

Cyngor Cymuned **LLANBEDROG** Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 26/07/2021 7:00pm – COVID-19

John Brinley Jones (Ch'r) David Andrew Parry Greta Hughes Alaw Ceris
Gwenllian Davenport Ian Goronwy Williams Thomas Victor Jones Pat Humphreys (Clerk)
Hughes

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

As Alan Harper-Smith had apologised, there was no interpreter in attendance and, as the interpreter had not turned down any alternative work, a cancellation fee would not be charged on this occasion. The Chair requested that anyone wishing to contribute should raise their hand and that voting would take place by a show of hands.

1. Apologies

William Roger Jones, Alan Harper-Smith, William Penri Jones, Claire Russell-Griffiths.

2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28/06/2021

It was agreed that the minutes were a correct record.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry Seconded: Ian Goronwy Williams

4. Any Urgent Business

Ysgol Llanbedrog Letter – Representative on the Governing Body

A letter was received from Ysgol Llanbedrog requesting a representative from Llanbedrog Community Council on the School's Governing Body. Councillor Greta Hughes's term of office had ended, and a representative needed to be elected for the forthcoming period of four years. They requested a representative who has time to give and is committed to the well-being of the school and the children. He/she must have a DBS check completed before the first meeting which is to be held on the 21st of September 2021. Greta Hughes stated that she no longer has the time to attend the meetings and that another representative should be appointed. David Andrew Parry proposed Gwenllian Davenport Hughes to be a representative and his proposal was seconded by Thomas Victor Jones.

Resolution: Gwenllian Davenport Hughes agreed to represent Llanbedrog Community Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanbedrog. 5 voted in favour and there was one abstention. The members thanked Gwenllian Davenport Hughes for accepting the position.

5. Date of September Committee Meeting

The Clerk will be away on holidays from the 20th until the 27th of September. The Clerk was not in post as Clerk of Llanbedrog Community Council when the holidays were arranged, and she would not be available to attend the next committee meeting to be held on the 27th of September.

Resolution: The September meeting would be held on the 13th of September.

Proposed: Thomas Victor Jones Seconded: David Andrew Parry

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It was mentioned at the previous month's meeting that it would be possible to meet at the Hall in September. The Clerk contacted the Interpreter to confirm the rates for a face-to-face meeting. With travelling expenses, translation and travel/set up time, and equipment hire (at a reduced rate), the total cost for simultaneous translation at the Hall would amount to £165.00. However, due to the monthly commitment, it could be reduced to £140.00. The Interpreter also stated that she was reluctant to work outside her home for the time being, especially during the winter months. David Andrew Parry suggested that it may be possible to meet in the main Hall as opposed to the usual room, which is smaller, and the Chair agreed. The Chair proposed that it would be a good idea to have Wi-Fi in the Hall so that the Interpreter would not need to attend meetings in person and could continue to work from home. The only issue with having Wi-Fi in the Hall is that it does not have a post code. A post code is necessary to obtain Wi-Fi and Greta Hughes suggested that we could perhaps use the post code of the dwellings in the vicinity of the Hall because Wi-Fi is required for the Hall. Alaw Ceris expressed that it would be a good investment for the Hall and would enhance what it can provide.

Resolution: It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk should contact the post office to request a post code for the Hall. Once that has been received, she should go ahead and arrange Wi-Fi for the Hall, using BT. The Chair is to send the post code of houses in the vicinity of the Hall to the Clerk.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry Seconded: Ian Goronwy Williams

It was unanimously decided, as this work would be time consuming, that the September meeting would be held on Zoom.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry Seconded: Thomas Victor Jones

6. Grass Cutting in the village

Following the previous month's committee meeting, the Clerk had contacted Pozzi asking him to cut the area in front of the school. A few weeks later, the clerk was told by the Chair that Pozzi had not completed this work and, therefore, the Clerk contacted him by telephone again. The grass had now been cut but the work was not up to standard, and Thomas Victor Jones agreed that it was very unkempt. In addition, the area surrounding the flowerpots and the notice board opposite Lluest needed to be tidied up, as well as the area in front of the school. The noticeboard in front of the school needed to be moved nearer to the bench so that it could be easier to see. A few areas around the village needed to be cut e.g. opposite Spar, the area surrounding the bench and flowerpots, and near Glyn y Weddw. Ian Goronwy Williams stated that branches had overgrown into the road opposite Lluest making it difficult for people to walk on the pavement. As Gwynedd Council had not cut these areas, it may be an idea for the Community Council to arrange for the work to be done instead, so that the village does not look unkempt. The work needed to be carried out immediately as it reflected badly upon the village. The Chair was not happy at all with Stuart Livingstone as he had not completed any of the work listed at his meeting with him approximately one month previously, despite promising to complete the work by the 12th of July. There is no purpose, therefore, in offering him any further work. The Chair would email him that evening to inform him that, as the work had not been done, the Council would be making alternative arrangements. It was necessary to find someone else to complete the work due to the lengthy list of various tasks that needed to be completed

