

Cyngor Cymuned LLANBEDROG *Community Council*

Minutes of remote meeting held on 28/06/2021 7:00pm – COVID-19

John Brinley Jones (Ch'r)	David Andrew Parry	Alan Harper-Smith	Greta Hughes
William Penri Jones	Ian Goronwy Williams	Thomas Victor Jones	Alaw Ceris
William Roger Jones	Ann Llwyd (Translator)	Pat Humphreys (Clerk)	

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom software in line with COVID-19 guidance.

The Chair requested that everyone 'mute' themselves when not speaking as background noise can interfere with translation. Members should raise their hand when wishing to contribute, and voting would be carried out by a show of hands.

1. Apologies

Gwenllian Hughes & Claire Russell-Griffiths

2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest

John Brinley Jones – planning application for Ty Capel Seion, Llanbedrog.

10. Vacancy

Alaw Ceris had expressed an interest in the vacancy.

Resolution: It was unanimously resolved to accept Alaw Ceris as a member of Llanbedrog Community Council.

Proposed: Ian Goronwy Williams Seconded: Thomas Victor Jones

Alaw Ceris joined the meeting and the Chair welcomed her as a member of Llanbedrog Community Council.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 31/05/2021

The clerk had not written Andrew Parry's name correctly and would amend the minutes. The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Proposed: William Penri Jones Seconded: Andrew Parry

4. Any Urgent Business

Overnight parking issues

An e-mail was received by Pistyll Community Council requesting Community/Town Councils' support for their request to the County Council to sort out the issue of campervans parking overnight at the Nant Gwrtheyrn car park in Llithfaen. They are ignoring the 'no overnight parking' signs and are leaving litter as well as waste from the campervan toilets. This is also a problem in the Llanbedrog area at Carreg y Defaid, Ty'n Tywyn car park and Glan y Môr car park in Llanbedrog. As an increasing number of people are now buying campervans, the problem will only get worse. Greta Hughes stated that this matter should be dealt with by the Government in the same way as the French Government has done, by allocating specific areas for campervans, known as 'Aires'. As they bring money into the area, and that it is possible to manage short term stays, e.g., one night only, this will not detract from other campsites offering long term stays e.g., a week or a fortnight. The Chair, Victor Thomas Jones and Williams Roger Jones agreed with Greta Hughes.

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Resolution: To support Pistyll Community Council and write a letter to Gwynedd Council to include the comments made by Greta Hughes.

Proposed: William Penri Jones Seconded: Greta Hughes

Llanbedrog Flower Tubs

This matter was raised by William Roger Jones as he had noticed the extremely poor condition of the flower tubs in the village. He proposed that someone should be approached to plant flowers in them as soon as possible. Greta Hughes stated that her neighbour usually plants geraniums in these tubs, and buys the plants herself, and therefore agreed that someone should be asked to do the work.

Resolution: The clerk to contact Canolfan y Gwystl to ask them to plant flowers in the tubs and request that they leave the geraniums in the tubs, and not to remove them. The Chair is to forward a plan to the Clerk showing the location of the tubs.

Proposed: William Roger Jones Seconded: William Penri Jones

5. Annual Return 2020-2021

All members received a copy of the Annual Return, the Internal Audit Report, the bank reconciliation, and the accounts for their perusal in advance of the meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair have e-mailed the Clerk to thank her and congratulate her on her comprehensive report. Greta Hughes also expressed her gratitude. One item raised in the report was that the Annual Meeting had not been held prior to 31/12/2020 but that an Annual Meeting was held this year. The Clerk added that all points raised in the 2019-2020 audit report had been mitigated in the 2020-2021 audit.

Resolution: 2020-2021 Annual Return was approved.

Proposed: Ian Goronwy Williams Seconded: Andrew Parry

6. E-mail from Nefyn Town Council – To create a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a Welsh Language Policy.

An e-mail was received from Nefyn Town Council inviting Town/Community Councils to create a memorandum of understanding in relation to a Welsh Language Policy for Town/Community Councils in Gwynedd so that the Welsh language may be safeguarded in accordance with The Well-being of Future Generations Act, clause 6, a Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language. If enough interest is shown by Town/Community Councils, a meeting will be organised.

Resolution: The Clerk to pass on the following names, stating that they would be interested in attending such a meeting: William Penri Jones, Ian Goronwy Williams, Alaw Ceris, William Roger Jones and Thomas Victor Jones.

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7. Footpaths

The Chair had recently walked some of the paths and had noticed that they are overgrown and in need of a cut, namely the path through Nant, the well, and the area in front of the school. William Penri Jones agreed about the path through Nant as he had failed to walk it due to the overgrowth. Thomas Victor Jones agreed that the area in front of the school should be cut often to keep it tidy and Alan Harper Smith agreed that they were overgrown and impossible to walk. Alaw Ceris expressed her concern about the area in front of the school because parents are no longer allowed to go up to the school itself to collect their children due to the covid-19 situation. There is a real need for this area of land to be available for to safely assemble, maintaining a 2-metre distance between them, whilst waiting for their children.

Two 'no smoking' signs have been placed in the recreation area and one in the area in front of the church. The Chair thanked the councillors for their support towards the programme 'Priodas Pum Mil' and had contacted the television programme to inform them of that support. The Clerk had also contacted Rhys to ensure that the recreation area is cut before the event.

Resolution: The Chair to notify Clerk of the numbers of the overgrown paths, and the Clerk to contact Pozzi to let him know.

