

Draft minutes of Llanbedr Council 2.10.25

Present

Robin, Eirwyn, Jane, John, Helen, Annwen, Kevin, Nia, Helen.

Apologies Luisse (unable to get hybrid translation for her), Gwynfor Owen

.Declaration of Interest – none to declare

Planning application for site near Salem Chapel - Fallen Stock application for water supply and soakaway. This is a very thorough application. It was decided not to comment and to send no remarks.

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A word from the Chair – welcoming everyone to the meeting. Very concerned that visitors' attitudes toward the Village are hostile and disgraceful under certain circumstances. (Vandalism and lack of respect).

Sympathies were also expressed to Annwen Hughes on the recent loss of her aunt, Catrin Richards, formerly of Cwm yr afon.

Approval of the Minutes of the last Meeting – considered correction needed to correct a name in the minutes from Gwynfor to John. (two brothers)

Finance Report

The Clerk noted that 2 documents have been approved for 23/24 and 24/25 by the External Auditor by now.

Need to put these on the web page.

Need to publish on the web and on the notice board that the documents are now available for anyone to view and to receive a copy for a price of £2.00 per page.

Some elements no longer comply with the financial arrangement. Everything is in place correctly, money wise..

Note to look at the Clerk's contract, Work contract against budget.

Reserves in the budget. Need to note this better.

Finance Report

In the Bank today there is £36,650.48

This covers payment of 6 months of salary and office costs for the Clerk. £1286.47. Also £43.12 for HMRC. £66 PAYE to the Accountant. (This includes VAT of £11.00).

Other expenses will be Translation at the time for September and October. Contribution to the Nursery School £500. Invoice from Delyth for providing information on the website. Invoice from Perri Jones for cutting the cemetery.

Invoices for the External Audit will be provided

.ETh noted that a new fire door is needed for the Hall. This will cost £2227 (VAT included) as well as the installation cost. Price from Simon Jones. It was agreed that ETh would get a breakdown of the costs, in order to see where the Community Council could help. ETh noted that £1500 has been earmarked in the budget for a donation to the Hall.

Other Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Cemetery*Work needs to be done regarding the biodiversity plan. To be reviewed at the site meeting on 21.10.25 at 5.30.

- * Following the above, there is also the need to clear moss from the path. Alex Meade has agreed to do this. (Obtain water supply from Victoria).
- * Brown bin – the Clerk noted that she is still emptying this.. Easier to do than to cause trouble.
- * Glynne Artro family grave is very overgrown. Trees growing on it. ETh will contact the family.
- * Complaint that the new graves are sinking. Not enough soil on them. The Clerk has contacted Martin Kerr, who opens the graves, and also Dylan (Pritchard and Griffiths) about this.

Hall car park – something needs to be done here. Disabled scooters are unable to access because of the holes in the asphalt. Need to ask for a price to make a path. Raise this at the Hall Committee. Need 3 quotes.

Drone accident – The Clerk has contacted Snowdonia Aerospace (no response), also Liz Saville Roberts and Nia Bowden (Gwynedd Council) – no one knows about the incident. JTW noted that she had contacted the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) – drones are not to fly under 1,000 feet.

Information about this on the Harlech Group website.

Gwynedd Council Matters

Rhiw Cypla - JTW noted that she and her husband have been clearing and emptying drains on this road. Gwynedd Council has done nothing so far. The drains need clearing.

KT also noted that it is necessary to clear drains around Bryn Deiliog, Numbers 6 and 7 in particular, and drains under the pavement here.

The drain near Hafan Artro also needs attention. Water is bubbling along the road from Tyddyn Pandy down through Bryn Deiliog and to the main road near Hafan Artro.

The situation with water drains – Welsh Water has handled it. Need to contact Gwynedd Council again about this.

Public Foot Paths

That the wooden bridge over the Nantcol River has damage to it.. Path closed. Also that Gwynedd Council is clearing the path 42 up towards Glynne Artro/ Tyddyn Bach.

Report by Cllr. Annwen Hughes.

1. Noted a number of acts of vandalism in the area - women's toilets blocked. She has cleared these herself
2. . The car in Pentre Gwynfryn has now been moved. Good news. However, unfortunately, another car is parked opposite the Shop. Fawr
3. . The village hall noticeboard needs clearing.
4. . Who owns the grey camper opposite Riverside? (On the road).
5. . Tremendous success was the Coffee Morning for McMillan at the Vic. A substantial amount of £1625 was raised. The Primary School also attended.
6. . Sarn Hir Road needs attention before a terrible accident occurs here. There are signs, but speed must be reduced. Contact Iwan ap Trevor, Gwynedd Council.
7. . The Cambrian Road liaison meeting will take place on 21 November for information.

Translate on the spot and Hybrid

The Clerk and the Vice Chair have been in a Teams meeting about this around 11:30 this

morning.

Present were Jeremy - Welsh 2050, Tim Donegani – Local Government policies, Paul Egan and Katherine Brown One Voice Wales. This causes difficulties for a number of Councils even though it is meant to be flexible and to make meetings open to everyone. Stronger microphones will be needed (no guidelines on this).

That a Teams service be available with a button for changing the language. Through Microsoft 365, this is supposed to be free so we would save money in the long run. A link has been received for further information on this.

That One Voice Wales will send out a survey to Councils to see which system they use. This will happen in the coming weeks.

Permission was given to trial Teams before cancelling the current Zoom.

Playground

The Clerk noted that the bench / picnic table has arrived. A location is needed for it in the playground. Passed to have a Sunday morning meeting at 10:00 in the field. JTW, Clerk, and ETh.

Bear Bin – need to order a bin liner for this. Clerk to enquire about price.

Benches need attention Two benches that are council property have been moved for safety. Metalwork has rusted. What to do with them? Are they needed? Or order some new ones. Clerk to check prices and send details via email to the Councillors for next month. Another bench at CCF needs to be moved to the cemetery?

Private bench in the cemetery needs to be repaired,

Talwrn Bach

1. Bin on the platform – nothing so far
2. White line at the front of the platform – not done
- .3. Ordered the sign – pathways

Remembrance Sunday –KT needs current insurance policy to fill in the form for closing the road on Sunday, 9th November

.AH suggested that it would be good to offer tea and biscuits after the service in the Hall. This was agreed, and advance notice will be necessary.

JE noted that the road should be swept – at least before the Service.

.Other Matters

* KT noted that he was about to write a letter as a Governor for the children's service with special needs. Asked if the Council would support this. They would respond affirmatively.

* The Clerk noted that she had on behalf of the Council, written in support for the Dental School in Bangor.

* John Evans noted that Harlech and Dolgellau Fire Stations are now open full time. Good news.

* Since the meeting with TFW was postponed in September, a Zoom meeting will be available by invitation on the morning of 15 October. The Clerk has sent it to RW and JTW.

* Ardudwy Forum – invitations have been sent by email to the Councils.

7 o'clock on 15.10.25

Need to send an invitation to Reg Chapman Harlech to provide details and an update on the HAL situation.