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urgently around the village. The Clerk would therefore post a notice on Facebook to seek an occasional worker, once the Chair had emailed Stuart Livingstone. David Andrew Parry would visit the area opposite Llest to tidy around the flowerpots and repair the noticeboard.

7. Poor condition of Lôn Bribwll

A complaint had been received by Thomas Victor Jones about the poor condition of Lôn Bribwll, and Gwynedd Council needed to be contacted as a matter of urgency to repair it. Alaw Ceris added that the road had been in this condition for ten years and that she had been telephoning Dwr Cymru asking them to come and repair the burst water pipes, and telephoning Gwynedd Council asking them to repair the road, several times over the years. It therefore needed to be repaired properly, once and for all. It had to be pointed out that this is a 60mph road which could exacerbate the road's condition.

Resolution: The Clerk was to contact Gwynedd Council regarding the resurfacing of Lôn Bribwll emphasising how dangerous it is for people to walk along it. The area in need of resurfacing is between Castell Grug and Tremfan.

8. Lack of response and Communication from Gwynedd Council – Llandygai Community Council

An email had been received from Llandygai Community Council regarding the lack of response and communication from Gwynedd Council. They were keen to arrange a meeting with the Chief Executive of Gwynedd Council to discuss their concerns and disappointment with the standard of service provided by Gwynedd Council. They have reached out to other community/town councils within Gwynedd to ascertain whether they are also facing the same issue and whether they would be interested in attending a meeting of this kind.

Resolution: The Clerk to contact Llandygai Community Council to declare our support as the standard of service received by Llanbedrog Community Council from Gwynedd Council is very disappointing.

9. The Parking Situation and lack of double yellow lines near the entrance to Cysgod y Cwmwd.

The Chair had received photographs from David Andrew Parry of the entrance to the Cysgod y Cwmwd Estate showing cars parked on both sides, making it impossible to exit the road safely. This is an estate for families where children play and, therefore, double yellow lines are required on both sides to prevent cars from parking there. The police have agreed to support an application for double yellow lines and so a meeting must be arranged on site between members of Llanbedrog Community Council, a member of Gwynedd Council Highways Department, the police, and the local councillor as soon as possible. Alaw Ceris also requested double yellow lines in front of the school because of a similar problem in that area with cars and vans parking on the pavement either side of the school entrance. Gwynedd Council had agreed to provide double yellow lines in front of the school about 2 years previously, but the work had not been done to date and so must be chased up. Ian Goronwy Williams also expressed that a discussion should be held about Crugan site as an accident is bound to happen there with cars turning in and out of the site from a very busy road.

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Resolution: The Clerk to arrange a meeting between a representative of the Gwynedd Council Highways Department, the Police, members of Llanbedrog Community Council and the Local Councillor at the entrance of the Cysgod y Cwmwd estate initially and then move on to the other two locations.

10. Footpaths

The grass cutting contract must be revisited before next year so that footpaths are cut more often. These paths were very overgrown, and some of them were blocked. A complaint had been received about the path between Castell Grug and Cefn Penarwel and back down to Lôn Crugan which was totally blocked. Pozzi was to be told about this. The Chair was going to notify the Clerk of the footpath number.

11. The Cemetery

An update was provided by the Clerk regarding the Nat West account. The previous month, Greta Hughes had requested the Clerk to enquire at the Nat West whether it would be possible to open an account where movement of funds was not required. The answer, unfortunately, was 'no' as we need a business account. Such an account was not available, other than personal accounts.

Resolution: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be asked to open a current account at the Nat West so that the funds could be moved from the savings account to pay for maintenance work at the cemetery.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry Seconded: Thomas Victor Jones

The Clerk had received documents from Elin Tudur regarding the change of 'trustees' which needed to be signed by the Clerk. The signed documents had been returned to Elin Tudur. The only thing she flagged up was that the Land Registry Office was very slow as they were catching up with work, but she had sent them the documents, nonetheless.

