

## Draft Minutes 5.6.25

### Attendance

Chair Jane Taylor Williams, Eirwyn Thomas, Robin Ward, Kevin Titley, Nia Jones, Councillor Annwen Hughes

.Absence by apology -Luise Vassey, John Evans, Helen Johns, Councillor Gwynfor Owen.

### Words from the Chair

Thanking everyone for their attendance, presenting flowers to the Clerk special birthday and for all her work.

Declaration of Interest – Annwen Hughes declaring an interest in case any application is called into the full committee of Snowdonia National Park.

A planning application has been submitted for land near Salem Chapel to install pods, which has not yet been decided. It is possible that this land has been contaminated and is therefore not suitable for installing pods on it. The Clerk needs to write to the National Park to see what is happening. It was also noted that a similar application has been refused by Gwynedd Council on farmland near Corris recently.

Comments from the Council - it would be better to see pods there than a storage building for fallen stock. Fewer vehicles with pods, no artic to carry dead animals away from there. Would the land be suitable for building affordable housing?

### Finance

The Clerk noted that the accounts were audited during May by Gwynedd Council. Need to be signed 5.6.25 Internal report available. (Will be on web page)

Preparing the accounts now for the full external audit. This is to be submitted by the beginning of July. They need bank statements from the end of May and the end of June for the audit. It is necessary to photocopy several documents and to email some things to them as well. Some documents are also available online.

The insurance policy was reviewed on 5.6.25.

The biodiversity policy was reviewed.

Allowance letter was signed on 5.6.25.

Standing orders are fine so far. Annwen Hughes noted that it would be a good idea to review these and more in January of each year.

It was decided to do this. The need to send a spreadsheet of accounts to everyone.

At the end of May, the bank balance was £30,258.95.

This includes a precept of £14,500, a VAT refund of £705.25, and £1,908.00 for burial fees from Pritchard and Griffiths.

The following payments were also made during May – Dyffryn Iron Design £250 for grass cutting, Lorna Bland £190 for cutting grass at the old cemetery, and Delyth Williams £180 for the month

of May. There was a mistake here. £90 was paid for April and May. A further £90 was paid, but it has now been seen that this has been refunded (June bank account).

Cylch Meithrin – when is a contribution needed for them? £2,000 has been allocated in the budget for them. Four payments can be released per year, each school term. One payment needs to be released now: £500. Payment for September, payment for December, and payment for March 2026.

Invoice received from the Clerk (later than usual) due to discrepancy with payee. Code has changed and therefore no payment to HMRC.

#### Community Council Matters – issues arising

##### 1. The Cemetery

It was noted that there was a day or morning of clearing in the cemetery. A very good morning with JTW, KT, HJ and the Clerk and 2 villagers volunteering. Help was also received from Alex Mead to clear the path to the cemetery. It was agreed to do this again in October. It was noted that the composting area needs to be re-done. Signs are needed there – section no throwing oasis and plastic in the compost. JTW will do this. A second compost site is needed. What about the stones? – Offer them to a builder – post on Facebook that they are available for free. Tea was had, and 3 packets of biscuits were provided by the shop manager at the YR Efail. Fair play to him.

##### 2. Paths

a) Need to send an email to a specific x counsellor regarding the woods and public paths. The landowner is responsible for these and any costs.

b) Tom Edwards is eager to cut some paths. He wishes to go around with Eirwyn in the coming days. See path 7 and paths 16/17 Coed Llety Walter. Trying to make one circuit here. Too many paths to justify cutting them all.

3. Clear weeds in the playground and cemetery – this has been done.

4. Pavement and Path sign by the Vic.

News - disappointing situation regarding the sign. It has gone missing.

The clerk received a template of the original sign. The Clerk and the ETh have revised some of that sign. Remove the parking at the Fron, and also correct the name of Bont Besar (Pont Glynne Artro was on the previous sign). The clerk has sent this forward to the contractors. They are supposed to pay for the new sign. Also complained to Llinos Angharad of Gwynedd Council. It is understood that the pavement will be lowered and a new sign installed at the same time. It is unknown when this will happen. The clerk expressed her disappointment regarding this, waste of time and extra hours have been taken to resolve the issue.

5. Llanbedr Road consultation.

A response was received to the letter sent before the deadline for the consultation in May. Not much change can be anticipated. Discussion regarding this took place.

RW noted that YGC clearly disregarded any adaptations on the grounds that there was no planning application for them. AH and JTW noted that making another planning application for any additions means a new planning application. A long process, taking time, additional resources, and money, and throwing the plan which is currently on the cards further into the future. Losing everything that has been done so far and starting from scratch. Work would continue forever, with no end, and possibly losing everything in the end. Getting nothing!! The last thing we want, JTW said, is to have another judicial review. AH noted – in an attempt to explain – “when planning permission was requested

for the Village Hall” and this was ultimately obtained because grants did not allow it. RW – a new planning application can be made. AH – more money, more time, and there may not be any grants available by the time a decision is received. RW – noted that to keep the planning application alive, it was necessary to start on material work, the wall and the wall with pipe on the field near Talwrn bach , this has cost about £257,000 of public money. This is outrageous, a waste of public money and possibly a crime. It was passed that the Clerk should question Llinos Angharad about these prices, based on freedom of information. And to get a breakdown of the costs. Jones Brothers have done the stonework. JTW noted that she is very disappointed – people in the area have been waiting since 1959 for a bypass. It would be nice to see any development now.. RW noted - therefore any new adjustments or elements of work on the planning application are not available. Completely correct.!!! I wonder how many have responded to the consultation? This can also be queried.

