

# Cyngor Cymuned **LLANBEDROG** Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held remotely on 25/04/2022 7:00pm - COVID-19

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

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

The Chair requested that anyone wishing to contribute should raise their hand and to do likewise when voting.

#### **1. Apologies**

None.

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

None.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held 28/03/2022**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry      Seconded: Ian Goronwy Williams

#### **Matters arising from the minutes**

1. Following the last committee meeting, a meeting had been arranged between members of Llanbedrog Community Council and National Trust to discuss having additional bins in the car park. Their response was that they would put up notice boards asking everyone to take their litter home with them rather than putting additional bins there. They were also going to visit the beach in the mornings, time permitting, to pick up litter. Alan Harper Smith stated that people are very poor at taking their litter home with them so nobody would take notice of the notice boards. Children leave a tremendous amount of litter on the beach throughout the year and littering is a huge problem everywhere. He proposed that the situation be monitored over the summer. Greta Hughes was very disappointed with the National Trust's response because, at the end of the day, they make a good profit from the car park and it is their responsibility to keep the place tidy.

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

None.

#### **5. Iwan Hughes's Email– Llanbedrog Garage**

Two emails had been received from Iwan Hughes voicing concern about the junction in front of Llanbedrog Garage. They are redeveloping the garage and, as a result, there will be more facilities there. That will lead to more traffic in and out of the site. This site is dangerous with several incidents having occurred there over the years. In the past, the Community Council had been in discussion with Gwynedd Council's Highway Department when a proposed

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roundabout for the site was refused. The white lines had been repainted on the road some years previously, but he did not feel that they would be an adequate measure to secure the safety of motorists. He was asking the Community Council to resume discussions with the County Council and with North Wales Police, requesting their presence on the A499 to deter dangerous speeding on the road. This had been a problem for many years, and an article written by Iwan Hughes appeared in the Herald in 1999. The chair agreed with the emails. Greta Hughes also agreed and proposed that traffic flow should be monitored once work on the garage was completed. Also, Thomas Victor Jones believed that creating the Cysgod y Cwmwd estate had compounded the problem due to the increased number of cars using the junction, on top of all the traffic coming that way from the direction of the beach. Alaw Ceris expressed concern about the speeding on this road. No-one slows down soon enough before the 40mph sign with so many people walking along the roadside opposite the entrance to Crugan and Crown. Ian Gronowy Williams enquired whether it would be possible to extend the 40mph back to Carreg y Defaid, and David Andrew Parry agreed. The Clerk stated that she had been told by the Highways Department, some months previously, that a consultation was going to be held on changing the speed limit from 60mph to 50 mph on the road between Pwllheli and Abersoch and that they needed to be reminded of that.

Resolution: The Clerk to contact North Wales Police and the Highways Department of Gwynedd Council asking them to monitor traffic flow carefully by the junction next to the garage and revisit the possibility of creating a roundabout there. Also, to request a meeting to discuss the situation at the end of the monitoring period. We also need to ask when the Consultation will begin.

### **6. Footpaths**

#### **Burnt Bench on Tir Cwmwd Mountain**

The Clerk provided an update. An advert had been posted on 'Facebook' to ask whether anyone knew the family and the Clerk had received several responses 'tagging' people of the same name. A private message had been sent to those people but, to date, there was no response. Gwenllian Davenport Hughes suggested that the Clerk should send a 'friend request' to these people so as to enable them to respond to a private message and the Clerk stated that she would do so. The Chair said that there were too many benches in the playing field and that if a bench was required to replace this bench, or any other bench in the village, it might be an idea to use one of the playing field benches as a replacement.

#### **Placement of a new bench which is in the possession of Councillor Angela Russell**

Following the last committee meeting, the Clerk contacted Angela Russell to obtain a photo of the bench. She had responded immediately, and the Clerk forwarded it to members. Angela Russell stated that the Community Council had resolved, in a full committee meeting held years ago, to place this bench at the top of Tir Cwmwd Mountain. Thomas Victor Jones enquired whether this bench could possibly replace the burnt bench and Alaw Ceris agreed, as the Clerk had tried to contact the family, but had not received a reply. In future, the benches will have to be better organised, as well as any other new benches placed. They appear on the list of property, as well as their location, and the inventory will need to be checked and updated. Greta Hughes stated that the burnt bench would need to be removed

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as is could be a risk if anyone were to sit on it. David Andrew Parry agreed and offered to go up there to remove it and replace it with the bench in Angela Russell's possession.

