

Cyngor Cymuned **LLANBEDROG** *Community Council*

Minutes of the meeting held remotely on 28/02/2022 7:00pm – COVID-19

John Brinley Jones (Ch'r) Thomas Victor Jones Greta Hughes Alaw Ceris
Gwenllian Davenport Alan Harper-Smith Ian Goronwy Williams William Roger Jones
Hughes
Ann L Williams Pat Humphreys (Clerk)
(Interpreter)

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 should take place by a show of hands.

1. Apologies

David Andrew Parry.

2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 31/01/2022

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Ian Goronwy Williams Seconded: William Roger Jones

Matters arising from the minutes

1. The new cemetery deeds, in which the name is transferred to 'Llanbedrog Community Council', had now been signed by all. The Chair has returned them to the Clerk, and she would deliver them to Bryn Martin's office.
2. A copy of the response from a Gwynedd Council officer to a letter sent by Pwllheli Town Council regarding the flooding on the A499 between Pwllheli and Llanbedrog had been received. As Llanbedrog Community Council had also sent a letter dealing with the same matter, the officer's secretary had sent a copy of the response to all Town and Community Councils that had signed Llanbedrog Community Council's letter, for information, and the Clerk had circulated it to all members. The letter explained that a meeting would need to be held to discuss the matter and that we shall be notified when a meeting has been arranged. Thomas Victor Jones asked whether the Clerk had received an email from Michael Sol Owen enclosing documents regarding the flooding. The Clerk had not received anything from him and so promised to contact him to discuss the matter.
3. The Chair asked whether the forms to enable Claire Russell-Griffiths to be a signatory for Llanbedrog Community Council's bank accounts had been sorted out. Claire Russell-Griffiths was not present at the meeting so the Clerk said that she would ask her by the next committee meeting.

4. Any Urgent Business

None.

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5. Footpaths

Burnt bench on Tir Cwmwd Mountain

The Clerk had searched back through the minutes from 2015 to 2019 to see whether any mention was made of the bench which has now been burnt, regarding who had bought it and placed on the mountain. There was no mention made of the bench in the minutes, but the Clerk had noticed that 2 benches placed near the mound of stones on the mountain were on the list of assets and she wondered whether the bench in question was one of the two? Greta Hughes thought that there were originally 2 benches on the mountain but that one of them was damaged and removed. She thought that this bench was bought and placed there by the family named on the plaque, not the Community Council. Greta Hughes suggested that the Clerk should contact Andrew Jones, the vicar, to see whether he knows these people. She promised to do so, and report back at the next meeting. William Roger Jones enquired whether it was the family who should be responsible for the bench, if they had put the bench there? Alaw Ceris enquired whether permission was required to put a bench somewhere, and what was the process. Greta Hughes said that permission should be something to consider in future for the placement of a bench or any other item. However, as this bench had been there for some time, it would be fine for the family to replace the bench if they wished to do so. It would be their responsibility to do that and to maintain the bench. Alan Harper-Smith said that the mountain is common land and, therefore, that the Community Council has no right to prevent anyone from putting anything on it. However, the Chair said that the Community Council would not wish to see benches, or any other items being placed here, there, and everywhere without permission especially as the mountain is an SSSI site. Greta Hughes also stated that there are various landowners on the mountain, but it was passed in the 1970s that it would not be used for anything other than common land. Thomas Victor Jones endorsed that legal action had been taken to ensure this.

Placement of a new bench in the possession of Councillor Angel Russell

No information had been received regarding this bench and it was decided, therefore, that the matter be placed on the following month's agenda.

Firebreak on Tir Cwmwd Mountain

The Chair had contacted Arwel Jones to enquire about the firebreak and the *Lliw yn Llŷn* Scheme following the last committee meeting and he had responded to say that Foel Gron common land in Mynytho was subject to a section 15/16 agreement between the Community Council and Natural Resources Wales to cut the firebreak regularly after the cessation of the *Cadw'r Lliw yn Llŷn* scheme. The Clerk had, therefore, contacted the Clerk of Llanengan Community Council to request further information and she then received the name and email address of the CNC officer dealing with this matter. The Clerk had emailed him asking for further information and, if possible, to ensure a similar agreement for Tir Cwmwd Mountain so that the firebreak could be regularly cut. There would hopefully be an update on this matter by the following committee meeting.

