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Llanbedr Community Council Minutes 6.6.24 at 7.30 DRAFT – Neuadd Llanbedr

Present

Chair Jane Taylor Williams, Eirwyn Thomas, Helen Johns, Annwen Hughes, Luise Vassey,  
Nia Jones, John Evans, Robin Ward, Gwynfor Owen. Kevin Tittley.

Full meeting.

Declaration of Interest – nothing To Declare

Accept the Minutes of the last meeting as correct but that clause about Plas Gwynfryn – location of static caravan - planning application needs to be changed to say "the enforcement notice has been withdrawn."

Monthly Finance Report

April report – the following were approved -

Clerk £1060.06

HMRC £133.40 May ( pay by cheque)

J.T.Thomas £60.00

Insurans £517.76

Cymru 1 £302.40

Delyth Williams £40

Hall Rent £10

Iron Designs £250

Received the precept of £10500

Charges bank - £5.00

Bank Balance at the end of April was £15806.07 - in line with the spread sheet.

May Invoices – To be paid as follows

Cemetery Work and Never Cut extra £620

CCF – for posts and fencing wire £83.25 + VAT of £16.65 (paid this)

Hall £20.00

Cemetery Cutting £400 (Work for 2 months growth)

Parish Online £90.00 inc.vat

Delyth Williams £40.00

Approval of payment of these 6.6.24

Bank Balance at end of May is £26160.77 ( equals to spread sheet)

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## REPORT Internal Audit

Completed May 2024

- Failure to update financial and standing orders and online payments system.
- Failure to obtain formal confirmation of refusal of allowances. Although emails have been received.

After re-examining and accepting the Council's regulations at the meeting. Formulated an online banking policy. It was stated that 2 was required To approve the payments, and To send afterwards to the one who is allowed to make the payments.

Need to revisit the policies again in line with those published on line by Un Llais Cymru. This will be carried out before September's meeting.

Also the need to address the format for formal acceptance letters regarding allowances for Councillors.

Placing a Notice of Audit on the advertising board 7.6.24

Sign the annual form by the Clerk and Chairman.

## Internal Control

It was also noted that it will be advantageous to have a base form for this, so that it can be recorded at every meeting – risk management, assets, audits etc.

The Clerk and Chair will draw up a document for approval by next meeting.

The Clerk To prepare a package ready for External Examination.

## OTHER MATTERS of the Council.

### 1. The Cemetery.

The Clerk noted after she had made her inspection of the cemetery in May that many issues arise. –

Branch needs cutting, hedge trimming, ivy, weeds, moss on the trail.

Passed To have a site meeting 10.6.24 at 6.30

2 Playground –some further work needs doing by G.L.Jones. Need to inform them of this. Painting of equipment and part re surfacing.

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3. A meeting was held in the Hall on the 4.6.24 re improvements for the development of Llanbedr transport improvements – workshop feedback 2. JTW expressed that this workshop has been the best so far. Understand the problem that WSP has to go over old ground, as this was specified by Welsh Government. This of course is a big obstacle.

The quick wins – still get the bus shelters for Llanbedr. Although there was a complaint received from the Victoria's management regarding the wooden shelter opposite the Vic. They have now referred the matter to Robinsons to discuss with Gwynedd Council. AH admits that they should have been invited to the site meeting.

Gwynfor Owen noted that any correspondence will be available on Gwynedd Council's website. Therefore individuals do not have to complain that they are not receiving any information from the Community Council.

There will be a news letter sent via e mail which can then be circulated.

This is what the Clerk will be announcing and not what was discussed and held on on a previous e mail. The wording of the information to difficult.

It was passed that there was no need to complete the questionnaire as a Community Council as everyone had their personal comments and opinions.

#### 4. Meeting over Teams 10.6.24

That the meeting has been organised by Gwynfor Owen between TFW and Gwynedd Council and Ken Skates MS Ysg Cabinet North and TFW will be present at a meeting in Wrexham, and on Teams.

