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Minutes of community council - zoom meeting 5.11.20

In Attendance all except for IM

Declaration of Interest – Planning Application NP5/62/63G Morfudd Lloyd (clerk) Annwen Hughes.
Not part of any discussion. (In the waiting room on zoom medium).

Mr Ed Bailey started with a statement against the proposed development, on behalf of the Friends of the Nantcol Valley. One of the Friends was also listening to the debate. Below is a statement the Clerk will send to the National Park Authority on behalf of the Community Council. An e-mail was also received via the web site in relation to this application - a member of the Public from Llanfair expressing her concern. The Clerk had advised her to write to the NPA.

Planning application number NP5/62/63G Nantcol Kennels, Llanbedr

At our meeting on Thursday November 5th, Llanbedr Community Council agreed to oppose this application for the following reasons:

1. Planning permission was granted in 2004 (NP5/62/63C) To install a small incinerator and store in order to provide fallen stock for the fox hounds kept on the premises. The new application claims that the intent is a "continuation of the proven use of the site as a fallen stock store". What is described in the application is completely different in character, use and size and, like the last application, has an industrial character and on a much larger scale than the current private use.

The site is unsuitable for a number of reasons including its location in the countryside. It is also in an area where the tourism industry is an important element of the local economy.

2. Because the nature of the intention involves significant investment, it is clear that the stock-gathering and storage service of fallen stock from a wider area especially as the other centres that the company own is a distance away . There will therefore be a significant increase in the traffic along a narrow and tortuous road. Mentioned in the documents about the provision of turning and parking "artic" trucks and the consistent use of similar vehicles would affect the safety and amenities of the local residents to a scale that would be unacceptable.

3. The proposed building including the industrial hard landscape would adversely affect the location of a listed building, Capel Salem which is of national importance and a popular tourist destination.

4. The site is close to and surrounded by Sites of Special Scientific Interest and such development would affect the character of these zones.

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Other Planning Applications

1. Application No NP5/62/422 – installation of a dormer window with an apex top at the front elevation – Ty'r Graig, Llanbedr.

This request was highlighted by RW Councillor. There is no problem with this. So, no objection. It fits with the surrounding houses.

2, Application for agricultural building Talwrn Bach No NP5/62/420

(Natural Resources Wales has rejected it because it is in a flood area.)

This request came in August, and only 2 councillors responded to it. Re-discussed at the zoom meeting. Passed to support this, a farm building, the location at the corner of field - Talwrn Bach, a flood risk area, but that is a matter for the Park.

All Planning applications will be e-mailed to all Councillors. If there is a time limit from one meeting to another then the request must be responded to, and comments sent to the Clerk. It is often 21 days that is allowed to make representations to the National Park Authority.

Financial Report

All Councillors have received the finance report by e-mail, and also shown on zoom.

Total Bank Balance at the end of October was £21664.48

This includes grant funding received from the Village Hall Funds for the creation of the parking area.

One cheque for the cost of keeping toilets open throughout the year has gone from the bank. (Note that work needs to be done on the toilets when grant funding comes again to Gwynedd Council).

Also paid HAL amount of £2069.40

Pili-Pala Garden (Butterfly garden)– under the care of GD

Everyone has received an e-mail showing the location of the butterfly garden. A pack received from Keep Wales tidy arrived, and hence the garden frame has been erected . HJ noted that GD had done a very good job, in difficult times with covid 19.

IJ refers to the cost and maintenance of the project.

GD – Community project, volunteers.

A grant of £500 can be obtained from the National Park. Applications must be made before the end of the financial year.

You need someone with an agricultural machine to clear and remove the turf. These fields are a piece of Pen y Bont farm, and old traces of field boundaries are still here. Some hedges could be earmarked for the traditional practice of hedge laying.

It was passed that CE would provide information on fb page and ask the community for any suggestions on the way forward.

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IJ supports this, but the vegetative growth of bracken and hawthorn is a problem and must be tackled without doing much damage. It would be a perfect place for people to relax. However, there must be a specific plan in place.

GD noted that the work had started as something small, and everyone had voted for the butterfly garden at the outset. It is possible to have a machine to raise the turf and then plant wild flowers, and cut it once a year after the flowers have gone to seed. Possibility of restoring the old hedge in places.

ETH - Also supportive. Need to get rid of the shrubs and brambles and bracken. No objection to having someone there to tender for the work. We will have to be quite precise about what needs to be done here. Likely cost from £30 to £35 per hour. It would be nice to see the old hedges, a valuable sanctuary for wildlife.

CE – would a £500 grant be sufficient for this work?

KT – Need a meeting or sub-committee to discuss this. Any work has been hindered by the covid 19.

GP – there must be a plan that fits with the community garden in mind, and also seating area. Need to bring the Village into this.

GD – need to put on fb to see who would be interested in helping. This could also include the paths/woodland committee.

It would be the responsibility of the families to plant any memorial trees.

GP – therefore, plans to have a sub-committee.

ETH – when talking about paths – what are the implications of this?

GD – only a network of paths that can be used through the area. Much can be done with support.

*On-site meeting – with volunteers – must be kept at a distance!

*Hedge laying training courses can be arranged.