An update was given by the Clerk on the work carried out by Victor Price, namely putting out the green and brown bins on collection days, weeding and taking care of the area between the main road and the entrance to the cemetery, where cars can park, and plant flowers in the flowerpot outside the entrance to the cemetery, and maintain it.

Greta Hughes asked the Clerk to look into opening a savings account at Lloyds for funeral funds so that we are able to keep some money in reserve for the new cemetery, and the members agreed to this.

12. The Playing Field

As he approached the bins, David Andrew Parry noticed that the fence to the left side of the gate had still not been repaired and that the posts had fallen. He'd had enough of waiting for Stuart Livingstone to do the work and, therefore, offered to carry out the repairs himself.

The Chair thanked William Roger Jones for meeting the Wicksteed inspector at the playing field. We had received a report from them in which they raised two matters:

1. The seats of the older children's swings are to be removed as the chains had worn more than 40% and the seats were in a very bad condition,

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2. A space of 4/5" needs to be created underneath the roundabout in case a child puts his/her foot there.

David Andrew Parry said that he would be prepared to dig underneath the roundabout to make it safe again and the Chair promised to send a copy of the report to him.

The Chair accompanied Rhys Jones, who cuts the playing field, to see the Japanese Knotweed but, unfortunately, as he did not have a licence to treat it, he was unable to do anything about it. The Clerk contacted Dylan Ty'n Lôn and asked him to contact the Chair to arrange a visit. Unfortunately, he had not done so, and the Clerk promised to phone him again.

There is a very overgrown and untidy strip of grass in front of the playing field. The Clerk had complained about it to Gwynedd Council the previous month, but they had not been there to cut it.

13. Covid-19 Coronavirus – Update and Health and Safety Policy

Nothing to report.

14. The Village Hall

The Clerk had not heard anything from Ieuan Ellis Owen after he promised to make a list of deeds.

The Chair had asked Stuart Livingstone to repair the noticeboards, but he had not carried out the work.

Alaw Ceris enquired whether the Village Hall funds were separate to the account held by Llanbedrog Community Council. The Chair stated that there was a separate account for the Village Hall because, historically, each organisation using the Hall were represented on the Village Hall Committee, and it had been suggested that it would be a good idea to form another committee for the Village Hall. The Community Council councillors are the trustees for the Village Hall, and at present its only users are Cylch Meithrin Llanbedrog (Nursery Group) and the Snooker Club. The Clerk had updated the information on the Charities Commission website for the year 2020-2021. The Clerk had not received any information relating to the snooker club account to date and the Chair would contact Keith asking him to contact the Clerk.

The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Manweb to change the address they currently hold, so that repayment cheques for the poles would be sent to the Clerk's address.

Approved Payments

Clerk's Salary – Pat Humphreys	£366.53
Ann Llwyd – Translator	£170.00
Ashley Hughes – first class stamps	£10.20
Victor Price – Weedkiller	£11.99
Wicksteed – Playground Inspection	£103.20
Data Protection Fee	£40.00

Received Payments

Repayment Bethania Chapel Pistyll **£100.00**
contribution

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Dylan Lloyd Griffith – John Richard £145.00

Peake's Funeral

Repayment Manweb £17.85

Planning Applications

C21/0452/38/LL – Woodcroft, Llanbedrog – Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling to include an annexe.

Resolution: Objection – overdevelopment of the site and concerns about an unsuitable sewerage system and unsuitable access road. The applicant has contravened the recommendation made by the planning department in the 'pre-application advice service' and has completely ignored the Council. Nearby residents have concerns about the development, and there is no difference between the amended plans and the original plans.

C21/0335/38/DT – 29 Glyn y Mor, Llanbedrog – Extensions and alterations.

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** - Draft Remuneration Annual Report Consultation – 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** - 2020/2021 programme of training webinars

Request for Information

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

The Clerk provided an update to say that she had sent the 2020-2021 audit forward to the BDO and they have stated that if the Community Council have any incomplete audits for previous years, they would be completed alongside the 2020-2021 audit by 31st December 2021.

Thomas Victor Jones asked the Clerk to contact Natural Resources Wales to cut the fire break path on Tir y Cwmwd Mountain as this had not been done for several years.

If any pressing issues arise before September's committee meeting, contact should be made by email.

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The Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm