

Minutes of the 4.3.21 zoom meeting at 7. 30 o'clock

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

Report of Interest - that Gruffydd Price declared his interest in Planning Application NP5 / 62 / 37B.

To receive the Minutes of the last Meeting as a true record

Finance Report 1. To inform that Gwynedd Council under the auspices of Luned Fôn has accepted the post of Internal Auditors.

2. Cash at Bank at the end of February is £ 24757.15

3. Cheques paid for the Community Garden to date are as follows

Jody Gunn – benches, £ 720 Woodland Craft – tools, £ 174.50, Reimbursement to Goronwy Davies - £ 87.80, Ecological Report Sabine - £ 150, Jason Coleman £ 120 ,

Need to pay the Clerk a zoom refund (Dec, Jan, Feb) £ 158.37 Catrin Williams - £ 90 in February and another £ 90 for an emergency bypass meeting.

The trees also need to be paid for when we get an invoice, Pay Sion Owen for his work. Also pay for topographical survey when we receive the invoice. This will be £ 550 plus VAT

Everyone happy with this. That Meirion also needs to be paid for relocating the statue, after work has been done, and we receive an invoice. Allocated £ 400 for this work. That

G.L.Jones has not yet done the work on the playing field. Not enough money set aside for this in the budget. To note that £ 400 stands as Beer Festival contribution for this work. No money set aside for the goal posts.

Matters Arising from the Agenda

1. Camp Consultation – matters on the web site said RW

2. Planning Applications - Application No. NP5 / 62 / 37B changes to the building application for Dôl Gwynfryn shed, Llanbedr. GP declared an interest. Discussed through emails. No objections from Council members.

3. Bypass - leave for now. Passed for a second zoom meeting 9.3.21

4. Public Footpaths - GP noted that some of these routes were well maintained. Trees fallen over some of the paths. IJ noted that Gwynedd has a good website with maps regarding locations and numbers. Passed to focus on important ones, and contacted Gwyn Evans (Gwynedd Council's paths section) - the most important routes and as funding allows. Some fairly easy routes 15 – 16. Coed Llechi large Trees fallen on the Trail - quite large trees here. That Caroline, Iolyn and Gruff look at these in order to prioritize. IJ noted that he had

already contacted Gwyn Evans regarding getting signs and posts. Coed Mawr to Penarth Trail requires signage (no. 18 & 19) RW asked if it would be possible to show a route map on the website. Passed to provide link to Gwynedd Council map. Get a price for clearing the paths from one who is qualified with a chainsaw. AH noted that the Community Council is an agent only. Need to contact Gwyn Evans to see if CG will be willing to clear the trees off the paths. Need to officially contact for formal response. Contact also with Adrian Williams regarding this. He is an Area Engineer.

5. Paths Project - Woodlands RW comments that this project needs to be promoted. Further elaborate and provide details on website and community fb page. Things have been stagnant over the pandemic of covid 19. Things that need attention: - a) Coed Llety Walter Sign - new one needed here. b) Trail marking signs - Cefnisa – needs sign posting c) The Cae'r Methyg paths
d) Aberartro design plan and Coed Llety Walter Woods – need new signage boards
d) Information leaflet needs to be corrected for inclusion on the website. f) Paper brochures required. Caroline noted that Bill Smith has started the second part of the brief. Commenced draft - visual for flowers, trees. This has been blocked because of the distress. KT stated that he had QR codes Make a brochure in A4 format

Need some hardwood posts for signs.

Need to talk to the landowners.

IJ stated that he had spoken to the owner of Caefnisa, and Gellilas.

Gwynedd Council - can supply a signpost.

6. Llanbedr Bridge - stones from the bank near Never Cut again have come loose. AH to inform Gwynedd Council of this.

7. Grants for the playing field - That the work has not been done. No possible grants at present.

8. Community Garden - That the application proceeds. Plants arrived, more variety. That Sion Owen begins to do the clearing and laying the hedge 5.3.21 under the supervision of GD.

GP - need to look at the grass area. Leave the bracken area. Looking how to move forward -

Grassed area - we can plant more trees here, or a meadow of wildflowers. This is not easy at the moment.

Talk about memorial trees? It is up to the Council to give their ideas

Caroline proposes that the Council should select about 5 trees, specify height, and their tendency to spread and grow outwards, so that a list is available for people to choose from.