Resolution: The Clerk to send an inventory of property to all members so that the location of each bench could be viewed. Ian Goronwy Williams and Greta Hughes offered to go around taking photos of the benches so that their condition could be seen. David Andrew Parry, Ian Goronwy Williams, and the Chair to collect the burnt bench and replace it with the bench that Angela Russell has.

### **7. The Cemetery**

#### **The New Cemetery – Planning Application**

An update was provided by the Chair. The Chair had forwarded an email from Ieuan Elis Owen to members showing a location plan, measurements, and descriptions of the land in Llanbedrog Community Council's ownership, received from the Land Registry. The land marked out on this plan is substantially smaller than the land marked out on the location plan submitted to the Planning Department with the original planning application back in 2010. The Chair proposed, therefore, that members visit the field to mark it out using the measurements on the Land Registry plan received from Ieuan Elis Owen. The location of the sewerage pipe and water pipe also needed to be marked out, to see how much land remained to create a cemetery. As the Land Registry's plan is the correct one, as it shows the land given to Llanbedrog Community Council by Ieuan Elis Owen, there was confusion as to why the original planning application was different, showing that Llanbedrog Community Council had a larger piece of land in their possession. Greta Hughes enquired whether the Community Council had a right to construct a road on the land still owned by Ieuan Elis Owen or would this be a right of way only? The Chair replied that permission would be required and that it would have to be discussed with the landowner. Greta Hughes suggested that everyone should convene to discuss this matter following the election as it was a joint responsibility at the end of the day. Dŵr Cymru had not amended their comments on the new application, and they are, therefore, still not happy. A response would be needed to the points they had raised before the planning application could progress. Williams Roger Jones proposed that the Chair and a dedicated sub-committee should meet before the next meeting to discuss the new cemetery and then report back to the full committee. Greta Hughes agreed that the matter needed to be discussed but felt that everyone should be involved in that discussion due to their joint responsibility, and that everyone needed to know what was going on.

Resolution: That the item be placed on the following meeting's agenda as the first item to be discussed following the annual meeting so that a face-to-face meeting could be arranged with all members to go through the plans and have a site visit. Payment had been received from Ieuan Elis Owen during the month for renting the new cemetery land, so the contract needed to be checked to see whether there was a plan attached showing land ownership.

#### **Iwan Hughes's email – Cemetery gates**

The Clerk received an email from Iwan Hughes reminding the Community Council that the cemetery gates needed painting. The Chair confirmed that Roger Fisher had started this work and that he had contacted Iwan Hughes to let him know.

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### **8. The Playing Field**

An update was provided by Alaw Ceris. She had met members of 'Social Farm and Gardens' to obtain a grant to establish wildflower meadows in the playing field. They would help with the writing of a 'management plan' for this purpose and, as a result, it would be possible to buy a 'ride on mower' to maintain the playing field so that it would not all have to be cut when the meadows were established, other than to cut a path through it. This area was currently being cut by Gwynedd Council once monthly with up to 6 cuts a year, but they did not remove the grass cuttings which was less than ideal for establishing wildflower meadows and for children playing football so the 'ride on mower' would be a great help. The Chair asked whether there was any help available to clear the roadside on Abersoch road as there were fallen trees there. Alaw Ceris agreed that it needed to be cleared and would have a think about what could be done there. Thomas Victor Jones stated that trees had been planted there a few years ago but that they had been damaged. The land was steep and needed to be fenced off for safety purposes. Alan Harper Smith enquired whether it would be possible to have allotments there and Alaw Ceris said that there were grants available for that purpose as well, and that it could be investigated if enough interest was shown. The intention was to work with the school on establishing the wildflower meadows and that the children would receive packages in school for that purpose. Likewise, the Cylch Meithrin would receive packages which would be a means of reconnecting the community with the playing field. Greta Hughes suggested that solar panels could be considered for the steep slope on Abersoch road as it was facing in the right direction, and because that there was very little else that could be done with it as it was so steep. Thomas Victor Jones commented that this would be a means of obtaining cheap electricity for the hall. Alaw Ceris enquired whether anyone knew where the garage key was, and what was kept there. Greta Hughes stated that her son had the key and Alaw Ceris would go and pick it up.

