

Minutes from zoom meeting Llanbedr Community Council October 2021 7.10.21

Present

Chair Gruffydd Price, Vice Chair Eirwyn Thomas, Councillors – Kevin Titley, Robin Ward, Iolyn Jones, Helen Johns, Caroline Evans. County Councillor – Annwen Hughes.

Declaration of Interest

Planning Application – NP5/62/426 Plas Gwynfryn Caravan – Gruffydd Price and Caroline Evans.

During the discussion they were not linked into zoom.

Planning Application – NP5/62/235D – Llwyn y Pin – Gruffydd Price declared an interest.(discussion over e-mail for rest of Council members)

To accept the minutes of the last meeting as being correct, but need to add a clause regarding AH raising the issues of Talwrn Bach Station at the Cambrian rail conference 1.10.21 (raised by RW).

Translating Service – that Delyth Davies took part at the middle of the meeting instead of Catrin Williams.

Word from the Chairperson

The Chair noted once more that everyone should abide by the rules of raising a hand if they want to contribute, and no interruptions.

Finance Report

*Note that the bank card is not working after all the trouble trying to get one.

*The accounts have not been finalized by the external audits due to – covid 19 preventing work.

* Paid the following as explained in the spread sheet

September

Paid out

£235 Jason Coleman (Cemetery and war memorial)

£220 Iron Designs Playground (Will Hooban)

£186 Internal Audit (VAT of £31)

£1440 Hywel Wyn Jones (Playground and Hall work) (Vat £240)

£8.00 Llanbedr Village Hall (Hire for zoom)

October cheques as follows

£65 (Vat £10.83) Gwynedd Council pest control

£220 Playground Cutting

£2092.16 HAL Contribution

£549 refund for GP (computer for Clerk).

£133 HMRC payee Clerk

£1075.21 (Costs and Salary 6 months Clerk)

£211.16 (Repayment of zoom To the Clerk)

£60 (Vat £10) Accounts

The end of September bank balance was £33999.20

A question was raised about the issue with cutting the grass of a playing field . This will of course depend on the weather.

Planning Applications

NP5/62/426 Consultation (Gruffydd Price and Caroline Evans declaring an interest) Not present on zoom while discussions are ongoing.

Installation of a caravan on land belonging to Plas Gwynfryn for a period of 3 years.

It was passed that this application was too personal for everyone on the Council and that it was not possible to comment.

Although the Council had received one e-mail stating a complaint in respect of the proposed application. Which were discussed thoroughly.

NP5/62/418A – variation of condition 2 of planning permission NP5/62/418 To increase the width of the 1.8 meter side extension, Clydfan, Llanbedr. No problem with this.

NP5/62/35Z – for information . No consultation required. Insignificant revision, Maes Artro Application granted year 2013. Relocation and re-assembly of roof lighting, installation of solar panels at south elevation and glass balruds.

Application NP5/62 To install at Tal Artro temporary telecommunications Mast

It was agreed to support this once more as we need to have equipment like this in the Village for visitors and also local people.

Application number NP5/62/235D will shortly come live on the portal, and a response will have to be received before the next community council meeting. Gruffydd Price declares an interest.

Report by Annwen Hughes – Gwynedd Council

1. Re-installation of white lines on the Beser Bridge road down To the Village. Received a response from Adrian Williams Gwynedd Council –

Have been in contact with the road marking contractor in order to have a smaller vehicle to operate at Beser Bridge as the vehicle that has been in the area is too large for this road. Confirmation has been received that the work will be finished before the end of October.

2. Avon Stores

AH has sent several complaints in relation to this site to Gwynedd Council but has still not received a response. The Clerk has also sent for confirmation of the owner.

AH asked about a site meeting?

Litter attracts rats.

Take the bins away?

The site is also a untidy with excessive weed growth.

3. Ffordd Newydd – AH noted that there is little news regarding this. Only Lee Waters' statement in the News before "fast tracks" the application as it is at the top of the list to be heard by the committee , that has been established. She noted that the work on the bat hut at Maes Artro is being done. (Construction of a new Bat hut.)

4. Railway Conference 1.10.21 Report by Annwen Hughes

Presented what the Clerk had mentioned and also RW's suggestions. Potential improvements. Idea of creating access to the Station from the Mochras side!

The road safety barriers are to be installed in late summer 2022.

Network Rail's Sam Hadley is keen to have a site meeting. Annwen Hughes to arrange this. When? RW is interested in attending this. Will keep all informed.

5. Salem Chapel Signs have been re installed.

6. Recycling lorry has been in the areas on a different day, for collecting .

7. Yellow lines in the pipeline – from Ty Mawr to Llys Brithyll.

8. That the Post Office service works well at the Wenallt Tea Room.

Playing Field Bins – the Clerk noted that she had contacted Gwynedd Council to empty the playing field bin.

This is again being misused by residents. Old clothes etc. in it. Dog fouling too.

What are the appropriate actions to take?

