwen Evans from Gwynedd Council had contacted him).

Someone asking if Llanbedr's mailbox was one of the priority boxes? Yes it is.

Also that another member of the public had sent him the consultation regarding increasing Council Tax on Second Homes in Gwynedd. It was agreed to put the notice on the Llanbedr Community page. Everyone is happy with that.

2. AH – received an e-mail regarding 16 to 17 year olds being allowed to vote. And rules that enable the public to have access to committees. This already existed, so little difference.

3.ETH – County Council have brushed leaves off Garth Goch road (after he had contacted AH) . There is another problem - of water streaming across the road near the Cattle Grid (between Allt Goch and Tyddyn Bach.) That he wants to do the job himself.

4. | Allt Goch salt bin – will it be better to move this closer to Tyddyn Bach in order to be better placed to put salt on Garth Goch Road?

5. GP – Took flowers to Dot on her retirement. She was very pleased with them.