J A Pozzi – 3-year contract

The Clerk had received an email from J A Pozzi stating that he was unable to continue with grass cutting in the cemetery and footpaths but that Osian Parry, who had been assisting him, would be happy to continue, if the Community Council were agreeable to that. The Clerk had telephoned him to discuss the matter and had received confirmation that Osian Parry

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would complete the 3-year contract between J A Pozzi and the Community Council on the same terms and if the Community Council were to accept this. Osian Parry would then take out public liability insurance for the forthcoming year, namely from the 1st of April 2022. Thomas Victor Jones said that Osian Parry would need to put this in writing. Alan Harper-Smith added that it would not be right to ask him to continue on the same terms, due to the rising cost of fuel and that he should resubmit quotes to the Community Council. However, the Chair and Clerk responded by saying that they would need to readvertise the tender if they were to do that. This was not a new contract, it was a case of Osian Parry taking over from J A Pozzi, who had a 3-year contract that had been agreed twelve months ago, and was a person who had been assisting with the work for years. Alaw Ceris agreed that if he had committed to a 3-year contract, he would be in breach of contract to exit after a year and that it made sense, therefore, to adhere to the quote that was initially agreed. Greta Hughes agreed.

Resolution: The Clerk to contact Osian Parry to confirm that he is happy to continue with the work for the remaining two years of the contract based on the quote originally provided and that he would also secure public liability insurance to begin on the 1st of April 2022. Should he not agree to this, the tender would have to be readvertised.

6. The Cemetery

An update on the deeds had already been provided under 3.1.

The New Cemetery

The Chair had received an email that evening from Dŵr Cymru stating that they are dissatisfied with the planning application for the new cemetery due to the location of the water pipe and sewerage pipe on the site. The Chair had already requested a site meeting to discuss this matter, but the officer is based in South Wales and is therefore unable to attend a site meeting. As a result, it was not possible to find a solution and proceed with the application. The officer had forwarded a copy of their letter responding to the original application back in 2010 where mention is made of a building. There is no building in the new application and this, therefore, made no sense. Greta Hughes said that if the pipes were the issue, then those pipes were in the original application in 2010 and wondered why the application was granted at that time without concerns being raised. The officer had also asked whether the Community Council was eager for Dŵr Cymru to take a thorough look into the location of the pipes for a fee, but surely the location of the pipes was already known to them. The Chair would ask them for a copy of this location plan and speak with the planning department to express concern that it is impossible to proceed with the planning permission due to lack of cooperation with Dŵr Cymru. The planning application would not be granted unless Dŵr Cymru's concerns are addressed therefore the location of these pipes would have to be confirmed so that the space that needs to be left either side of them can be measured to see how much space remains, so as to ascertain whether there is any purpose in continuing with the application for this site. Ian Goronwy Williams suggested that someone from Dŵr Cymru should attend a site meeting and, although the officer dealing with the application is based in South Wales, they have a duty to send someone out from North Wales to discuss with

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the Community Council so that progress can be made. Thomas Victor Jones, William Roger Jones and Alaw Ceris agreed. The Chair would send an email the following day requesting a site meeting. Greta Hughes asked whether Natural Resources Wales's concerns had been addressed and that they were now satisfied with the application. This was confirmed by the Chair.

7. The Playing Field

A meeting of the Playing Field committee would be held in a fortnight and there would be an update by next month.

8. Covid-19 Coronavirus

- Update
- Health and Safety Policy

There was no update, and it was agreed to continue meeting on Zoom until May. Usually, following an election, forms would need to be signed but there may be a change in the rules in view of Covid-19. Time would tell. Broadband has been installed in the hall so it would be possible to have hybrid/multi-location meetings, as was currently required by One Voice Wales. Therefore, if some are keen to meet in the hall, and others prefer to meet via Zoom, that arrangement could be accommodated. The interpretation channel on Zoom must be investigated as well so that a translator could be available in the hall if required, and the Clerk would look into the matter.

Following the last meeting when Claire Russell-Griffiths said that the ward boundaries could be changing at the elections in May, the Chair sent an email to the Elections Manager and received a response saying that the Town and Community Council boundaries are not changing, therefore there will be no change to Llanbedrog Community Council's boundary. However Gwynedd Council's boundaries will be changing and, as a result, Llangian ward will be joining Llanbedrog with one representative between them.

9. The Village Hall

Increase in hall hire charges

The Chair had not yet received the existing charges from Barbara Warren, so it was decided that the matter be placed on next month's agenda.

Approved payments

Clerk's Salary – Pat Humphreys	£366.73
Ann Llwyd – Translator	£160.00
Arfon Parry – Annual Web hosting and Maintenance.	£38.00
Zurich Municipal – Llanbedrog Community Council Insurance 2022-2023	£598.86
Membership – One Voice Wales	£250.00
Water rates – Llanbedrog Cemetery 2022-2023	£106.71

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Thomas Victor Jones requested that contact be made with Gwynedd Council Highways Department to complain about the condition of the highway leading from Glyn y Weddw out of Llanbedrog down towards the garage. The surface is in very poor condition and needs repairing.

The Clerk provided an update on the Derwen Deg appeal. She had sent Gareth and Menai Evans's letter to the Planning Inspectorate in Cardiff but received a response saying that they would not accept any additional comments when considering the appeal.

The Clerk reminded all that the list of requests for financial contributions would have to be considered the following month as it would be the end of the financial year.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.