

Minutes of the Llanbedr Community Council Meeting which met on Thursday December 7th at the Village Hall.

Present

Eirwyn Thomas, Annwen Hughes, Kevin Titley, John Evans, Helen Johns, Jane Taylor Williams, Nia Jones

Apologies

Robin Ward, Gwynfor Owen, Luise Vassey

Special welcome to – David Young of Aerospace Snowdonia – Llanbedr

An introduction by him about recent developments.

Secured £820,000 grant funding. This for improving the buildings to the West of the aerodrome. Refurbish the old buildings to facilitate laboratory requirements - warm. Using local tradesmen, thus helping the local economy.

The danger zone in place, operating drones from the site. 4G communication mast here, which gives free supply to the local area. System O2. Experiment with jet aircraft. The future – the project is like a Sand Box – looking at air traffic control, and air space.

Manchester College still using the facility here – for a period of 3 weeks. Again helping the local economy in accommodation and the need for food and drinks.

Hoping to arrange a number of open days in the New Year.

Supportive of putting pressure on Government for the Llanbedr New road, improvements.

Local jobs is very important.

There will be a "rocket test drive" situated in the middle of the aerodrome.

JTW - What about transport through the Village, big trucks etc –

Don't think there will be many big trucks, and no loads of people working at the same time. Change the buildings that are already there. Small trucks, hoping to have some of the work completed by March. Have a January open day. The future – outlined in the recent "press release".

Academia, small research site within Britain. The Government are not so supportive as what was expected. The flight School is struggling to keep going here at Llanbedr.

JE - what work and for how many ?

Waiting to see the response from Lee Paul at the beginning of the year.

The gliders are still operating, and so do the Harlech Rally.

JTW - More advertising and notification of events locally,

But there had been a case regarding this, and some trouble and complaints have been received from locals.

Declaration of Interest- none.

Accept Minutes of last meeting as correct.

Capel Gwynfryn Planning Application – need to give a REPLY TO THIS. Passed to support this request. After HJ, ETh, and The Clerk recently visited the site with Aled Lloyd Snowdonia National Park and the owner. Plans to open a wider access to enable off road parking near the Chapel. Granting access To the cemetery at the gable end of the chapel,

and also an opening of the present boundary wall of – a public footpath – so that there is an opening for people to visit the cemetery with no restrictions. 7 days notice required in the event of a burial.

Finance and budget report 2024/25

Remembering the right to Councillors' allowances!! Need to send a form To Councillors, and need a letter refusing the payment!!

Also right of expenditure Condition 137 = £10.81 / constituent = 420 x 10.81 = total £4540.20

Llanbedr Community taxation base 2024/2025 = £373.86

So if raising £20000 of precept in the band D tax in Llanbedr would contribute £53.49 per household.

At the bank at the end of November there is £26277.98

£907.36 received for the burial of the late Jean Jones

An invoice will be sent out regarding the burial of the late Mrs Redhead shortly.

Need to pay the following

Hall £10.00

Clerk–

Microsoft £95

3 month zoom repayment = £161.97

Remembrance Sunday Wreath = £20

Open grave = £440

Other matters in hand!

1. The Cemetery – the Work is now intended for January. ETh noted that he has purchased weed killer for the moss on the path. But that Jason has now been able to dispose of it using power washer

2. Playground – paid for the playing field inspection. A number of issue arising and need attention. Cost of £2980 +£596 VAT. Total of £3576 Passed to do this work now as £2000 has been put into the budget. But may consider not doing the work on the benches – would save £135 and £415 on this,

AH noted that Dyffryn Council is undergoing an audit by Play Inspection. An independent Company. So going to try these next year! Well ask about a price from them.

3. War Memorial – while taking down the flags on remembrance Sunday, the one near the road was found to be quite loose!! Need funding for improvement.

4. Public footpaths = paid what John Williams was owed for his work. Unfortunately he doesn't want to carry on with the work, and so Chairman has asked Jason and Mike to provide quotes for the work

5. Additional paths to cut – Tyddyn Du path 43

6. Accessible path – Coed Garth Goch – reg. the e mail sent out from Woodland Trust. Expect to have a manager for this area, and then will be in a better position to discuss further with the Community Council. Only to the iron gate they are responsible for.

7. HAL – Eirwyn and Kevin and Morfudd attended the last meeting. Minutes have been sent via e mail. out to the Councillors. A business plan is due to arrive by today.

They have lost the tribunal, a number of grants have been received. Some surveys aren't done until March/April. Still pushing for contributions from Councils. In obtaining a precept contribution it means that Gwynedd Council is also bound to contribute £6000 - £ 7000 pounds.

Llanbedr Committee with area Councillors here on the 18th .

8. Visit with the Clerk and National Park Officers 5.12.23. Introducing themselves, and what the Council wish list from the Park, any troubles!

Potential grants available e.g. funded in the past –

Interpretive panels, solar panels, benches, paths to church ,christmas lights, containers as storage

Minimum £5000

But there are also grants up to £500 towards wellbeing, and events.

Expect to get a link to the website re this. A charging machine point would also be valid for grants.

Something that is a sustainable element and brings the community together. Need to discuss this further, and prioritise

Committee Reports

AH – Gwynedd Council Affairs

1. Toilet improvements have been done . Need to lag the pipes.

2. Police meeting in Barmouth. AH and RW attended. More talk about Barmouth. RW raised the issue of CCTV.

3. Llanbedr Lighting – Friday 8.12.23

Other Issues

1. Hall's financial accounts are declining. Has had several costs recently. Problem with store door and front door. New lights to work outside the building . All mounts up.

Passed to support by putting £1500 in the budget, The cost of hiring the rooms will be additional to this.

2. JE - "Man hole" near Ty'r Graig needs attention

3. Man hole near Tyddyn Sian – the tar around is broken.
 4. Salt Grit has been put in the bins (Hendre Waelod)
 5. KT – important that the train timetable is regular.
 - . Need to keep an eye on this
 6. JTW – Leaves on Cypla road.
 7. JTW – the drain has blocked on right side as you go up the drive – Cypla road (could cause problems).
 8. JTW – Where is the sign – passing point (again Cypla Road)
 9. ETh – need to sweep the leaves of Garth Goch road, clean the gutters and also fix the pot holes in the road.
 10. AH – again need to sweep Cwm Bychan Road All of these for protection lest they freeze!
 11. JE – 5g internet programme for Llanbedr. Need People to declare an interest.
 12. ETh – CCTV cameras in the Village – had a meeting with Dragon wi re this. All in favour of this. Start with 4 cameras, cost for 4 cameras and coder and record box about £2400 . Aerial and link to the Hall internet. This can also be put into the budget.
 13. Meeting at The Vic – regarding improvements and quick wins TFW and Cyngor Gwynedd and Pobl and 3 from Community Council There will be a meeting again in Llanbedr 13.12.23
- Need to send invitations To this as well.
- This was a positive meeting at the Vic.
- Major issues arise – Talwrn Bach railway shelter.
- Barriers over the road at Talwrn Bach. Both of these will be re considered
- Gwynedd Council – a safe route to School and bus shelter areas.