

# Cyngor Cymuned **LLANBEDROG** *Community Council*

## Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 25/10/2021, 7:00pm – COVID-19

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| John Brinley Jones (Ch'r)     | David Andrew Parry   | Greta Hughes                   | Claire Russell-Griffiths |
| Gwenllian Davenport<br>Hughes | Ian Goronwy Williams | Thomas Victor Jones            | William Roger Jones      |
| William Penri Jones           | Alan Harper-Smith    | Ann L Williams<br>(Translator) | Pat Humphreys (Clerk)    |

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

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**

Alaw Ceris.

#### **2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest**

None.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13/09/2021**

It was agreed that the minutes were a correct record.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry      Seconded: Ian Goronwy Williams

#### **4. Any Urgent Business**

Penrhos Polish Home – Councillor Angela Russell

Councillor Angela Russell joined the meeting to clarify this matter.

As a result of a meeting with Aled Davies, Gwynedd Council's Head of Adults, Health and Wellbeing, events were planned regarding the Polish Home at Penrhos and the proposed plans for the site. These events will provide the public with an opportunity to see the plans before they are submitted to the planning department, and they will be held during November in three different locations namely Penrhos, Llanbedrog and Pwllheli with dates to be confirmed. It is the sheltered accommodation that they have in mind at present, not the home for the elderly, with plans for modernisation and expansion. The local councillor is requesting that councillors attend the event in Llanbedrog so that they can comment on the proposed development. Once the dates have been confirmed, the local councillor will notify the Clerk. There will be representatives from Clwyd Alun, Betsi Cadwaladr and Gwynedd Council at these events to respond to questions about the development.

The Chair thanked the local councillor for the information.

#### **5. Lôn Pin Solar PV Development**

Councillor Angela Russell remained in the meeting for this item as well.

The Chair was visited by Chris Bale from Southwest Solar Parks to discuss the development of a solar farm on Lôn Pin. Chris Bale's e-mail had been forwarded to members with details of the proposal which include maps and technical details to obtain their views on the proposal. Following a discussion, everyone shared the same concern namely the location, as it would have an adverse effect upon residents in the vicinity. An e-mail had also been

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received from a person living next to the proposed development, attaching a letter from Acland Bracewell with a list of questions that should be sent to the company, and asking whether it would be possible for the Community Council to send the questions on behalf of the residents. Chris Bale had requested an opportunity to exhibit the plans at an open day for the public so that any questions they may have could be addressed.

Resolution: The Clerk to write to Chris Bale with questions prepared by Acland Bracewell, and additional questions from members of Llanbedrog Community Council, asking for a response before the Council meeting in November. Members could then discuss the answers before deciding whether the Community Council would be inviting them to the Hall for an open day.

Proposed: Alan Harper-Smith

Seconded: William Penri Jones

### **6. The Sculpture's Base on Tir Cwmwd Mountain**

When Thomas Victor Jones was on the Mountain to meet a Natural Resources Wales officer, he noticed that the sculpture's base needed to be repaired. He had raised this matter before, but it was not repaired at that time. David Andrew Parry added that new wood is also needed around the base, as it has rotted and has bolts sticking out of it which is a real hazard. As construction work is ongoing at the Plas, it was suggested that the builder could go up and repair the base whilst he's there. The Chair would ask.

### **7. A request to support the call upon Welsh Government to manage the housing market – Cymdeithas yr Iaith (Welsh Language Society)**

An email was received from Carol Jenkins, General Secretary of Cymdeithas yr Iaith, to say that Osian Jones, a member of Cymdeithas yr Iaith, intended to cycle from Caernarfon to Cardiff between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November to raise awareness of the housing crisis affecting communities across Wales. Attached was a copy of the letter that Osian would be carrying with him and presenting to a Welsh Government representative on his arrival in Cardiff. The request was for Llanbedrog Community Council to discuss the letter and let them know whether the councillors were happy for their names to be added to the letter.

Resolution: It was decided to support the letter and to add Llanbedrog Community Council Councillors to the letter.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry

Seconded: William Penri Jones

### **8. 2022-2023 Budget**

The Clerk had prepared a draft budget and had sent it to the Chair for his perusal along with actual expenditure figures for 2020-2021 and actual expenditure figures to date for 2021-2022. The Chair had not had an opportunity to look at them before the committee meeting.

Resolution: That the matter be placed on next month's agenda. Once the Chair has seen the budget, the Clerk will circulate it to members so that it can be approved at the next committee meeting. The precept is due before the January committee meeting and there is no meeting in December. If anything arises, the Clerk needs to be informed as soon as possible so that the necessary changes can be made before the next committee meeting.

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### **9. Gwynedd Council Regeneration Framework – Our Area 2035 (Gwynedd Council)**

An email had been received in August regarding Gwynedd Council's Regeneration Framework and was forwarded to members as requested in the email. There has been no response so another request had now come from Gwynedd Council asking members to reconsider. The intention is for Gwynedd Council to have discussions with Community and Town Councils about strengths, priorities, and opportunities in their communities as part of 'Our Area 2035' and that these conversations would help communities to identify those issues that would need to be addressed in the next 10-15 years to improve the area economically, environmentally, socially, and culturally.