IJ noted that the memorial garden is outside the circle of the community garden, and those individuals who apply to plant a tree are responsible for the tree and keeping it in good condition. Suggest to accept Sabine's report on ornamental trees for colour.

RW - asks that these matters were for the community group to discuss and agree on, and not an issue for debate at the full council meeting.

GP - grant scheme ends in mid March. What happens if we as a Council leave things until winter?

Plant individual trees now or later?

GP - leave bracken area with no trees for now

IJ Plant now and cut around the trees.

GD - need to make the hedge and Rhydian National Park has a list of trees needed.

How much do the trees cost? We are still waiting for more trees for the hedge. Do this at our own pace.

Helen - needs potted trees for later planting.

GP - that we as a Council paid for an ecological report from Sabine. (Important to record this).

ETH - the bracken section in the report that it is possible to plant 10 - 12 trees. The soil quality is good and there is plenty of depth here. Possible to plant and cut around with small machine.

Would love to see more colour here - like planting primrose bulbs, bluebells, daffodils.

The field and the butterfly garden - thinking about putting wild flowers in here?

Memorial Trees - no big opinion, care who's going to be responsible for them in the future. Are the owners going to respect the rules and look after their trees?

IJ - memorial trees - respect Sabine's report. They are responsible - people who ask for permission to plant a tree. Letter from the Council to them.

GP - The importance of planting first. Develop things then. Have a long-term plan. We need to step back, and see what will grow on the plot for next year.

IJ - memorial trees to be according to Sabine's report near the gate to Bryn Deiliog.

Caroline - need to make a "memorial trees" contract or current policy.

GD - between the Bryn Deiliog gate and the Ash tree. Grass cutting will be difficult here. There is also an area of land above the children's playground.

GP - that site would be fine for memorial trees.

KT - need to keep memorial trees away from the footpaths. Practical things to observe.

GD - Ornamental trees? The original application for planting was to be in the cemetery. Do people still want this?

GP - new site, which trees to be allowed? Caroline and Goronwy were asked to look into this.

9. A name for the community garden from now on will be Cae Deiliog. Caroline was thanked for her promotional work on fb, and this was the name that got the most votes.

10. Highway Issues - Report by Annwen Hughes

Lines - yellow and white throughout the village - Lines are being laid this week. Did nothing along the Mochras road.

Toilets - no grant currently available for toilets. That the black bags are still on the hooks. Need to trial a bin here.

Recycling Bins - no response regarding this from Steffan Jones. Write again to complain.

Llanbedr Bridge - to assess the application for delay signs and the yellow box at the junction. (Dylan Parry)

Council Meeting -

Raising Council Tax 3.7%

From April there will be a 100% increase on Gwynedd's second homes.

Caroline noted that there was a large amount of water through Bryn Deiliog and Coed Artro. Possibility of rainwater entering the sewage. The old war air raid shelters have been attached to the old drains. This has been reported to Welsh Water. Matter now in their hands.

Helen noted that this is a legal issue.

GP - yes problem with old war buildings.

Other issues arising

RW noted that there are traffic lights on Sarn Hir. Councillor AH questioned Gwynedd Council regarding these. Temporary light on Sarn Hir due to landslide due to adverse Weather conditions - is responsible for this. Discussion underway between NRW and Gwynedd Council.

11. One Voice Wales - nothing to report

12. Vacancy on the Council - response from Raymond Harvey Gwynedd Council - as follows

We can arrange a vacancy notice if you wish but it is a difficult time for constituents to be able to respond appropriately and so it is reasonable to expect the situation to improve under the circumstances. If the Council can meet and is currently operating it seems there is no problem with freezing the process temporarily.

Council happy to leave as it is at present.

13. Storm Cristoph - no information regarding the visit with some residents of the Village.

Other Matters

Kevin - Mochras road dog fouling problem. Inform Gwynedd Council.

Will need to thank all the volunteers regarding covid 19 once the pandemic is over. Dewi Wynne has an interest in rubbish collection on the tidal wall. Others with Jane Taylor Williams have been tidying up around the village in the past, and probably have an interest in carrying on with the work.

Volunteers might also help with litter picking.

AH noted that there are as many safety rules to do this - as with the Llanbedr Group.

Kevin to talk to Jane Taylor Williams about this. Need to have litter pickers for each individual. (Because of the covid 19)

GP - need to know what Marc Drakeford's statement will be next week (8.3.21)

GP - asking if there is information regarding an aircraft that runs on electricity? Could these be attracted to Llanbedr?