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Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council of June 6th 2019 at Neuadd Gymdeithasol Llanbedr, 7.00 pm

Present

Helen Johns, Gruffydd Price, Goronwy Davies, Eirwyn Thomas, Iolyn Jones, Kevin Titley, Caroline Evans.

Apologies for being absent

Ian Morris, Robin Ward.

Personal Interest– Gruffydd Price (Maes Artro), Helen Johns, and Annwen Hughes (for a financial contribution).

The minutes of last meeting found to be correct, but need to correct the spelling of the name “Mrs Bodhee.”

Harlech Motor Club

At the start of the meeting a delegation from the Harlech Motor Club were present to inform the Council of their plans to stage a daytime rally in the area next June (2020). Wenna Roberts, Rhys and Euros. The aim of the introduction was to gain support from various Councils in order that the road could be shut during the course of the event. A lot of organising involved. Starting point by the new cemetery Dyffryn Ardudwy, following the road past Meifod Isa, towards Byrdir, past Caerffynnon to the top of Allt Fawr, down the hill past Hendre Waelod to Bont Beser, up towards Cwm Bychan, and past Werngron to finish their first stage at Tyddyn Rhyddid

The Council is supportive in principal. The road would be shut for stages, but accessible for emergency services. The event is staged for the Saturday and hopefully it will bring a lot of benefits financially to the area with drivers, stewards, supporters needing places to stay over the weekend. This would of course benefit the local economy, but on the other hand it will cause a problem with access to the campsites and holiday lets since Saturday is a change-over day at most of the sites. Wouldn't it be better to stage the rally on a Sunday? But then again will probably lose out on the economy and people will not be staying for the duration of the weekend!

But the Council will support the event in principle and will be glad to receive any further information. They were thanked for their work and wished them well with the preparation and organising.

Proceeded with rest of Council issues

Financial Report

The Clerk noted that the internal audit had been finalized and that the statements and documentation are nearly ready for the External Audit – BDO

One point that arose from the audit was the failure to put the financial annual return on the web page of the Council.

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Also the need to change one column on the form – the money for keeping office space etc is not part of the Clerk's wages. Need to address this.

Matters to be discussed – payments and receipts for the month of June. These have been written on a separate paper for approval by the Council, and have been added to the spread sheet.

Payments June 2019

Opening of grave for Robin Jones - Martin Kerr - £420

G.L.Jones Play equipment £1590.00 (£1325 + VAT £265)

Geo Xphere Ltd - £90.00 (£75 + £15.00 VAT). OS mapping and the right to access information for the woodlands/paths project

Catrin Williams Translation for the month of May = £154.35

Rent for Neuadd Gymdeithasol – Council meeting + Huchenfeld Meeting = £16.00

Cyngor Gwynedd – for keeping the public convenience open at Llanbedr from Easter until October = £2000

Bank Balance at end of May = £20734.84

Application for financial aid

An individual has made an application for financial assistance towards the costs of training, travelling etc. It was agreed not to support an individual, although they do bring glory to the Village in their different events. It would open doors to other applicants. And since priority is placed on Community use. Therefore, direct them towards the Beer Festival Grants that will be opening at the end of the year.

Policies for the Council to adopt

The Clerk noted that some time has been taken in sorting these policies for the use of Llanbedr Council - with Goronwy Davies, Helen Johns and Iolyn Jones. The following were sent via e mail for all Councillors to be adopted on the 6.6.19 and thus to be put on Llanbedr Council web page.

1. Language policy – adopted without any alterations.
2. Equal Opportunities Policy – need to omit the phrase about use of language, then would be correct for the Council to adopt and put on web page.
3. Environmental policy – this has been altered and adopted.
4. Local Resolution Protocol – adopt the One Voice Wales example.
5. Social Media Policy – this again is adequate to put on web page as an example of One Voice Wales, although some Councillors thought that the introduction was rather long. It would be

possible to add in the standing orders that the use of e mails from Clerk to Councillors is only a means of information and not to open out a full discussion over e mails.

6. Code of Conduct – Cyngor Gwynedd – same as Gwynedd Council Example

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Further time will be spent on preparing the following to be adopted at a further meeting of the Council:-

1. Freedom of Information
2. Standing Orders – have been revised
3. Financial Regulations – have been revised

Will be sending via e mail in due course to all the Councillors. Revised on the 30.5.19 and also been translated.