Resolution: The Clerk to resend the information to members by email and for all those interested in participating to contact the Clerk within the coming few days so that she may forward their details to Alys Lloyd Jones at Gwynedd Council.

### **10. Footpaths** An update was given on the footpaths.

#### Path Number 6 from Henllys Isaf to Henllys Uchaf and up to the Foel.

The Clerk had submitted a complaint that the stiles on this path had been damaged and Dewi Wyn Owen had responded to say that the concrete stiles on this path needed to be changed because they did not comply with the appropriate standard. He was going to contact the landowners to see whether they would be willing to accept gates instead and, if so, he would try to get them changed as soon as possible.

#### Tir Cwmwd Mountain Fire Trail

Thomas Victor Jones had met an officer from Natural Resources Wales on the mountain to show him where the fire trail was. He had taken photographs that would be passed on to the senior officer so that a decision could be made. Meirion Evans, another NRW officer had telephoned the Clerk to update her on the matter and would call again once a decision had been made.

The Clerk updated members about the complaints received at the last committee meeting and which had been passed on the Gwynedd Council, namely the overgrowth affecting pavements. Gwynedd Council had responded to the Clerk saying that the Highways Inspector had discussed with the landowners and that they had agreed to undertake work as quickly as possible. Also along the path between Nant and Cae Hendy and down to bungalow number 25, someone has planted trees along the fence which are affecting the path. The Gwynedd Council officer had responded to the Clerk saying that he had asked the grass cutting team to deal with the overgrowth impinging upon the path, hoping that it would be done soon.

### **11. The Cemetery**

#### **Email from Iwan Hughes**

An email had been received from Iwan Hughes stating that he had noticed that the cemetery gates had not been painted. The Clerk explained the problem that the Community Council had been having with the casual worker and that they had now found someone else to do the work. The gate painting was on the list of work to be done.

He was also asking whether work had started on the new cemetery, but the Chair had spoken to Iwan Hughes in the meantime and had explained the situation to him, namely that we are in the process of changing the names on the deeds. This task had not yet been completed

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because the Land Registry office is currently taking longer to deal with matters. A planning application also needs to be submitted as the original application has run out and, as the plans are unchanged, it will be possible to resubmit the original application form and plans.

Resolution: The Chair to send the original plans to members by email, so that the original planning application may be resubmitted to Gwynedd Council's Planning Department as soon as possible.

Proposed: John Brinley Jones

Seconded: William Penri Jones

### **12. The Playing Field**

Following the last committee meeting, the Clerk sent an email to Scottish Power explaining that the Chair and Vice Chair had come across an underground power cable at an unexpected location and to ask whether someone could attend a site meeting to investigate the matter. Someone had been in touch the previous week, and a meeting had been arranged between the Chair and an official from Scottish Power the following morning to look at the exact location of the underground cable. Claire Russell Griffiths asked whether they could look at both cables in the playing field. There is another cable, and the location of both cables needs to be known. The Chair would be able to stay until 11.00am and the Vice Chair promised to take over at 11.00, if necessary, but would have to leave at lunchtime. It would be necessary to ensure that the Community Council's map is correct and that the location of both cables is shown correctly on the map. The Chair would provide an update at the next meeting.

### **13. Covid-19 coronavirus** – Update and Health and Safety Policy

There was no update and so it was resolved to continue meeting on Zoom.

### **14. The Village Hall**

The Hall had a very good electricity deal for about 5 years, but the Chair had received a letter the previous week stating the prices were to more than double. The cost was to increase from 14.5p to 29p per kw and the daily charge from 0p to 40p per day. The Chair had been in touch with the company, and they did reduce the cost a little, the daily charge down to 0p per day and the kw down to 27p. These prices compare well to those of other companies so they will have to be accepted. Alan Harper-Smith enquired whether we had been paying a 'climate levy' on the Hall. The climate levy is 17.5% and if we had been paying it unnecessarily it would be possible to claim a refund from the company. The Chair would make enquiries with the company. Thomas Victor Jones asked whether any concessions were available for charities. The Chair had enquired, and the answer was that there were none.

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## Approved Payments

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| Clerk's salary – Pat Humphreys                                  | <b>£366.53</b> |
| Ann Llwyd – Translator  | <b>£160.00</b> |
| Gwynedd Council – Canolfan y Gwystl<br>– Llanbedrog Flower Tubs | <b>£142.00</b> |
| Zoom reimbursement – Pat Humphreys                              | <b>£143.88</b> |

## Payments Received

### Planning Applications

None.

### 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** - Remuneration Consultation, Draft 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** - 2020/2021 programme of training webinars

### Request for Contribution

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

The Chair asked whether the Clerk had received a new book for the minutes. She had asked Ashley Hughes and was awaiting a response.

Thomas Victor Jones requested that a card be sent to Mirian Sautin Isfryn Llanbedrog to congratulate her on winning the drama medal at the Urdd National Eisteddfod. The Clerk would arrange for this to be done.

David Andrew Parry enquired what was happening with the new casual worker and when would he be making a start on the work. The Chair had contacted him that evening and was going to arrange for them to talk through the list of jobs as soon as possible. It was confirmed that the previous casual worker had invoiced the Community Council and that he had been paid for the work completed on the zig zag path and for installing the 'no smoking' signs.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.33pm.