Remove all bins from playing field. Would be a nuisance, especially because the "bear" bin is tipped and emptied into the green bin.

Natural solution.

Look at the situation in a month's time.

Cae Deiliog – report by Eirwyn Thomas and Iolyn Jones

No big change here, grass growth has been cleared. Wildflower seed arrived and funded by Friends of Woodlands. Fruit Trees for the area are also on order, To be planted next month. Tree bark on order as well. Once the bracken area dies away, will need to be cut and collected.

Subsidy grant received has all been spent.

A member of the Public as a volunteer has tidied up the butterfly area.

Kevin Titley noted daffodil bulbs have been paid for by the covid 19 grant. They will need to be planted.

It was noted that an official letter must be sent to a former Councillor in order to get the hedge-laying equipment back. They are to be kept at Hendre Waelod for the time being. Decide again where to keep them on a permanent agreement

.Memorial Garden

Caroline Evans - noted that she had modified the commemorative tree planting agreement.

Concern that the £250 price for planting tree is high. For permanent maintenance, cost is lightly high. A number of Councillors believe this. It was agreed to adjust to £150

It noted that the owner is responsible for the tree for their duration..

Eirwyn Thomas thanked Caroline for her Work

Other Issues

1.Visitor Car Park

GP stated that he had not received a response from the landowners in relation to this.

Also send a word of thanks In recognition of the Baileys Family's proposal in relation to land for the visitor Car Park for Llanbedr opposite the picnic field.

2. One Voice Wales Virtual Meeting Report – Eirwyn Thomas and Iolyn Jones

It was noted that this had been a very interesting meeting with 2 guest speakers.

Started - by Mabon ap Gwynfor regarding the situation of second homes in different areas. The problem does not only exist here in Wales, but other Countries as well.

Then a conversation by French Williams (Adra). Largest housing association in North Wales. Introducing rented housing, or buying a percentage of the house, They build houses for the open market. Profits from this is used for social housing. Caring for their tenants, creating play areas to accompany the housing for tenants and their families.

3. Climate change policy. (RW)

The Council has a sustainability policy. RW wants to adapt and add one sentence that will meet the climate change requirement.

4.Bro Ardudwy – Llanbedr in this area . Questionnaire to be completed. Everyone to do this themselves.

The pros and the downsides of living here. CE need for baby and mother groups.

5.Remembrance Sunday – will there be a service this year? KT is making enquiries in relation to this.

6. Salt Bins – individual cost for filling at £46 each. Need to notify Gwynedd Council by 1 November regarding refilling. Llanbedr Council is not willing to re-fill them until the bins have been repaired. No new salt on top of the old salt. Pictures of the bins are required to send to Gwynedd Council.

Application by AH For a salt bin in Cwm Bychan. There was no support for this. Need to look what we have at present .

7. Tree on the border with Ty'n Llan – a complaint in relation to this. GP will contact Rhydian Roberts National Park to enquire about felling the tree (site near the Church – listed building etc..)

8. Covid 19 grant – KT reported that £137.81 was left . It was agreed to plant a tree In recognition of all the covid deaths and hardship. That Caroline Evans and and KT look into this.

9. Litter picking in the Village – It is necessary to collect equipment from the Tref Werdd shop in Blaenau Ffestiniog, this is difficult. Yellow jackets etc. and equipment.

10. Council Web Page – KT, RW, and Eth met to discuss this.

What style of web page is needed – Community and Community Council. Staying with Cymru 1 as host?

GP noted that there are a lot of old information on it, and whether these can be deleted or placed in an archive box or folder

The Clerk noted that the scheme is currently a gold account.

That Eth have a discussion with Cymru1.

RW has been browsing through other websites, to get ideas..

Pathways Project –

It was noted that £1000 had been committed in the funding towards the maintenance of public footpaths and also a further £1000 towards the routes project for the year 2021/2022

That Eth, GP, CE and IJ have had a meeting in relation to this. The need to maintain more routes, and to install post signage.

Routes 63 Pen Bryn - Allt Goch - To Coed Garth Goch - Road (Aberartro)

62 need to be cleared Tyddyn Bach to Ben yr Allt Fawr.

No. 69 Coed Llechau To Dolmygliw - needs upgrading

15 – 16 Coed Mawr To Coed Llety Walter need clearing.

That 8 poles have arrived from Gwynedd Council. (Requested 24).

Pathways Project – contractor to do the Work. Circular Round 2 and 3 require a logo and place the signposts in the appropriate site.

The issue of adapting the Coed Aberartro (Coed Garth Goch) route to a disabled route needs to be re-raised. However, there are no grants available for this.

Trail from – Fron - owners are unhappy with the intention that the car park on their land has been identified as a public car park for Coed Crafnant. That GP will send them a word explaining what Rob Booth of the NWWT said in relation to this. (North Wales Wildlife Trust)

CE noted that IJ had paid for work on the Coed Llechau route. On behalf of the Council she thanked him for his generosity.

GP – The meeting is drawing to a close, and thanked Delyth Davies for her translating work.