Report from other Meetings

1. Cyngor Gwynedd – Annwen Hughes

- a) Official opening of Pentre Gwynfryn footbridge took place and Annwen Hughes did the opening ceremony. A number of local residents came to the event. Thanks to Caroline for organising and for the article in the Cambrian News, also to Gruffydd Price for the light refreshments to celebrate the opening.
- b) Llanbedr new road scheme – nothing to report.
- c) Moriah Chapel planning application – no further report.
- d) Need to inform Gwynedd Council of the over grown branches by Ty Mawr – obscuring the sign.

2. Woodland/paths project – Caroline, Iolyn and Gruffydd Price

Waiting for price list quote for sign printing from View Creations. Will be meeting the next week.

Signs to promote Coed Crafnant have been put in place. The notice boards will be placed at the end of June and also a bench.

The Clerk noted that she had received a quote of £400 + Vat for removing the wooden creation from the site by Victoria. The Council agreed on this price, but need reassurance that this includes all costs – repairing the tar mac etc. Not yet ready to do the work.

- Need to establish the correct siting of the notice board
- The site of the new bench
- Be able to repair the tar on the pavement
- Also confirm the proposed plans with Gwynedd Council.

The path over the railway towards Mochras – a gate is sited here with a sign that it is a path but not a footpath. Not a public footpath, therefore the Community Council can not promote it. Leave as it is.

AGM meeting **Neuadd + Play Field – Eirwyn Thomas + Iolyn Jones**

Eirwyn Thomas noted that the AGM had taken place at the end of May, although attendance was low from community group representatives, apart from the Community Council members. Everything in hand and working well and finance being good.

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1. 8 aside football match was again successful but for next time need to organise some recycling boxes for use.
2. Complaint that one organisation had arrived earlier for their village hall meeting before the soup kitchen had finished clearing.
3. Play Area – the grass needs cutting around the site.
4. Too late to sow the seeds around the tree this summer, wait until autumn. Need however to level out the ground again since someone has dumped soil there.
5. Need the lock for the Bear Bin. The Clerk has this.
6. The gate at far end near Tyddyn Pandy has been replaced, but there is a problem that it does not shut on its own. Needs weights fitted on the gate.
7. **HAL** – nothing to report

Report from Huchenfeld Group –

6 delegates are expected from Germany in September. Accommodation has been organised. Dylan Ellis the Organiser for the Urdd Meirionnydd is going to attend the workshop in order to share the aim of the Urdd and its message of Good Will.

Un Llais Cymru – One Voice Wales - Eirwyn Thomas and Iolyn Jones

Have attended AGM recently. New chairperson – Gwynfor Owen

Dates for future meetings for Meirionnydd Area as follows

11th September

8th January 2020

1 April

10th June

Had a good account from a member of Cymdeithas Tai Cymunedol Gwynedd. Noted that they work closely with children and young people and the Urdd Organisation. Organising workshops and open community days in different areas hosting events, entertainment and advice seminars from the fire service, police etc.

The aim is to build in the region of 500 affordable housing in Meirionnydd. The project has also extended into Denbigh and Flint where houses are being purchased and new build.

They are to be praised for their use of the Welsh language.

Planning Applications

No. NP5/62/18B – change of use Ty'n Celyn Llanbedr for office space, property selling, and hypnotherapy unit.

The Council supports this application and is pleased to see empty buildings being used once more.

No. NP5/62/382B

Erection of an attached dwelling Afallon Fach, Ystad y Wenallt

Council did not comment on this application

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No. NP5/62/35X + No NP5/62/35Y

Erection of single storey building Maes Artro. Also siting of 3 pods with decking, paths access track and car park.

The Council support in full this application

Any Other matters arising

1. Co Operative voting and pledges towards any funding for local communities. That Jane Price has volunteered to look into this for the purpose of raising funds towards the woodland/path project. The Council is in favour of this.
2. One member from the Community has approached one Councillor in regards to the flags on war memorial not having been raised for D Day.
3. It was suggested that this would be discussed for next year celebration of VE Day.
4. Over growth of vegetation on the side of the road leading down to Talwrn Bach.
5. CCTV cameras for consideration at Llanbedr. To make enquiries into the possibility of installing them at Llanbedr due to the increase theft at Barmouth every bank holiday. A list of persons that could help is kept by the Clerk.
6. That the Gwynedd Council are:

Changing the lights to LED on the roadside

And that the Road to Mochras will be re dressed with chippings during June.

Next meeting in July.