

English Version of minutes for September 3rd 2026

At Llanbedr Village Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

PRESENT

Eirwyn Thomas, Robin Ward, Gwynfor Owen, Helen Johns, Kevin Titley, Luise on Zoom, Annwen Hughes. John Evans

APOLOGIES

Nia Jones, Jane Taylor Williams

WELCOME WORD – By Eirwyn Thomas. Just turned 7:30. Welcoming everyone to the September meeting, after the summer break.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Nothing to declare.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Bryn Golau planning application – belongs to Llanfair Council.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – In the Bank £27,763.09

Received precept of £14,500 – so making a total of £42,263.09

During August, payments were as follows for work:

Hall hire £24.00

J A Perratt Kerr £330 work on the playground – cae deiliog

Internal Audit £600 This rises every year (needs better budgeting

Ysgol Feithrin donation £500

Cemetery £225 (Colin Evans old cemetery)

Receive July meeting minutes, as correct.

ANY ISSUES ARISING

1. THE CEMETERY – Need to keep an eye on some graves – with flowers/plants planted on them. Risk of taking over, and close to other graves.

Wall between the 2 cemeteries – Needs to be looked at closely. Jane suggested that church members would like to see a toilet in the shed. To be discussed next month.

Buddleia tree or bush by the path to the Church – needs to be cut down.

2. PLAYING FIELD – need to apply for a grant for the wet pour. Have received 2 estimates between £4000 and £6000. This is far too expensive and they have no funding.

AH is suggesting we should do a survey to see what the school kids need in the playground.

The equipment has now lost its color. Faded in the sun

Kevin pointed out that the opinion of secondary school children should also be gathered.

There is other work here too, namely the electric lights have been started. The light is now working.

Hedge Laying – had a meeting in the playground during the summer with 2 officers from the National Park. Happy with the plan to lay the hedge. Grant has been secured.

Need to get in touch with the workers and also Ardudwy School and Llanbedr School to see if they would like to come and watch the work being done – one of those rural traditions. Work to start in November.

3. GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS

Report from Councillor Annwen Hughes –

Hot topic: the fire on the Rhinogydd during the summer, which lasted for over 2 weeks. Started because of the carelessness of one man near Gloylyn. 9 fire brigades at attendance there at one time. Complaints about lack of support from helicopters on the orders of Natural Resources Wales. Landowners on the Cwm Bychan side paid for a private helicopter to try to reduce the fire from spreading across all the land.

Cones still on the main road near Neuadd. Lights haven't been fitted on the poles yet.

On October 14, the Sarn Hir road will be closed due to resurfacing. The work will be done during the night. (Need to contact Caroline Evans about this – she's doing work on Y Garth and has builders working there. They'd be worried about not being able to get through.)

More information about ways to ease the traffic - in November.

Camper vans are staying overnight in various spots across the parish. The need for Gwynedd Council to put up signs to stop this.

Memorial bench – near Cambrian Clearance – the Clerk has informed the owner about this.

Pruning needed around the School Sign near Y Felin

Report from Cllr Gwynfor Owen

1. Campervans – a problem throughout the county. Going to suggest that Gwynedd Council monitors the situation (Full Council).

2. On 19th September, Mochras road will be closed for Network Rail to do overnight work. Hopefully this won't affect the trains as it is Beer Festival weekend.

3. Bont Briwet road will also be closed. BT will be doing work similar to what was done in Talsarnau. 2 days closed (Tuesday and Wednesday. About 4 hours a day. Need assurance that Ardudwy and Hafod Lon school pupils can get through without delay. And of course emergency transport.

4. Fire on Rhinogydd – a post mortem needed on this – what went wrong? Why wasn't the helicopter available immediately? Why weren't the drones available from the Camp?