### **9. Covid-19 Coronavirus**

- Update
- Health and Safety Policy

The Chair asked the Clerk to remove item 9 from the agenda in future as the Government had lifted all Covid-19 restrictions. It should also be removed from the agenda header and minutes header.

### **10. The Village Hall**

#### **Increase in Hall hire charges**

The information regarding Hall hire charges had not been received and the hourly rate needed to be confirmed. Thomas Victor Jones proposed that the item be discussed at the following month's meeting in the hope that the information would have been received by then. Barbara Warren had asked the Chair how much to charge on election day and he had suggested £75.00. Thomas Victor Jones thought that £100 would be more appropriate and so the Chair would let Barbara Warren know. The Clerk went through the bank statements again to see what the monthly income and outgoings were so that information is to hand. Alan Harper Smith failed to understand why nobody knew what the fee was for hiring the

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Hall. More use needed to be made of the Hall and the Community Council should encourage that. The Chair explained that there had been, in the past, a committee that was responsible for the running of the Hall e.g. the chapel, youth club, Women's Institute, dancing, carnival and so forth. However, the committee no longer existed due to a lack of willingness amongst individuals from the community to be on the committee and, of course, Covid then arrived and closed everything down. By now, members of Llanbedrog Community Council are the Hall's trustees, and Barbara Warren has a list of all Hall users. Alaw Ceris stated that there was a need to sit down with Barbara Warren and go through the Hall papers to find the necessary information and possibly discuss reconvening the committee. Thomas Victor Jones said that he had been a member of the Hall committee and treasurer for fifteen years. The Hall is there to be used by the community, but it was not the Community Council's place to persuade people to use it if they didn't want to do so. It is up to the community itself, like all other communities on the Llŷn peninsula, to set up a club and make use of it. Alaw Ceris suggested that publicity should be given to the fact that there is Wi-Fi in the Hall and putting up a poster would remind villagers that it was available for hire. The Chair proposed that responsibility should be allocated to one member of the new committee for promoting the Hall on the Community Council's Facebook account, and Ian Goronwy Williams added that publicity is given in Llanw Llŷn.

Resolution: to re-establish a sub-committee specifically for the Hall at the next meeting.

### Approved Payments

<b>Clerk's Salary – Pat Humphreys</b>	<b>£366.73</b>
<b>HMRC – PAYE Month 1</b>	<b>£91.60</b>
<b>Ann Llwyd – Translator</b>	<b>£160.00</b>
<b>Pat Humphreys – Reimbursement for Palm Sunday flowers on both graves – from Nat West account</b>	<b>£30.00</b>

### Payments Received

<b>Ieuan Ellis Owen – Land rent 01/04/2020-31/03/222 – 2 years.</b>	<b>£428.00</b>
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### Planning Applications

Any application received prior to the meeting.

**C22/0346/38/CC** – The Boathouse, 2 Glan y Mor, Lôn Nant Iago, Llanbedrog – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order

Resolution: To leave the decision in the hands of Gwynedd Council's Planning Departments and the Tree Officer.

### Correspondence

1. **Clerks & Council Direct** – Newsletter
2. **One Voice Wales** – Training

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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** - programme of training webinars 2020/21

It was resolved that the list of correspondence be removed from the agenda as it had been there since the former Clerk's time.

### Requests for contributions

None.

The Chair requested one item to be included on the following month's agenda, namely the toilets down by the beach. One of the cleaners had stated that the interior of the toilets needed to be upgraded as there were a few things that need to be replaced. The toilets are owned by Gwynedd Council, with the Community Council and National Trust contributing towards them. The Clerk would contact Gwynedd Council prior to the next committee meeting to ask whether the refurbishment work could be carried out and members would also visit to view the interior's condition and perhaps take a few photos.

Alaw Ceris enquired whether it would be possible to offer the school use of the notice board on the hill down towards the shop opposite Eisteddfa and all agreed.

The Chair had asked Roger Fisher to clean all the notice boards and repair those in need of repair. Alan Harper Smith thought this was a good idea to give publicity to the Hall.

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.55pm and wished everyone well in the election.