

Minutes February 2.2.23

Meeting in the Hall and also on zoom.

Tonight's translator was Delyth Davies, and she was thanked for her work.

Present

Jane T Williams, Eirwyn Thomas, Robin Ward, Annwen Hughes, Gwynfor Owen, Helen Johns, Kevin Titley, John Evans, Luise Vassey (zoom),

Apologies – Nia Jones.

Also in attendance was a representative from the POBL group – to save Llanbedr - namely Lucy Powell.

She was welcomed to the meeting by Eth the chair to discuss and update Cyngor on what is happening regarding the Airfield access road. (Llanbedr by pass)

This stems from the fact that money from the British Government fund was not obtained- from the levelling up. And the fact that Lee Waters does not support such roads especially in the North.

POBL – a group that works voluntarily to try to get order in Llanbedr – publicising and contacting different organisations to get improvement done in Llanbedr for the road and road safety.

Need to work with Gwynedd Council, Community Council and Welsh Government to push forward for road safety here. The Welsh Government has let us down says Lucy and this must be known. This is what POBL do, peacefully of course.

Gwynedd Council is not willing to spend extra money on the options set out in the on the "Road Review", as they know to a fact that they would not be operational. Will not work. The Bypass is now off the plans, although there is still time to work on this, says Gwynedd Council.

I hope to hold a Public Meeting again with Councillor Jane Taylor Williams speaking – 4.3.23

Unless the road infrastructure for the village is addressed then anything happening at the airfield has to be opposed. Dyfrig Siencyn agreed for this to be discussed.

Promised by Lee Waters that he was willing to meet with a small representation of the Pobl group in Parliament. Lucy says she asked him to come to Llanbedr but didn't acknowledge this.

Simple things that could be done are

1. Cameras on the bridge to record any cases.
2. Emission tester
3. Efforts by the Primary School regarding road safety and posters to promote this.
4. Possibility of providing a link from the Community Council website to the Pobl website.
5. Meeting 4.3.23 – Hall or Hall Car Park.
6. Police dedication too.
7. Walk through the Village Campaign – to raise attention. March 25. Something visual to raise the profile of the Ardudwy Corridor is important, but has been abolished by the Welsh Government

RW is not happy that the Community Council is not taking the lead on this.

Gwynedd Council's letter and 12 options on it since 2009 are still in hand. Important to raise these issues again.

RW is pleased that the emphasis is now on road safety.

It was passed that the Clerk send a copy of this letter to each Councillor for further discussions

Also for a committee to discuss these – 16 /2/23 and the way forward

That Gwynfor Owen as a County Councillor on our behalf is also invited.

That a 20 mph plan be put on the agenda. This comes into effect in September/October 2023.

RW – who is leading on this!!

Eth thanked Lucy for her dedication and hard work in raising awareness of all the chaos and troubles in Llanbedr.

The monthly affairs of the Council went ahead as follows:-

Interest – AH re application for funding from Ysgol Ardudwy – an all weather pitch.

Minutes – accept the minutes of the January meeting as correct.

Record also emails received by RW and LV re revisiting the budget. On three choices were forthcoming,

1 Keep as current £15000 ( not enough)

2. Rising To £17500 (this possible but not keeping enough To do all the work needed)

3. £20000 – passed to do this.

4 wanted to hold another meeting, but still wanted to kept the sum at £20000.

RW is happy that this has been put forward, and more information regarding the cemetery finance was explained.

There was a finance report. Taken from balance sheet

No expenditure on Councillors' allowances.

Donations 137 – passed to contribute £450 towards Ysgol Ardudwy's all-weather green pitch. Benefit for Llanbedr.

At the Bank at the end of January was £23187.55

Clare Cousins paid £55.00 for placing a plaque in memory on the cemetery wall.

Bank charges will need to go out on the 19th February – at £5.40

Paid £8.00 to Hall rent

£35 training course

£7.80 bank fees

Report from AH County Council Matters

Planning – Pods near Salem – National Park has rejected this.

