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Zoom Meeting of Llanbedr Community Council 1.10.20

This is the start of the official meetings of Llanbedr Community Council over Zoom during covid 19 restrictions. Although the Council has not been involved face-to-face, the Council's work has continued through phone calls and also e-mails since March.

This will be the case from now on until it is said differently. Eirwyn Thomas will manage the Zoom as host. And send invitations to all Councillors beforehand.

Election of Officers.

Chair – Gruffydd Price

Vice Chair – GP proposed that Eirwyn Thomas to be Vice Chair. He accepted the post for the time being.

Remember that role of chair and vice chair is for 2 years at Llanbedr.

GP thanked Kevin Titley for his work as previous chair person. GP thanked Kevin for his work and all that he has done over the covid 19 , and the extended time since May. He also thanked the Clerk for the monthly bulletin news at this difficult time.

Also to ETh for the arrangement of zoom and to Caroline for inspiring the community face book page. Which has been very popular during lockdown

Kevin Titley asked that Gruffydd Price would carry on chairing the meeting as he was now ending his responsibilities as Chair.

Council matters

We moved on to discuss the election of officers to represent the Council on different meetings:

Representatives on Other Meetings such as the following remain as last year. The list is as follows:-

Huchenfeld – (Kevin, Gruff, Helen, Goronwy).

One Voice Wales (Iolyn and Eirwyn)

Paths/Woods – Caroline, Iolyn, Gruff, Helen

Finance

J.T. Thomas accounts payee - £57.60

Martin Kerr opening grave £430

Morfudd Lloyd re imbursement zoom £52.79

Catrin Williams translate - £x2 £180

Jason Coleman £115 (war memorial and cemetery).

Wages and costs for Clerk for 6 months £1033.83

HMRC payee £126.00

Gwynedd Council toilets - £2000

Remembrance Sunday –

Kevin has been making enquiries in relation to this. It will be a different event this year because of the covid 19.

He noted that Pam Odam was ready to lead a service by war memorial.

Only 30 can assemble. Need to invite people?

No service from the Church this year, due to covid 19 rules.

He also noted that Colin Jones (Police) wishes to be part of the service this year again, if things go ahead.

Not heard from ATC.

Not heard from Mr. McMaster, so far.

Idea - Make a recording of small service and then broadcast so that everyone can join through face book

Caroline said - about the possibility of more" lockdown"by 8.11.20.

Will allow 6 to access the war memorial is more reasonable than 30 people?

(Kevin, Annwen, Gruff, perhaps Eirwyn from the Council). We passed to e-mail everyone closer to the time. Since restrictions and rules are changing

Annwen noted that she was not sure about a wreath from Gwynedd Council this year. The Clerk to enquire about a wreath for the Council as usual.

Kevin – noted the it would be possible to have the short service at 10.00 so that it could be broadcast at 11.00 a.m. – date 8th November. Will have to keep to any new rules.

Train Service and Talwrn Bach Station – no more to report on this. Not sure when the service will re-start here. AH indicated that she would be questioning British Rail.

ZOOM – everyone believes zoom service is better than expected. We agreed to carry on with this, and pay monthly at the moment. There was considerable debate if monthly Council meetings were required? But the cost of zoom is monthly, so no benefits, said the Clerk.

It was agreed therefore to hold monthly meetings at present, to be formal and professional.

We agreed to continue e-mail planning applications where possible. And GD noted that councillors must respond to these, so that the Clerk can forward comments to the National Park Authority.

In this respect Annwen Hughes was congratulated on her appointment as Vice Chair of Snowdonia National Park Authority.

Other uses of ZOOM – if the Hall, Huchenfeld or Projects regarding Pathways require the use of Zoom then the Chair should be contacted.

External use – the Clerk noted that the Public have a right to be listening to the Council's commentary on zoom.

AH noted that neither the Park nor Gwynedd Council have been doing this so far.

So not to rush into this. So don't invite people to the meetings for safety for the time being.

Councillor Contribution – It was passed that Councillor Ian Morris had not attended meetings for some months, or contributed in any way. Agreed to send him a word to see what his intention are.

Eirwyn Thomas keeps a recording of zoom meetings.

EGINOL – Trawsfynydd - Robin Ward highlighting this exciting development.

Other Issues Llanbedr Council

1. Water flowing – Bryn Deiliog – also the Cypla and Gloddfa road. And the Rhiw Felin road. The Clerk has brought this to the attention of County Council and received a response. They would arrange a site survey and arrange for the necessary work to be carried out. They would also clean the side of the road near Rhiw Felin.

KT noted that the flooding occurs every year, but occurs more frequently lately. More water, and the culverts fails to catch the excess water. AH noted that Gwynedd Council had recently cut down trees on Rhiw Felin, but that something permanent was needed here. Need to look at the situation as a whole and thoroughly.

2. Yellow lines – the weather halted any work. Promises to do before winter.

3. Problem with camping in the playing field and also Mochras road Picnic Area. AH noted that she had contacted Colin Jones in relation to this, but the police have no powers. Gwynfa staff should take some responsibility as the girl is in their care since the age of 20.

4. Discussion in relation to the volunteering group and covid 19 funding –

RW noted that hand disinfectant was available to the public in areas such as town centres in Northop.

This is a good idea. The possibility of putting one near the toilets was discussed.

Do we need to create a flier again? Go on f b to say that the service is still in existence.

Other sources for potential grants – financial hardship. This is a difficult one. That Harlech Support through Graham Perch can help individuals who are in hardship over this period.

Gruff and Goronwy favour keeping the reserves until the start of the year. The situation will certainly get worse before it gets better.

It was passed that it was right to continue to offer liquid sanitizers and gloves and face coverings to those who have to attend the hospitals on a weekly basis.

5. Tipping of rubbish – that this has been a problem during the lock-down period.

Community Garden – Nothing additional to report on this. But we have not pressed for this during this critical period of covid 19.

Jane Taylor Williams is keen to do something for the elderly, and tidy up. Janet Griffiths and Karl Ciz are also keen to extend their support.

It has been passed that KT asks Jane what her intention are and any relevant ideas

The tree in memory – to be planted in the cemetery was the original application. It was passed that it would be better to plant in the playing field! Possibly a fruit tree!

The Council's website – that this often surpasses other Councils' websites. It was decided to retain its website status as separate from social media platforms. News could still be placed on the community fb page if necessary.

As a result of the website GD stated that he had recently dealt with several applications or complaints:-

Mr McMaster complained about the state of the tidal bank. Natural Resources Wales have removed their machinery from the site, but have not completed the levelling of soil in some places. The machines were removed to do repair work - since floods at Beddgelert.

New owners of Tan y Wenallt complained about trees on their boundary. After questioning and doing some research it became clear that these were their responsibility.

Public Toilets – Caroline noted that there was a nasty odour from the building. Ellie Wilkes will keep an eye on the situation says the Clerk.

What happens with small recycled - bins? (Idea of having some near the Wenallt)

The Clerk noted that she had contacted Gwynedd Council, but had not received a response. Some are also keen to have a clothing bin in the Village. But locating the bin would be the problem. No suitable place. Problems with these in other sites such as Harlech and Dyffryn - Bins full, and several black bags of clothes left on site. These are disposed of by Seren said AH.

Car Park - Eirwyn on behalf of the Hall Meeting noted that the car park was almost finished, and it was agreed that the Community Council was willing to pay for this work, with a relevant refund.

AH noted that the work was commendable and that the car park was a great acquisition for the Hall, and very tidy; taking cars off the road, obviously helps.

Next meeting of the Council over zoom 5.11.20. An invitation to join will be sent out by ETh