CE – a plan of the site to put on the website and fb

ETH – need a plan and people can add their ideas

GD – This is an agreement of the way forward.

IJ – Shrubs and bracken and brambles throughout the place.

GP – Plenty of discussion now, it was therefore passed to put on the website and fb page. Kevin and Caroline are responsible for this promotion, and it will be seen what becomes of it.

CE– Do leaflets need to be handed from door-to-door?

KT – has already mentioned to the majority who live at Bryn Deiliog, but not the new houses at Plas Newydd.

GP – inform and promote the idea first.

KT – Already spoken to Jane Taylor Williams, Janet Griffiths and Carl.

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ETh – the standard of the boundary fence between the playing field and Bryn Deiliog is in very poor state. Remember this before planting any trees.

GD – but able to continue with the butterfly garden planting scheme.

Tree in memory – request from Vic – no planting in the cemetery but allowed in playing field if they so wish

Ideas – Planning – doing the job.

Raise awareness of the idea initially. (Caroline and Kevin)

GP – thanked GD for his work.

Other Council Matters

1. Talwrn Bach train station – no development here, as yet. (Trains not stopping on platform) That the trains are now re-running after work on the Barmouth bridge.

2. Covid 19 – What to spend on? Bought mugs for the soup kitchen. Jane Price still makes face coverings and needs materials. KT noted that disinfectant was available through Gwynedd Council. About £300 left. KT has requested that the period be extended until June. (Mantell Gwynedd)

3. Remembrance Sunday – that this has been cancelled. AH will lay a wreath, (Cyngor Gwynedd) Ed Bailey (Lord Lieutenant Gwynedd) will lay a wreath. Elin Haf will play the cornet. GP will lay a wreath on behalf of the Village. KT lay a wreath on behalf of Barney Warburton's family. This happens around 10.00 a.m.

4. Bypass – and Airfield – these issues will have to be dealt with separately. Have 2 possible meetings over zoom but at the start of the Council's monthly meetings. Need more information relating to the bypass. Need to be able to influence on parking sites.

This arises as a result of IJ asking what the Community will receive from the Contractors. This is a condition of a contract of this size.

E-mail received from Amanda Jones (Econ and Community)

, A budget for the bypass has now been approved.

Please find enclosed below for your attention, an objective of the work programme as it stands today but it could change:

- Compulsory purchase orders- Gwynedd Council Cabinet November 2020
- Detailed design - September 2021
- Purchase of land - commence immediately after Cabinet approval
- Ecological Surveys- End of 2020, beginning 2021

- Environmental works e.g. mitigation work for bats and Forest Management - December 2020
- Preparation of tender documents – December 2020
- Road Agreement work commences – July 2022
- Completion of road works – February 2023

Discussion with the Officer who will be responsible for appointing the contractor and is able to confirm that additional parking spaces are to be provided in accordance with the findings of the WelTAG report. However, the intention is to form the additional parking facility as an on-road parking provision rather than an off-road facility. The provision on the road would have the additional benefit of providing traffic calming measures to the village.

Community benefit is very important to Gwynedd Council, and as such, the successful contractor for the project will have to prove that their work will have a positive impact on the local community. Gwynedd intends to form a requirement for the successful contractor to undertake some or all of the following community benefits:

- Work experience under and over the age of 16
- School / College Visits
- Employment opportunities for adults
- Trainees / apprentices / intern or graduate training
- Community engagement such as newsletters / voluntary events and / or charitable donations

5. Housing Stock – these are now the responsibility of Community Housing. ADREF Gwynedd. Council no longer receives information on an empty housing list.

6. Community page, fb – Morfudd, Kevin and Caroline are able to provide information on this page. That RW praises the page.

7. Complaint again that somebody is camping at the Mochras road Picnic Area site.

Other Issues

1. Helen – what is happening in relation to the Talwrn Bach mast? – noise coming from the site.
2. Caroline – bypass details – should go to one place only. Easier for people to follow that.
3. Iolyn – A project like this – there should be a dedicated website for it?

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4. Hafod y Bryn Wood access – has been widened.

5. Annwen – Highways have cleaned the roads, but water is still flowing from the direction of Bryn Deiliog. They have started roadside cleaning in the Valleys.

Yellow lines – work by external contractor when the weather is better.

Cutting the side of roads – rural areas – class 3 and unclassified roads have had a full cut in the spring only.

First class roads have had 2 spring and summer cuts and a full cut in the autumn.

6. Kevin – lock on the bear's bin has broken again. I wonder if there is a spare key? The clerk thinks that the last one has been used. Playing field path is very slippery.

7. Richard Workman mowed the playing field. Very tidy.

8. Chair email account – short cut needs to be changed on the website. Account still live but e mails to be redirected to his (GP) account.

9. GP discourages the use of councillors' personal emails.

10. Zoom meetings – a Village Hall Committee will need to have a meeting soon over zoom. Everyone is supportive of this.

11. Vacant seat on the Council. Unfortunately, not yet received a response from IM. The Clerk is therefore now sending a letter in relation to this. Then notify Gwynedd Council's Elections Officer and follow the correct protocol.

12. Caroline – would it be possible for the Clerk to send only details of the Number of any future Planning application. This is accepted.

Next Zoom Meeting

3.12. 20 at 7.30