

# Cyngor Cymuned LLANBEDROG Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 30/01/2023 at 7:00pm

John Brinley Jones      Thomas Victor Jones      David Andrew Parry      William Roger Jones  
(Ch'r)  
Gwenllian Davenport      Alan Harper-Smith      Greta Hughes      Ann L. Williams (Interpreter)  
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.

### 1. Apologies

Ian Goronwy Williams, Alaw Ceris and Patricia Hope-Whitney.

### 2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest

None.

### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28/11/2022.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

Proposed: Gwenllian Davenport Hughes      Seconded: Thomas Victor Jones

#### Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Mr & Mrs Smyth's Grave – The Clerk had received a quote of a maximum of £300.00 from Hefin Underwood to repair the headstone.

Resolution: to accept the quote and go ahead with repairing the headstone.

Proposed: William Roger Jones      Seconded: Gwenllian Davenport Hughes

2. Meeting with Lily Usher from the National Trust – The Clerk had contacted Lily Usher and had agreed to arrange a meeting early March.

### 4. Urgent Business

#### Llecyn Mwyniant Bridge

The Chair had noticed that the railings on one side of the bridge were in need of repair. Greta Hughes stated that it would be necessary to ensure that they are galvanised due to their proximity to the sea. Thomas Victor Jones said that rounded ones would be required this time as opposed to square ones. The Chair would forward a contractor's details to the Clerk so that he could be contacted for a quote.

### 5. Flooding on the A499

Following recent floods, a request had been made by Councillor Angela Russell to join the meeting to discuss the matter, and the Chair welcomed her to the meeting. The Clerk explained that a letter had been sent by the Community Council the previous year to: Welsh Government, Gwynedd Council, Natural Resources Wales to which they had responded. This letter was signed by ten Town and Community Councils in Pen Llŷn. The community council was also in receipt of a Natural Resources Wales circular on 'Flood Management in Pwllheli'.

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The Councillor had recently received many complaints about the flooding and was therefore requesting the Council to send another letter to Natural Resources Wales complaining again about the flooding, and the fact that nothing was being done about the matter. Greta Hughes proposed that the Clerk should contact the Pen Llŷn Town and Community Councils asking them also to send a letter of complaint but, on this occasion, to do so as separate Councils in the hope of having a greater impact. It was agreed that the Clerk should act on these requests.

Before leaving the meeting, the Councillor gave an update on the flowerpots. She still had them as the weather has been so bad. However, when the weather improved, she would make contact to arrange for them to be installed and start planting flowers in them.

The Chair asked her whether there was an update on the Penrhos application, but there was none. She was expecting a site visit, but it had not yet been arranged.

Thomas Victor Jones asked that Gwynedd Council be told about the water build-up on the left from the Llanbedrog direction where the flooding begins. There is a build-up of water here when there is no flooding and can pose a risk to cars as there is nothing to warn drivers of its existence.

The Chair said that Gwynedd Council had put bollards there some time ago on both sides to indicate the roadsides during flooding. By now, those on the left-hand side in the direction of Pwllheli had disappeared and therefore, Gwynedd Council should be told to replace them. Greta Hughes agreed with the Chair that the bollards needed to be replaced as a vehicle had recently entered the floods at that spot. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Gwynedd Council about this matter.

### **6. To change the date of the May meeting – Bank Holiday**

As the date of the May meeting would fall on a Bank Holiday, it was decided that the meeting be held on the following evening, namely Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.

### **7. Pwllheli Town Council's Email regarding the Air Ambulance**

An email was received from Pwllheli Town Council requesting support in their objection to the proposal of relocating the Air Ambulance service from Caernarfon to Rhuddlan.

It was decided to support Pwllheli Town Council with a full objection to the proposal and for the Clerk to convey that in a letter.

### **8. Proposed changes to speed limits.**

An email had been received from Gwynedd Council regarding the changes to speed limits in the area which would entail the existing 30mph speed limits becoming 20mph limits in most places. A public consultation would be held in the Spring, but they were keen to hear the Community and Town Councils opinions in the first place.

The Chair agreed with changing the limit in front of the school and other appropriate places but objected to changing all 30mph limits to 20mph. Alan Harper-Smith agreed and thought that the 20mph limit should continue through the village up to Lôn Pin junction as cars were parking along that road. David Andrew Parry was in full agreement with what was being proposed and Gwenllian Davenport Hughes agreed with him. Greta Hughes felt that trying

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to cross the road in a car near Glyn y Weddw, at the centre of the village, was a real danger as cars were coming from three directions, and when walking near Trwy'r Nant to the *Gweithdy*. However, she agreed with the Chair that the lower limit was not required everywhere. David Andrew Parry proposed that the Community Council, being responsible for the Health and Safety of the village residents, should give 100% support to this proposal. Gwenllian Davenport Hughes seconded the proposal and Thomas Victor Jones agreed. The matter was put to the vote. 3 were in favour of David Andrew Parry's proposal and 4 were against and, therefore, the Clerk was asked to respond by saying that the Community Council agreed with reducing the speed limit in front of the school and up through the village to 20mph but were against an overall reduction.

### 9. Covid-19 Fund Email

An email had been received from Ty Doctor Nefyn stating that a substantial part of the money contributed towards the covid appeal at the beginning of the pandemic remained unspent and they were asking whether the Council wished the money to be returned (at a pro rata percentage) or were happy for them to spend the money in a way which would benefit the community. It was agreed to ask for the money to be returned.

### 10. Risk Assessment Review

As said in the previous meeting, the Clerk had made the agreed changes and it was only the point regarding 'headstones' that needed to be addressed. The Chair had not received a quote for this work, but he had received some information and advice regarding the inspection of headstones. It was agreed that the wording in the risk assessment be amended to include the words, 'A detailed annual inspection will be carried out by a qualified company/person of all gravestones and any loose or dangerous headstone will be noted.' It was also agreed that the Clerk should contact Hefin Underwood to request a 3-year quote for the inspection of gravestones, if indeed he offered the service, and was qualified to do so. Also, he would need to be asked how often the inspections were required.

### 11. Footpaths

#### To review the Tender for Cutting Footpaths

Due to several complaints during the previous year about footpaths not being cut often enough, the tender would need to be reviewed. As the tender was not due to end until 31 March 2024, it was decided not to make any changes for the time being. However, a meeting would need to be held to discuss each footpath individually and make a final decision upon the number of cuts required annually for each one, in preparation for the next tender.

The frequency of grass cutting at Pentre Llan field needed to be changed in line with the contractor's 3-year contract, namely every fortnight during the growing season, and the Clerk would amend it accordingly. The rabbits were a problem in Pentre Llan field and, as children were playing there regularly, the Clerk would contact Gwynedd Council to request a quote for their disposal.

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### **12. The Cemetery**

#### Review of Burial Fees

As members did not have to hand a copy of Community and Town Council burial fees sent to them by the Clerk, which would enable comparisons to be made, Alan Harper-Smith proposed that the item be deferred to appear on the following month's agenda. This would allow everyone an opportunity to re-read the information. The burial fees would be sent out again with the following month's agenda.

#### Quote for repair of wall – Selwyn Pritchard & Dilwyn Williams

The Chair had received a quote from another contractor, and he read through both quotes. Resolution: to accept Dilwyn Williams's quote to complete the whole job and for the Chair to contact him asking him to start the work as soon as possible.

Proposed: Greta Hughes                      Seconded: William Roger Jones

#### The New Cemetery – Meeting with Bryn Martin and the way forward.

A meeting was held between Bryn Martin, Greta Hughes, and the Chair during December to discuss the new cemetery's plan. Having discussed the matter, it became evident that an error had occurred during the land registration process and, therefore, that the plan held by the land registry, was incorrect. Bryn Martin would contact Ieuan Ellis Owen with a view to discussing the matter but, either way, the measurements of the plan would have to be changed. Members were not confident that Bryn Martin would solve the situation with Ieuan Ellis Owen, as he had refused to meet with members in the past, and it was therefore proposed to engage a new solicitor.

Resolution: The Clerk to contact Gamlins to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter.

Proposed: Greta Hughes                      Seconded: John Brinley Jones

### **13. The Playing Field**

As Alaw Ceris was not present at the meeting, it was not possible to have an update on the playing field. The update would, therefore, take place the following month.

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

#### To re-establish a sub-committee specifically for the Hall.

Gwenllian Davenport Hughes provided an update on the new sub-committee. A meeting had been arranged for the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 at 7pm and she would send out the agenda that week. Thomas Victor Jones thanked Gwenllian Davenport Hughes for her work with the sub-committee.

#### To increase Hall hire charges.

The new sub-committee would be dealing with this and so the item would be removed from the agenda.

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## Approved payments

<b>Clerk's Salary – Pat Humphreys</b>	<b>£416.00</b>
<b>HMRC – PAYE Month 10</b>	<b>£104.00</b>
<b>Ann Llwyd – Translator</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Roger Fisher – Work on bus shelter and cemetery.</b>	<b>£210.00</b>
<b>Pat Humphreys – BT Group – January Broadband.</b>	<b>£33.85</b>

## Payments Received

<b>Gwynedd Council – reimbursement for public footpath maintenance</b>	<b>£570.60</b>
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## Planning Applications

None.

Any applications received prior to the meeting.

None.

## Requests for contributions

None.

The Chair ended the meeting at 9.00p.m.