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Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council 3.10.19

Present

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

Apologies

Eirwyn Thomas.

Celtic Rainforest

At the beginning of the meeting Llinos Alun, who is working on a Celtic Rainforest Project in the Meirionnydd area, with the Snowdonia National Park Authority addressed the meeting. She identified 5 Woodlands in the parish of Llanbedr which are included in this scheme, namely Coed Crafnant, Coed Llety Walter, Aberartro Wood, Coed Hafod y Bryn and Coed Graig Isaf.

She noted that Rhododendron is one of the greatest threats to native plants and animals in the National Park. They can help to dispose of this free of charge. Other examples are Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed.

The project aims to protect old oak forests. With a sum of 7,5 million pounds set aside for this. A 7 year project. Recognizes work also undertaken by the Llanbedr forestry and trails project. They have money available to install information boards in Llanbedr to complement the Llanbedr project. Interpretation board. The Authority sees the Coed Aberartro site as a great site. The interpretation boards focus on the following elements, namely: -

Invasive Species, Non-Native Trees and Ancient Woodland Restoration, Case Study, Habitats, Conservation Grazing,

Proposed installation of 7 interpretation boards in Meirionnydd. Possible to get 2 for Llanbedr. Council favours to install them at Coed Llety Walter and Coed Crafnant.

Due to the character of these traditional woods.

She was thanked for this proposal.

Llanbedr Trails Project - Caroline

A0 - but draft only plan was shown for the interpretation board in the Village. A lot of work has been done on this. Good designer, and reasonably priced. That the Woodland Trust will be placing a notice in the Country File Magazine. Llinos Alun also was pleased with the work of this project and the collaboration between various organisations.

Hold an open day 26 October with a chance to walk the network of paths.

Had a meeting with Liz Haynes of Gwynedd Council's footpaths department - and is willing to provide payment for the opening of any route in the circular network.

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Coed Cadw are willing to co-operate and seek grants to improve these opportunities - possibly a landfill grant.

Need a description of each route, and also agreement with relevant parking spaces.

CCTV cameras

Kevin Titley, Goronwy Davies, Caroline Evans, Iolyn Jones and Morfudd Lloyd recently visited the CCTV system in Barmouth. Dena Fisher looks after these in Barmouth, with 46 cameras and 8 boosts in the town. Since their existence crime has fallen in the town. Also a way of tracking vehicles coming in and out of Barmouth. Helped to solve a number of crimes in the area. Lots of work, dedication and high costs, insurance and so on. Need to constantly upgrade.

Ian Mac Arthur was asked to provide an evaluation and idea of a practical cost for Llanbedr.

Annwen Hughes noted that Gwynedd Council has helped with systems near Llanelltyd. That the Police through the PAC grant had provided financial assistance in Bala.

The Clerk stated that the School would be happy to be part of the scheme, but had no money available to help. Road safety would be their main interest.

The hub can be connected to the police system, so no-one needs to take responsibility for this. Private premises a license required. But okay communally.

The remaining Council matters were discussed

Declarations of Interest - Gruffydd Price and Annwen Hughes - Planning.

To receive the Minutes of the last meeting as a true record.

FINANCE REPORT

Accounts have finally been approved by BDO. Points arising from them will need attention for submitting the annual return for next year.

Need to be more careful in filling out the annual return.

Matters such as

1. Trust funds disclosure note not answered box 14 – N/a / Should answer No that the council is not the sole trustee of any charities.
2. .£1.00 difference from last year and this year
3. Have not entered the minutes reference and date for the approval of the accounting statements and annual governance statement.

4. Make sure in future that all boxes have been completed correctly.

Bank statement for end September = £22760.94

This is after receiving the precept of £7096.50

The following payments were approved: -

Beti May £ 60 Huchenfeld cake

Food for Guests Huchenfeld £

Beer Festival Tickets £ 20.00

Grave Opening £ 430

Gwynedd Council weed killer £ 108

Translation £ 161.8

Cost of Hall hire

HMRC payroll £ 126.00

Accountants £ 57.60

Salary and costs Clerk 6 months to September 2019 £ 1156.28

Planning Applications

Application No. NP5 / 62 / 63F that National Park officers had refused this application as there was insufficient information regarding the use of the site, and environmental issues. 185 objections received

Application NP5 / 62/407

Annwen Hughes declared an interest and left the room.

