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Minutes of Llanbedr Community Council held on Thursday evening September 5th 2019-

Present - Public for Planning Application NP5 / 62 / 63F

Listening Only One Family.

Request to speak in advance – on the behalf of "Friends of Cwm Nantcol " by Mr E Bailey, and 2 members of the local community living near the proposed development.

Existing Council

Chairman Kevin Titley, Gruffydd Price, Goronwy Davies, Eirwyn Thomas, Caroline Evans, Robin Ward, Iolyn Jones, Annwen Hughes GC Representative.

Apologies for absence

Helen Johns and Ian Morris.

First on the agenda for discussion was the issue of the proposed Planning application NP5 / 62 / 63F which was the conversion of hunting kennels near Salem Chapel, the construction of a dedicated shed for the collection of dead (fallen) animals.

Declaration of interest by Clerk and Annwen Hughes - not at the hearing.

The Friends of Nantcol Valley were given a time of 30 minutes to express their objection to this proposed application. The matter was well discussed and here is the reply to the National Park Authority.

The Council passed to object to the application on the following grounds: -

1. That the Applicants intend to collect animals from a catchment area of up to 40 miles. This includes much of North Wales, and beyond. This is an industrial use and should be in an industrial setting, not in the countryside of a National Park and next door to an iconic listed building. The site is unsuitable as it is very close to: a dwelling house, ancient woodlands and a protected landscape.

2. There appears to be a number of errors in the application form including current use, parking provision, distance from watercourse, & c. As such it gives a misleading picture of the intent.

3. The current authorized use of the premises is for hunting kennels. Planning permission was granted in 2005 for a small incinerator, housing animal hides and animal meat for feeding the dogs. It has never been a centre for the collection of dead animals.

4. We are very concerned about problems with odour arising from the proposed development and odours arising from the average of 10 vehicles delivering and collecting animals from the site.

5. Insufficient information has been included in the application for;

- a. odour and pest control,
- b. effluent management and disposal, and
- c. the effects of the development on special conservation sites.

Thus an objection to proposed planning application.

Discussions continued on the other Planning applications received.

1. NP5 / 62/411 - Annex Tal Garreg

Gruffydd Price declaring an interest and leaving the room, and Annwen Hughes. Passed to support this due to the additional use of a derelict building which is at present in a sorry state.

2. NP5 / 62/408 - conversion of farm building into holiday let - Graig Isaf.

Support the application in principle, but some aspects of the scheme do not fit with the original stone building. A good application, but some computer drawings are just the opposite. Need to stick to traditional elements of the building. Converted but still looking like a cowshed. The pencil drawings show the stones on the roof, but not included in the computer drawing. The window in the gable does not fit with the character.

Further Information

That the National Park Committee had refused Maes Artro Planning application to install 3 additional pods on the site. There is no further information as to why this was done.

Capel Moreia - no further information (only that the Planning application has been approved)

New Llanbedr Road - this may be discussed at the December committee of the National Park.

Receive the Minutes of the last Meeting as a true record.

Finance Report

The Clerk gave a financial report.

That many items need to be paid during September, but have not received bills for them.

Such as - Huchenfeld - Cake. Passed to release funds for this. And also for open day September 22nd.

Planning Application to install a bench and notice board in the Village (pay back to G. Price)

Cymdeithas Gymdeithasol - Rent £ 8.00

Weed killing Gwynedd Council for Playground around £90.00 estimate

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Eifion Roberts' work - paths and cemetery (bill will be sent by October)

The Mowing of Playground will be £ 50 a time. Already mowed 8 to 9 times this year.

Received the Precept. £ 7096.50

Also received VAT refund of £ 262.78

Money in Bank at end of July = £ 15787.09

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BDO reported - some things had to be clarified again from the annual return. Last year's annual return had to be posted on the Council's website along with the Councillors' contact details.

Report by Annwen Hughes (ex. Gwynedd Council)

1. That the Maes Artro Planning application to install 3 pods on the site had been refused by the National Park.

2. Application by new owner of Boat House for right of access through Morfa Mawr. Access by foot or boat at present. Has contacted him to contact Gwynedd Council (land owners) and current new Tenant.

3. Village Bridge inspected for safety after some stones has been knocked by motorists again.

4. Request a further litter bin near the toilets.

5. Been in Primary School. End of month governors meeting. 2 children starting Nursery School at the School. (3 year old accepted in the junior school.).

Pathways project committee - by Caroline Evans

Received a draft copy of details to be placed on the display boards for the footpaths in Llanbedr. The logo will be on it too. An A0 size, and needs more detail for finalisation.

She noted that the new display board had been installed in Crafnant woods.

Hopefully the rest will be in the different woods by the Autumn.

An open day is expected on 26 October at the Hall in Llanbedr, with an opportunity to walk the trails, and get more information on the proposed work.

Also expecting a picnic bench for Coed Hafod y Bryn.

Iolyn Jones seeking financial grants to develop an accessible trail at Garth Goch Wood for disabled people (Aberartro). (Possibly landfill grant)

HAL - nothing to report

One Voice Wales - nothing to report

Huchenfeld - that a delegation will be coming to Llanbedr 21 - 23 September,.

For Beer Festival. They will visit the Nursery School, Primary School, Beer Festival. Saturday morning workshop where the Urdd Officer and Selwyn Griffiths former headmaster of Llanbedr will attend. Then an open day on the

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Sunday afternoon in the Hall with items of craft, light refreshments, Community Choir, and various other local talents, and Gwynedd Council Chairman Edgar Owen. Also attending Church Service Sunday morning.

Annwen Hughes apologized for not been able to attend due to personal issues.

Any Other Matters Arising

The Cemetery - the Clerk noted that there was a real need to kill the moss growing on the cemetery road.

Playground - that grass cutting on the football field is starting to become a burden. High costs to keep it in condition for children's football pitch. Suggestion to ask for a contribution from the football club?

Llanbedr Social Centre Application - for the Community Council to be responsible for applying for grant applications in order to progress with the construction of a suitable car park. The land is owned by the Community Council, but leased to the Canolfan Gymdeithasol Committee. This was found to be acceptable.

Move the Wooden Art Piece

Ian Morris contacted the Clerk saying that they would be moving the Art work in September. Traffic calmed down, hopefully..

Road and pedestrian safety problems

This is the answer received from Gwynedd Council regarding road safety through Llanbedr.

No money available for pavements. The Welsh Government's agenda is for active travel within urban areas only. If the bypass scheme goes ahead, it will be possible to consider the needs of the village following the opening of the new road and the opportunities that may arise from the change in nature of the road. Passed again to send to Gwynedd Council inquiring about the possibility of a speed of 20 m / hr through the Village.

That the roadside overgrowth also doesn't help the pedestrian situation.

Bench by the River - in need of attention

Mochras road- end of public road by the sluice gates- that camper vans park near the sluice gates. One has been there for 5 days. What's happening with the sewage? Do they risk dropping it to the sea, thus spreading by the tidal stream onto the nearby beaches? The Clerk has sent to Natural Resources Wales regarding this

Other Matters requiring attention

Fallen branches onto road at Garth Goch Wood - some trees fell and Gwynedd Council cleared them from the road. Situation not satisfactory. Need to contact the Woodland Trust. Need a "tree survey" for safety.

Public Toilets - windows are dark - the place looks dim. Needs an upgrade.

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Send our concerns via CG.

Transport for Wales - Caroline to look at this. (Improve train platforms and sites etc)

Letter received by Iolyn Jones from Eifion Roberts regarding weeds on private land by the cemetery. Allegedly the weeds come from the cemetery. It was noted that this is not the responsibility of the Community Council.