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Llanbedr Community Council Meeting - Minutes 1.2.24 Draft

Present – Eirwyn Thomas, Jane Taylor Williams, Robin Ward, Luise Vassey, John Evans, Annwen Hughes, Helen Johns, Kevin Titley, Cyng. Gwynfor Owen.

Apologies – Nia Jones.

All welcomed to the meeting by Chairman Eirwyn Thomas.

Declaration of Interest – nothing To Declare

Confirm the minutes of the last two meetings – as correct. But that the draft report about HAL needs amending

HAL amendment as follows -

That there has been considerable open discussion, and that a vote has been taken, by show of hands, but that the result of this is secret – that is that there is no declaration of any individual Councillor names published.

Also the issue was raised that the names of the person doing any work are identified; As in taking any action – eg promised to do something.

e.g that Jo Blogs promised to look at route 1.

Remaining entries satisfactory.

Finance Report

Bank Balance end January = £26031.51

This needs to be adjusted as there will be payment for bank charges.

Paid £349.50 HAL for December and January.

Still contributing for February and March 2024.

Burial money received £1746

Precept – £21000 noted.

Need to note on the agenda that meetings are open to the public , and via zoom. Need to include this comment at the end of the minutes, to indicate transparency.

1.Planning Applications – nothing new

a)Any developments regarding Mochras' planning application for the storage shed? (ETH raised the issue)

Action - AH will look into this.

b)A funeral has been held at Capel Gwynfryn Cemetery – the Clerk had notified the owner. (7 days' notice).

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2. Playground – wondering if the work has been done, improvements? RW sees the site looking good. Clerk to ask about this. Clarify that there is no funding to repair the 2 benches, keep the benches out of proposed work for now.

3. The Cemetery –the wall . Work To be done in two weeks. ETh has contacted Arfon Pugh for his insurance number.

4. Never Cut a Friend – it has been passed that a composite seat would be better as a seat material rather than a concrete slab. Action - ETh to get in touch To see what price difference would be.

5. HAL – Ardudwy Leisure.

Report from Cyng. Gwynfor Owen regarding the public meeting held at Swimming Pool Café on Sunday afternoon January 29.

It was due to the decision of Llanbedr, Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talsarnau Council not to fund
Sadness, disappointment, anger.

That the case will more likely be investigated by the Ombudsman. That the method in which the decision was made is not valid, not valid to take a vote over email.

Also not valid to receive secret ballot. This especially when deciding on financial issues .

The public has a right to know, no consultation.

There were no Councillors at the meeting.

Llanbedr Community Council noted that primary children did not attend the pool, but did not consider that children from Llanbedr who are in Ardudwy were having lessons at the pool.

He also noted that in the current economic climate no Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre is safe.

AH noted that was the Council's decision a majority, but they weren't ready To listen at HAL.

Also To make clear that the a secret ballot as stated in January meeting that we did not share anyone's names to the public who had voted and the outcome.

JE – That £27000 has been received To make a business plan – but this doesn't happen until March/April, and Councils have to make a decision are they funding

ETh – again asking why all the volunteers are turning their backs on the Pool. Not enough of them on the management Board. This is itself a cause for concern, and causes problems.

HJ – very ready To slander the Councils.

AH – no mention of gratitude for what has been given over the years

LV – that the vote was fair had generated much debate.

County Councillor Reports –

Annwen Hughes

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Thanking Beer Festival for the Christmas lights even though she missed attending the evening of switching on the lights. for the first time, as she had a personal event the same time.

- A pothole near the toilets before Christmas. Notified CG and they immediately fixed it.
- New Dog Dirt bin replacing old one - on the pavement near the Victoria.
- Inquired about a salt bin to be placed near Cilcychwyn.
- CG Rhiw Felin was gritted during the frosty period.

Gwynfor Owen –

- Difficulty with Social Care – It is now a Private Company. Staff shortages.
- Has been in a meeting re Aerodrom with Annwen Hughes, Dyfrig Siencyn and Sioned Econ. Re Jack North's email – claiming facilities were being removed from the site and sold. But the understanding is these were old equipment from past times. That Gwynedd Council is looking into this.
- Taxes – 10% rise by Gwynedd Council

Need to look to save 8 million shortfall, fall by cuts or off the contingencies reserve money.

Understand that there is a cut in National Insurance Payment.

Gwynedd and Conwy were both Counties receiving less financial aid than other counties from Government funding.

The future looks very sad.

That Fire service requires 9% higher funding this year.

But this is only 4.5% higher for Gwynedd.

Any Other News

Jane Taylor Williams – New Road etc

Noted Lee Waters is coming to Llanbedr tomorrow 2.2.24

Because he failed to come November. Meeting with everyone who was in Cardiff back in April, with Councillors Annwen Hughes and Gwynfor Owen.

Meeting at 9.00am near Cambrian Clearance to walk the Village.

4 days' notice says Gwynfor Owen.

The Clerk noted that she had sent to Gwynedd Council stating disappointment once again that the Councillors are not being made aware of this, and no invite. Good job that Gwynfor and Annwen are representing the Council

Eirwyn Thomas noted that Gwynedd Council have hired the Hall for the 20.2.24 for workshops with Gwyn Davies, and key stakeholders.

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Talwrn Bach Railway Station

RW noted that volunteers were re-starting to carry out site inspections.

Also Melanie Lawton expressing interest in improving the site and putting a public footpath advertising sign on the shelter

The Clerk noted that she had sent details of the advertising board and costs, but needed to send a picture of the map.

That there were 2 mistakes on the original one – Parking by the Fron (this is wrong) and also wrong name for the Bridge (Aberartro Bridge instead of Beser Bridge)

Jane T Williams reported that TFW had contacted saying we were getting a new shelter in Talwrn Bach (TFW got in touch)

This stems from the meeting we had at the Victoria Inn in November.

Need to press for new sign - Talwrn Bach sign here too as well as Llanbedr Crossing– says GO.

JE noted that the platform is not adequate for the newer trains, not long enough.

RW noted that there is an improvement in the bus time table now. Good news.

CCTV – too soon To do anything with this right now. But put money in the budget for reserch.

Emails from Gavin Jones Openreach regarding the possibility of fibre optic broadband for Llanbedr

That the public needs to pledge an interest. Only 27 private properties and 6 businesses have done this so far. £4500 is available To start the process. It is an essential service. Land lines expire at the end of 2025.

It was passed that the Clerk invites Gavin Jones To the next meeting of the Council at 7.00 (7.3.24)

Public Footpaths - Routes

– LV noted the need to have signs on some routes up from Bryn Moel and Llwyn Hwlcyn from Hen Bandy. There is an old iron style here – Tan yr Arlle. Action – will find route number

Other Issues

1. JTW – Pass ing Point sign and stone wall collapse – Cypla Road still not done – AH acting on this one.

2. JTW - Bryn Deiliog road drain – overflow (Clerk acting on this)

3 Iron man hole cover- loose on the road by Ty'r Graig (Clerk To inform GC)

4. JE noted – that people were talking about not funding HAL and using the money for the public toilets instead. But that this is already in the budget.;

Also note that Area Councils meeting re HAL is still to be held 14.2.24 at 7.3Also that Council Meetings are open For all to attend, and also by making arrangements with the Chairman to be on zoom .