It was passed that the Community Council would support this application. It does not visually disturb anyone. Young family trying to make a living in the countryside.

Application - Request to set up a display board for the path project - All Council expressing interest, and therefore unable to comment. But hopefully they would favour this, in order to attract people to the area to enjoy the forests and to walk the trails.

Gruffydd Price noted that the amount payable for the Planning application was greater than he had originally assumed. £ 190 for the application as it is a form of advertising. Need also to pay Gwynedd Council £ 225 license for breaking the pavement.

Reports of Other Committees

Robin Ward reported - meeting with the National Park

Talks about the Wardens section.

The Park will also liaise with Parish Councils in the future for them to complete an evaluation of the different work that the Authority undertakes and which is most important to those Councils. Divided into 10 area plans. Such as: -

Path Promotion (relevant to Llanbedr), Access, Land Management and conservation, National Park Properties (Coed Hafod Y Bryn), Arbitration, Education, Engagement, Volunteering -Objective or aim, health and well-being, Leisure.

Plenty of issues relevant to the Llanbedr woodlands and trails project.

The demolition of the St David's Hotel, Harlech at a cost of £ 300,000 was also mentioned.

Report by Annwen Hughes - Gwynedd Council

She noted that work was being done on the railway line - Llandanwg Station and also at Pensarn bridge and other arrangements would be in place for passengers.

Regarding Boat House - for them to contact Gwynedd Council and the new tenant.

That the security barrier has been broken on Talwrn Bach Station.

Have informed Gwynedd Council that there is growth on the Llanbedr Bridge. Also on wall near Moelfre Terrace.

Possible developments at the Camp. Secured money, half a million. 10 year project to develop. The mention of 3 and 5 star hotels there. Creating work. But a new road through Llanbedr will certainly be needed to help access.

Need satellite technology to come here to Llanbedr.

Have also recently been to the Governors meeting at the School. 2 Nursery children in the classroom. Awaiting a meeting regarding erecting a higher fence around the school. Also repaint the yellow lines on road.

Kevin - Huchenfeld Report

A very successful open day. Thanks to everyone for their help. That things have progressed well with the twinning. Need to put information and pictures on web page. Arudwy Male Voice Choir going to Huchenfeld in 2023. Huchenfeld children will visit Llanbedr in 2021

Other Matters

1. Received an estimate from Aeron Richards for bench repair work by the river, and also tidying a bench in memory near the school. £ 191.50

It was agreed to do this work.

2. Regarding a cash machine for the village. Need more details.
 3. Remembrance Sunday - 10.11.19 (Also collecting ideas for VE Day in May 2020)
 4. Thinking about the Budget.
 5. An offer has been received for a monetary donation towards the purchase of something relevant to the Village. Mentioned a grass cutting machine for the playing field?
 6. Trails open day - 26.10.19 with a cuppa, open from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm. Volunteers needed to guide the walks.
 7. Tree Charter Branch - Friday afternoon meeting 4.10.19 if anyone is available to attend. Organized by Goronwy Davies.
- At this meeting Goronwy Davies, Iolyn Jones and Morfudd Lloyd attended.

Kirsty and Sarah Shorley of the Woodland Trust spoke about the Tree Charter. Llanbedr Community Council is committed to the Tree Charter. This charter sets out principles for a society where people and trees can stand together. The Charter was launched in 2017, the 800th anniversary of the 1217 forest charter. The Tree Charter is rooted in over 60,000 tree stories collected by people from all kinds of background across the UK. What do trees mean to you? 10 key points to the Charter.

This year is planting for the Future.

Need to plant more trees, for the future.

Celebrate the power of trees to inspire.

Strengthen our landscapes with trees.

Combat the threat to our habitats.

Make trees accessible to all.

Restore health, hope and well-being with the help of trees.

Planting greener local landscapes.

Protecting traditional trees and forests

Growing forests of opportunity and innovation

Also collaborating with the Llanbedr trails project, and offering a display board for Coed Aberartro .

November 30 for community tree planting. Un-fortunately no space in the Village for this. Trees for free from them. Regrets that there is no room in the Village.