That J.T.W. a RW and KT wanted to attend the meeting, and that the Clerk, Eth and LV were to continue with a web link.

Hoping that it will benefit the Ardudwy area.

No agenda, but improvements to road, and road safety and the cuts to train services will be discussed.

#### 5. Public Footpaths

\*Although tenders were due by April, there has been no response. Send again to 2 undertakers.

\* Need to fix coronation bridge gate – coast path

\* Cutting the coastal path – a path to the Talwrn Bach railway (Overgrown bushes)

\* Gate on Aberartro Wood path – Glyn Artro broken. That Eth will dispose of this.

\* No boundary gate on Glyn Artro bridge.

These deficiencies were identified and forwarded to Gwyn Evans – Gwynedd Council.

Who owns the land around the Dam - ? Where is the boundary of Coed Cadw?

Need to put a notice on the website and fb kindly asking if landowners would be able to help with clearing paths on their land – can't get those who are experienced with relevant strimmer and insurance to tender for the work, and high costs to the Council.

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6. Defibrillator – RW reported that the pads and batteries have been replaced and are fit for use until September 2025 . RW noted that he does not receive emails from the Authority even though he is now the official guardian of the defibrillator Also noted that the case has started to corrode and it will need to be replaced in the future .

It was agreed to budget for this next year at a cost of £600 for a polycarbonate case.

## 7. Gwynedd Council reports

Report by Councillor Annwen Hughes

1. A branch near Ty Mawr still not cut.
2. Road network will be closed in the next month due to Work by Open Reach.
3. Improvement has been made to the road by Wenallt. Also the Sarn Hir road and the Lismore part of road has been done.
4. The car still parked on the road near Capel Bach.
5. Numerous potholes on Bryn Deiliog road – near number 1 and 2
6. Garth Goch Road not done.
7. Declaration that Gwynedd Council will be facing a large number of future cuts. Councils will be expected to take on more duties!!

Report by Gwynfor Owen

1. More service cuts.
2. He expressed that roads in Gwynedd - pot holes were better than in other areas.
3. Problems with repairs 1 Ger y Llan. Expect tenant will be in shortly before the end of July.
4. Chance To vote for Air Ambulance To stay in Dinas Dinlle – on the web. Gwynedd Council supports this and Betsi Cadwaladr. Need more names on the petition before it can be addressed at the Senedd.
5. Cutting back on train services . Gwynedd Council is supportive To keep the service as it was. By making the changes TFW saves £700000.

It was noted that a record must be kept of how many people use the trains at different times.

Also that the majority don't pay.

Expect to be 4 carriages / trains and 2 conductors during the summer.

## 8. Reports of any other Committees

One Voice Wales Meeting – Eirwyn and Jane have attended this recently.

Issues discussed were online banking facilities, and also the need for land owners to help in keeping footpaths on their land accessible.

#### 9. Any Other Matter

a) zoom translation service – The Clerk indicated that she was trying to reschedule this service.

b) Air Ambulance – fill the petition

c) 20 miles per hour for Llanbedr - 20 miles needed to be changed – well extending up to Cambrian Clearance South of Llanbedr , and the Mochras road to start over the Talwrn Bach Railway. GO noted that the number of accidents has decreased due to this process.

d) RW – Japanese knotweed problem – Mochras Road and opposite Awelfryn . (Gwynedd Council)

e) LV – The gate Coronation Bridge – closing mechanism is broken (Gwynedd Council)

f) KT – need to cut path to Talwrn Bach – coastal path. (Gwynedd Council)

g) JE – need to cut more on roadside near Capel Gwynfryn

h) Eth – expressing that there is a problem with the School sewage and the boundary wall between the Hall Parking and school needs attention.

JTW -The pass point sign still hasn't been put in place near Cypla. (Gwynedd Council)

i) Ivy on the bridge. (Cyngor Gwynedd)

j) Make payments to Ysgol Feithrin. £1500 set aside in the budget – making a payment 3 times.

Now, at end of September and end of December.