8. The Cemetery

The Chair stated that the cemetery looked well having had a neat cut. The Clerk provided an update on the Nat West account namely that the mandate had been received and that the 3 new names are permitted to sign. The only issue is that it is not possible to write cheques from this account because it is a savings account, so a decision needs to be made regarding this problem. A current account could be opened at Nat West and the funds moved into it, or 2 of the 3 named on the new mandate could go to Nat West, withdraw the money, and pay it into a current account at Lloyds. Greta Hughes enquired whether there is a more suitable account for these funds, namely an account that does not require any movement funds into it, where the money could remain indefinitely and create a separate account where a small percentage would be kept for the purpose of maintaining the cemetery.

Resolution: The Clerk to contact Nat West to discuss the account and request further information. An update was provided by the Clerk on the new cemetery's deeds. Elin Tudur from Bryn Martin's office had said that she would have documents to be signed in the coming weeks, and that she would contact the Clerk to arrange that.

9. The Playing Field

The Chair had repaired the fence following the last meeting, but William Roger Jones said that it had been damaged again and that the path leads right up to a sheer drop near Lôn Abersoch. It will need to be repaired again due to the high risk. William Roger Jones stated that Gwynedd Council had been cutting the football pitch and had left all the grass on the pitch, without picking it up. Also, the area adjacent to the entrance to the playing field was unkempt and in need of a cut. Stuart Livingstone had placed one 'no smoking' sign in the playing field and would repair the fence the following week. Another sign would be placed in that area once the fence was repaired.

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The Chair had been to inspect the 'Japanese knotweed' in the playing field and the Clerk had sent an email to Gwynedd Council regarding this. She had not yet received a reply. Alan Harper Smith stated that there are only two options – either to uproot it or to use 'roundup' on it two to three times a year to kill it.

Resolution: William Roger Jones to take a look at the fence the following day, when he would be at the playing field to meet the equipment inspector and notify the Chair so that a contractor could be arranged to repair it as a matter of urgency.

The Clerk to complain to Gwynedd Council for not cutting the area near the entrance to the playing field and for not picking up the grass in the football pitch.

The Chair to contact Rhys to ask whether he could treat the 'Japanese knotweed' with Roundup, or something similar, to kill it.

Alaw Ceris, as a member of the playing field fundraising committee, provided an update. The last committee meeting had been held in April and approximately £5000 had been raised to date. Alaw Ceris suggested that they should concentrate on fundraising or apply for an AHNE grant for the fence alongside Hendy Field before any equipment is placed there. Thomas Victor Jones stated that an application for an AHNE grant would have to be submitted immediately. Another consideration was the need for a path between the lower part of the village and the playing field, so that the field could be accessed from all parts of the village. The path should be suitable for pushchairs. Greta Hughes stated that there had been an incident regarding child safety there, and that the path had not been cut after that. However, she was fully receptive to the idea. As William Roger Jones would be going there the following day to meet Mr Allbright to inspect the playground equipment, Andrew Parry reminded him that he would need to inspect the skate park and basketball court. Although it was unkempt, families were continuing to make use of it. It would therefore be a good idea to give it a revamp soon after the inspection.

11. Covid-19 Coronavirus – Update & Health and Safety Policy

A bulletin had been received from One Voice Wales regarding meeting indoors and it was resolved, due to the need to form a risk assessment and follow Welsh Government requirements regarding hand hygiene, social distancing, face coverings and keeping a record of contact details, that the best thing would be to continue to meet on Zoom in July. As there is no meeting in August, perhaps a face-to-face meeting could be held in September.

12. The Village Hall – Update

The Chair had asked Stuart Livingstone to repair the notice boards in front of the hall and opposite Eisteddfa but he had not made a start on this work as yet.

The Clerk provided an update on the deeds. She had spoken with Ieuan Ellis Owen, and he would begin to compile a list of deeds in their possession during the weeks to follow. That list would include dates of possession etc.

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Approved Payments

Clerk's Salary – Pat Humphreys	£366.73
HMRC – PAYE Month 1, 2 & 3	£274.80
Ann Llwyd – Translator	£170.00
Victor Price – Cemetery maintenance 2021	£260.00

Payments Received

National Trust – Contribution towards public toilets 2021-2022	£1000.00
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The Clerk to ask Victor Price whether he would be willing to continue with this work.

Planning Applications

C21/0558/38/DT – Pen y Parc Glynyweddw – Single storey flat roof extension to rear elevation, minor elevational changes to window and door openings, addition of flat roofs to create covered areas.

Resolution: No objection.

The Chair declared an interest in the following application and therefore left the meeting.

C21/0570/38/DT – Ty Capel Seion, Llanbedrog – Two storey rear extension including balcony.

Resolution: No objection.

Correspondence

1. **Clerks & Council Direct** – Newsletter
2. **One Voice Wales** – Training
3. **WLGA** - 23.09.2020 Coronavirus update
4. **Welsh Government** – Written Ministerial statement for Phase 2 of the Diversity in Democracy programme
5. **NHS** - Covid-19 App
6. **Welsh Government** – Update – 2020 Remembrance
7. **Welsh Government** - 30.09.2020 Coronavirus update by WLGA
8. **WLGA** - 02.10.2020 Coronavirus update
9. **Independent Panel for Wales** – Consultation on Draft Remuneration Annual Report - February 2021
10. **Older People's Commissioner for Wales** – September 2020 newsletter
11. **One Voice Wales** – Online training – Planning Aid Wales
12. **One Voice Wales** – Information about hearing
13. **One Voice Wales** – programme of training webinars 2020/21

Request for contribution

1. **Macmillan Cancer Support** – a request for financial contribution

The Vice Chair also extended a welcome to Alaw Ceris as a new member of Llanbedrog Community Council and hoped that she would find the meetings enjoyable.

The Vice Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm