

Cyngor Cymuned **LLANBEDROG** *Community Council*

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 28/11/2022 7:00pm

Ian Goronwy Williams Thomas Victor Jones Alaw Ceris Hywel James Sinclair Evans
(Ch'r)
Gwenllian Davenport Alan Harper-Smith Greta Hughes Ann L. Williams (Translator)
Hughes
Pat Humphreys (Clerk)

The Chair requested that anyone wishing to contribute should raise their hand and that voting would take place by a show of hands.

As the Chair and Vice-chair had both sent their apologies, a Chair needed to be appointed for the evening. Ian Goronwy Williams offered to chair the meeting and his offer was unanimously accepted.

1. **Apologies**

John Brinley Jones, David Andrew Parry and William Roger Jones.

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

None.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 31/10/2022**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

Proposed: Thomas Victor Jones Seconded: Gwenllian Davenport Hughes

Matters arising from the minutes:

The Chair went through the minutes from 31/10/2022 and there were no matters arising.

4. **Urgent Business**

Ty'n Tywyn Jetty

Greta Hughes provided an explanation of what had taken place. Gwynedd Council's Maritime Department had asked local contractors to remove the poles belonging to the former jetty on Ty'n Tywyn beach without any form of consultation. Several locals, including the local county councillor and councillors from the Community Council had contacted the Maritime Department requesting an explanation. The response given was that they were a risk to beach users and, as Gwynedd Council were responsible for safeguarding those using the site, they would prepare a risk assessment. There was much concern about this locally and the feeling was that everyone wanted to keep the poles as they were a historic feature in the area and part of our heritage. She proposed, therefore, that we should write a strongly worded letter to Gwynedd Council objecting to the removal of the poles and asking for assurance that the poles would not be removed without further consultation. Gwynedd Council had also stated in an email that, if the Community Council was to ask for the poles to remain, then the Community Council would have to be responsible should any incident occur. However, Greta Hughes did not think that they had a right to place such a responsibility on the Community Council. Ian Goronwy Williams was in full agreement and failed to understand how Gwynedd Council felt they had the right to do this without

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consulting anyone. Thomas Victor Jones also agreed and was shocked at what had happened. He felt that the Community Council should hold their ground. Hywel James Sinclair Evans said that he agreed and said that the management of Ty'n Tywyn Beach was dreadful during the summer with so many motorboats which are too close to the shore, noisy and some of them leaking oil on a beach which is within the SSSI. Gwenllian Davenport Hughes agreed with Hywel James Sinclair Evans, and that a letter should be sent to Gwynedd Council but, looking to the future, there was a need to prepare a campaign to contest this. Alan Harper-Smith also agreed and said that the local councillor was dealing with the matter. He thanked Greta Hughes for letting him know what was going on. Alaw Ceris agreed with the rest of the members and couldn't imagine Ty'n Tywyn without the poles. She agreed that there was much work to be done to contest this.

Resolution: To write a strongly worded letter to Gwynedd Council Maritime Department objecting to the removal of the poles and to launch a campaign to ensure that they are not removed.

Proposed: Greta Hughes Seconded: Ian Goronwy Williams

Air Ambulance

Thomas Victor Jones said that a meeting had been held in Ysgol Glan y Môr on the previous Friday regarding the relocation of the air ambulance from Dinas Dinlle and Trallwyn to the North-East of Wales. There would be a consultation held on the matter, to begin on the 6th of December, and everyone would need to complete the consultation form to ensure the future of the service in our area.

5. Risk Assessment Review

The Clerk had completed the amendments agreed in the previous month's meeting for the 'General' section and members were happy with those amendments. The Chair was to find information on monitoring the gravestones for the 'Cemetery' section but, as he was not in the meeting, the matter would be placed on the agenda for January's meeting.

6. Footpaths

To Review the Grasscutting Tender for Footpaths

January agenda.

Iwan Hughes Email – translation of Welsh names

An email was received from Iwan Hughes drawing the Community Council's attention to the translation of 'Trwy'r Nant' (... through the 'Nant') in the English version of the minutes and requesting that Welsh names are not translated into English. The Clerk had explained to him that the translator was unfamiliar with the area and was not aware that 'Trwy'r Nant' was a place name. The translator had sent an email agreeing with Iwan Hughes that place names should not be translated and requested that a copy of the English minutes be forwarded to one of the local members to be checked to ensure that there is no such recurrence. Greta Hughes said that she was happy for the translator to send them to her before they are circulated to members with the agenda.

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7. The Cemetery

Review of Burial Fees

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Mr & Mrs Smyth's Grave

Greta Hughes had noticed that branches had fallen on Mr & Mrs Smyth's grave and had damaged the headstone. Following usual practice, when there is no family to take care of the grave, the headstone had been laid flat on the grave. Also, the area around the grave was unkempt and she felt that the Community Council should tidy it up and put the headstone back in place. Thomas Victor Jones enquired about the extent of the repairs required. Greta Hughes replied that it was a case of repairing the metal peg that underpins the headstone and putting it back in place. The headstone itself was undamaged and in one piece. Alaw Ceris agreed with Greta Hughes and felt that something needed to be done. Although in agreement, Hywel James Sinclair Evans wondered whether this would be setting a precedent and that it would become incumbent upon the Community Council to repair every damaged grave if there was no family to care for it. Victor Thomas Jones agreed. Greta Hughes explained that it was a branch that had caused the headstone to fall on this occasion and that it was the Community Council's duty to repair it due to its responsibility for the cemetery.

Resolution: The Clerk to contact Hefin Underwood for a quote for the repair of the headstone and ask Roger Fisher to tidy up around the grave. Once a quote was received by the Clerk, it would be circulated to members to expediate a decision.

Proposed: Greta Hughes

Seconded: Thomas Victor Jones

Quote for repair of wall – Selwyn Pritchard

Due to his absence from the meeting, the Chair had sent an email which was read out loud by Ian Goronwy Williams. He said that he was not happy for the Community Council to pay for the total cost of the wall as the owners of Tall Trees had cleared ivy from the wall, thus weakening it, and that they should, therefore, contribute to towards the cost of repairing it.

One stonemason, namely Selwyn Pritchard, had sent in a quote for the repair of the cemetery wall but as the Chair had not yet met all the stonemasons, a decision would have to wait until all the quotes were in. The matter would therefore be on the January agenda.

Meeting between Ieuan Ellis Owen, Greta Hughes and John Brinley Jones

Ian Goronwy Williams enquired whether the meeting had been held between Ieuan Ellis Owen, Greta Hughes, and John Brinley Jones to discuss the discrepancy in land ownership between the Land Registry's plan and the plan submitted with the planning application back in 2010 in respect of the new cemetery. The Clerk said that she had spoken with Ieuan Ellis Owen and that he had refused to meet with them. The correct plan had been registered from the outset when the land was transferred to the ownership of the Community Council with the Land Registry and therefore, this had nothing to do with him. Hywel James Sinclair Evans and Ian Goronwy Williams proposed that Greta Hughes and John Brinley Jones should meet Bryn Martin, the solicitor representing the Community Council when the land was transferred to them, to learn why this plan was not shown to members at that time so that they would have a full understanding of the area of land owned. Everyone agreed and the Clerk would contact Bryn Martin's office to arrange a meeting.

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8. The Playing Field

AONB Application

An email had been received from Alaw Ceris, with a letter prepared in advance, asking whether members were happy for her to send the letter on behalf of the Community Council in support of their application for an AONB grant to repair the playing field fence. Gwenllian Davenport Hughes replied that it may be a good idea to add facts that met the criteria for the grant and Alaw Ceris agreed to do that. Details of the latest inspection of the playing field were also included and she asked that, if any study of Llanbedrog village had been completed, she would appreciate any information about it to support the grant application. Thomas Victor Jones said that a survey on the need for affordable housing had been carried out and Hywel James Sinclair Evans confirmed that it was completed by Grŵp Cynefin and that the documents would still be in their possession. Members provided further details about the village and Alaw Ceris made a note of them. Alaw Ceris asked members to let her know if they did come across any paperwork relating to the playing field in the Hall when setting up the new sub-committee. Victor Thomas Jones said that there was a lot of paperwork in the metal cabinet in the Hall. The playing field was still accepting votes for Asda tokens and she asked everyone to vote. A carol singing evening had been arranged in Plas Glyn y Weddw on the 20th of December to raise funds for the playing field and Ysgol Llanbedrog.

9. The Village Hall

To re-establish a designated sub-committee for the Hall.

There were no developments since the previous committee meeting, but a meeting had been arranged for Wednesday the 30th of November when officers would be elected. They would then move on to consider a constitution and risk assessment.

To increase Hall hire charges.

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Approved payments

Clerk's Salary – Pat Humphreys	£416.00
HMRC – PAYE Month 8	£104.00
Ann Llwyd – Translator	£170.00
Rhys Jones – contract for cutting the playing field and Pentre Llan field 2022 season	£1810.00
Gwynedd Council – Garden waste 2023	£37.00
John Brinley Jones – reimbursement for Christmas tree	£

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Payments Received

None.

Planning Applications

C22/1045/38/LL – Existing Telecommunications Site, Bodwrog Farm, Llanbedrog – A full application to replace existing 15m monopole with a new 15m monopole supporting a headframe with an overall height of 16m. Installation of 2 antenna on headframe and relocation of existing transmission dish and associated ancillary development.

Resolution: No Objection.

Any applications received prior to the meeting.

None.

Requests for contributions

None.

The Clerk said that the Chair would be fetching the Christmas tree on Friday the 2nd of December and was asking for volunteers to help with putting it up, and decorating it with lights, over the weekend. He would be contacting everyone by email about this.

An email was received from Lily Usher, following the meeting between herself and members of the Community Council regarding litter on the beach and the National Trust car park in Llanbedrog. In her email, she updated members on the arrangements for collecting litter during the summer and offered to arrange another meeting to discuss the matter. Alaw Ceris and Greta Hughes felt that it would be good to keep in touch regarding this matter and Alan Harper-Smith proposed that the beginning of the following season, namely March or April 2023, would be a good time to meet. The Clerk would email her with that information.

For information, Thomas Victor Jones had attended a Gwynedd Older People Conference in Plas Tan y Bwlch the previous week. Gwenllian Davenport Hughes was also there, and both agreed that it was very informative. There were various sessions by Homeshare Gwynedd, Dementia Actif Gwynedd, Gwynedd Home Care Project and the Cost-of-Living Support Scheme. A conference would be held locally in the New Year so if anyone needed help, help was available through Gwynedd Council, and he asked everyone to spread the word.

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.10pm.