Other Gwynedd Council matters

1. Toilets – re-opened – are currently being painted.
2. Lowering kerbs near Ty Mawr – this was done immediately.
3. A pothole near the toilets – has been fixed
4. Yellow Lines near Llys Brithyll – done.
5. Beser's yellow lines – that Eilw Williams Police want to have a word with the owners of Beser Chapel House regarding this and the objections that have been noted before.
6. Disappointed that there was no money for Llanbedr in the Levelling Up.
7. Tidying up team has been underway in Llanbed – pavement brushing and road. Much better.

Reporting by Gwynfor Owen. Gwynedd Council matters

1. Bypass – indicated sadness to the response that there is no funding available. Money was to be a substitute for Europe's currency for the West and Midwest.

That Lee Waters is saying that Gwynedd Council doesn't want to talk to. This is a lie.

What is Vaughn Gethin's intention regarding developments for the economy locally?

Regret that Lee Waters does not want to meet in Llanbedr. Gwynfor also trying to get a meeting between Vaughn Gethin, Lee Waters, and himself.

Mildly disappointed he said . A bunch of Officers tried their upmost and had a valid request for the money . An application that forms part of the Gwynedd greenway. Working from the bottom up – this is the voice of the people

1. Received a complaint regarding lack of pavements throughout the village.
2. River side posts Mochras road – going For inspection
3. The barrier over the entrance to the picnic site– half done. But he is not satisfied with the work.
4. 20 mph – Government legislation to come into force September – October 2023. This is being implemented by Gwynedd Council wherever the current 30 mph limit is. Discussion needed re this.
5. Some good news that Gwynedd Council is re-starting to buy houses for social housing in Gwynedd.

1 Ger y Llan has been bought by them.

3 Bryn Deiliog – still in discussions re this.

Second housing levy money pays for this project.

6. Request for a dog dirt bin near the Talwrn Bach Halt – everyone agrees with this. Transport for Wales will then be willing to put a rubbish bin on site.

That the shelter train station has closed for now – to upgrade and tidy up.

Other Issues in the discussions

## 1. The Cemetery

- a) Need to order compost signs To put on site
- b) This site is very messy, rotten wood
- c) Moles rising here – need to dispose of them
- d) Graves sinking – need to inform Martin Kerr.
- e) The path leading to the cemetery is messy.
- f) Boundary wall needs re building – need estimates for this work
- g) People still Planting on the graves – need a warning about this.
- h) Need to sweep cemetery road
- i) Ivy holding up the boundary wall.
- j) Eth is willing to spray the weeds where there is no garden at the limit.
- k) RW indicated that strimming the bracken and overgrowth would be better.

## 2. Never Cut

1. JTW has had a price for a new sign of £100 + Vat . Passed To order this.

2. JE noted that the wood bench on never cut is also rotting.

It was passed to ask how much will it cost to build a wall – seating area as a bench here? Possibility with slate or wood on the seat.??? Who to undertake the work – send to 2 of these for estimates.

Arfon Pugh, Harri Pugh, Meirion Evans, Charlie and Richard Roberts, Hogiau Dei Thomas.

3. Air Ambulance Site – a large number of emails have come re this. Passed to support keeping the same . That we need the same service we have now.

That some communities buy flags in order to raise a profile. No place to place them safely in Llanbedr (said RW)

Gwynfor Owen noted that they are looking for volunteers to create a video of their experience with Air Ambulance.

4. Website – Web page now live. The 2022 minutes aren't on it yet.

5. Banking usage – now internet banking. . Looking into the possibility to have a savings account.

6. Pont Llanbedr – Eiwyn raised the issue that a number of officials were walking the bridge wearing bright jackets recently. No one knew what was going on!!

7. 20 mph – need to discuss this

8. JTW has been talking to one landowner regarding the residence only parking site .

Also recall that another landowner had offered land for parking. Need to remember this, when talking about the options regarding health and safety and the way forward.

The walk – march . Many disabled people in the village now. They worry about how they can get from one end of the village TO the other.

Also awareness with the children of the school

Site – a path from the playing field to the bridge. Water settles here, water from Plas Newydd – need to know who's responsible for doing any work here. Ask Gwyn Evans – Gwynedd Council footpaths

Committee to discuss options for improving road safety in Llanbedr. 16 February at 7.30