5. Another meeting was also held with Jane T Williams to deal with all the emails complaining about the noise from the drones. Becca Brown and Roger Maine were also present. The main complaint is the deafening noise of the wind racers. Anduril Company now runs the Airfield. This also needs to be raised at a full Council. Leaving it in Becca Brown's hands.

6. GO noted that the Council is already looking at possible cuts of up to 5% in their budget for next year.

7. Visitor Tax – consultation on this issue is still open. A variety of responses such as:

Anglesey 2000 responses, Conwy 1000 responses, and Gwynedd Council with 7000 responses.

Those who have responded with between 1 and 3% have only read the guidelines.

Remove this for now in order to give fairness to the issue.

a) Work on cattle grids has been done.

b) Holes in the road – work started today

c) Drains/sewer at Bryn Deiliog – this has been done.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Remembrance Sunday – are we keeping to the same arrangement as last year? Yes, but we need to redo who is taking part.

Still haven't received information from J.L. Richards about the plane coming down near Gloylyn.

2. Since it's now September, are we going to start on the CCTV?

GO noted that Gwynedd Council takes care of CCTV in other areas of Gwynedd, like Arfon and Dwyfor. Not sure what the terms are.

3. Huchenfeld Crew visit soon and the invitation to the buffet?

Is the Council giving a gift? Helen will contact Suzanne about this.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT –

Other matters over the summer

a) Manhole near Ger y Llan – has this been fixed? This has been done. Another manhole near Dewi Wynne's house needs attention.

b) Work on the river bankchain link fence Mochras road – untidy.. Although the riverbank has been cleared.

c) Sarn Hir Road – work in October – resurfacing.

d) Meeting about the bypass in August. Only a few were invited to this. There was a hearing – complaints from the Village, and the dangers of the road and the bridge. But no search for £50 million to do the Work Now. Not likely to get this from the CJC. Eirwyn noted that Gwynedd Council had been carrying out an inspection of the bypass site over the summer, and had hired the Hall to use the electricity to charge their batteries. 3D mapping of the bypass route.

e) DRONES – meeting held over the summer (Becca Brown)

f) Public Paths – the growth on these has gotten out of control. Gwynedd Council is cutting number 70 on our part. Path from Quarry to Coed Llechi.

There have also been complaints about the paths around Coed Mawr– referred to Gwynedd Council. Need to reposition poles to show these paths.

g) Parking near Plas Newydd – this remains a problem.

h) Campervans staying overnight in lay-bys in the area. Referred to Gwynedd Council.

i) Zoom and translation equipment. System that Gwynfor Owen has seems to work well.

Next steps – Either rent every month from Gwynfor for £25.00 a night, or buy equipment for about £400. Arfon the Translator will be able to work from home. This will save some money! Robin Ward is keen to rent for now. Luisse's view is unsure. But to wait to put it in the budget if possible.

Other Matters Discussed

1. RW – speeding through the Village. It was noted that strip monitors have been installed across the road for counting the number of vehicles. Go Safe cannot operate in 20mph areas. Gwynfor Owen said that the Council needs to ask the police again. He also noted that every Council complains, not unique to Llanbedr. That Gwynedd Council is trying to put things in place, but still no improvement seen. Local people are the majority who offend, on their way to Work and back home. Warning that PCOs can issue a warning but not a fine. Need 4 volunteers in an area to do the course with the speeding camera. RW – why we can't get "fixed speed cameras" – they don't exist in Gwynedd.

2. Gof Golofn – mud has collected opposite the war memorial.

– refer the matter to Gwynedd Council.

3. Zoom – before the Clerk sends a Zoom invite to everyone – it has to be done on the same day as the meeting. And councillors and members of the public ask for an invite and the Zoom link.

4. Bypass Meeting – attach the e mail from Liz Saville and from Transport for Wales Minister

5. Train Service – Cambrian line – Gwynfor Owen. He noted that he had raised the question about the new shelter, barriers over the road for safety, the length and strength of the platform, what about the Talwrn Bach sign? Awaiting reply.