Report from Councillor Annwen Hughes

1. Complaint regarding cones opposite the public toilets. The gully has closed here.
2. Cleaning team – weeding again.
3. Llanbedr sign – has been turned to face another way. This has been resolved.
4. Car still on the road near Pentre Gwynfryn. No one is taking any notice of it. The Clerk noted that she had a word with the owner, and he intends to move it soon.
5. For information – Work is being done at Bangor Crematorium. New crematorium being established there. Therefore unfortunately only 4 services a day there, and no services on Saturdays, until the work is completed (around December)
6. For information – that work is being carried out to install cables under the road and traffic lights in Porthmadog. As a result, the road from Llandecwyn to Maentwrog will be closed.
7. Sadly news about the death of Councillor and Chair of Abermaw Council. Rob Triggs, who recently passed away. He was the representative of Gwynedd Council on Abermaw Town Council. A tribute to him from Gwynedd Council.

.News from TFW.

The Clerk noted that she had received an email recently regarding developments at Talwrn Bach Station. RW and the Clerk visited TFW officials recently, and there was quite a discussion. Here are the comments – Disappointment – we will not get a new shelter here!

Disappointment – Talwrn Bach will not be on the sign, as we had requested.

The shelter has been painted.They will be repainting the white line on the platform.It is possible to put the footpath sign on the shelter. But not entirely sure who will pay for this. Possibly a grant scheme – another Society must be found to apply for this. A template of the sign is ready to be placed here, but it would be good to have a sign like From Rails to the footpaths , namely the TFW logo.It is also possible for the Council to develop panel boards about the history of Talwrn Bach. Again to be placed on the shelter and more.. cost and more work. Need quality information panels that can withstand the weather and sea water.

New dog waste bin. Finally, Gwynedd Council will install a dog waste bin near Talwrn bach. This has been installed at the corner of the path. Rubbish bin on the platform? It may now be possible to have a rubbish bin installed on the platform. Need to ask for one. Who will be responsible for emptying it? Ask about this too.

Issues raised by Councillors

1. Luise Vassey complained that there was a lot of rubbish at the May Bank Holiday on the Station (May 26.) But after she went there the following day, someone had collected it from there.

2. Verge growth – AH noted that Gwynedd Council only cuts the verge once a year now.

LV - Verge growth at Bron Meini. (Gwynedd Council) AH –

Verge growth near Hafan Artro (Notify Edward Griffiths again) JTW –

Verge growth – Bryn Hyfryd (Gwynedd Council)

JTW - Hole in the road near Cypla (Gwynedd Council)

KT - Enterprise Van parking on the pavement near Plas Newydd. Called 111 to report it. Need to inform Iwan ap Trefor to ask about the possibility of getting yellow double lines here says AH

KT - No dogs - sign - need one for the children's play area. The Clerk noted that a request for one had already been made to Gwynedd Council. Ask again.

KT - noting that grants are available for solar panels. Would it be possible to refer this to the attention of the Ardudwy Forum? It was agreed to do so.

NJ - that the 20 mph sign is obstructing visibility out of Blaen Pwll road, Sarn Hir. Notify Gwynedd Council.

ETh - Suggested in the last meeting too - that the volunteering project at Cae Deiliog is coming to an end. The volunteers are becoming scarce now. Need to put on the precept. The responsibility surely lies with the Community Council. It was agreed to put it on the July agenda.

ETh - Annual Hall Meeting - as there are few attending the hall meeting, a request was made by Eirwyn to hold it next month before the Community Council meeting. This was agreed to be held at 7.00. Arfon Huws - will not be available to interpret next month.

JTW - – Fundraising for the Open Garden at the Bank Holiday, Cypla. £1200 has been raised towards cancer research and they will also be making a contribution to the Cylch Meithrin. Arrangements for another event at the end of the month.

Day at the Aerodrome – Helen John, Jane Taylor, and Lucy Powell attended. A very successful day, several companies from abroad were showing interest in Aerospace and drones. Huge investment needed to implement the plans.

Complaints that the drones are flying later at night than they should be. Experimenting with drones carrying water – nothing aggressive here, nothing for weapons!!

Lucy Powell has requested an email from the Managers occasionally. A copy was received from JTW. However, they should get it sent directly to the Clerk as well.

Disappointed that this has not happened, despite asking repeatedly when the Officers come to Community Council meetings. Need to get in touch with them.

JTW – received a text message from Owen Duncan ATC Llanbedr asking for a letter of support – applying for a grant from Cist Gwynedd for painting the Juvenik, and a small model of a plane they have in the shed at the ATC. Also for creating information panel boards . Council agreed to support this and wish them well in the work.