

# Cyngor Cymuned **LLANBEDROG** Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 27/03/2023 at 7:00pm

John Brinley Jones (Chair)	Thomas Victor Jones	David Andrew Parry	William Roger Jones
Gwenllian Davenport Hughes	Alan Harper-Smith	Greta Hughes	Hywel James Sinclair Evans
Ian Goronwy Williams	Ann L Williams (Interpreter)	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

None.

### 2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest

Hywel James Sinclair Evans – item 10 – Councillor Jina Gwyrfai's letter – he worked for Cynefin which was responsible for the running and administration of the Tai Teg scheme. However, he did not work on the scheme itself and neither did he have an input.

### 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27/02/2023.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry      Seconded: William Roger Jones

#### Matters arising from the minutes:

None.

### 4. Urgent Business

#### **Organising a meeting with Lily Usher.**

Following the last committee meeting, the Clerk had attempted to arrange a meeting between members and Lily Usher from the National Trust. However, only one member responded to the email and, therefore, the Clerk had contacted her again to ask for possible dates during April. She proposed the third and fourth.

Resolution: everyone agreed to the third of April at 4.30pm and the Clerk would, therefore, send her an email.

#### **Posters around the Village**

The Clerk had received a phone call from a member of the public the previous Sunday who said that her contact details were on posters around the village relating to the Lôn Pin Solar development. The Clerk knew nothing about these posters and neither did she know who had put them up. No one had contacted her to say they were going up nor to ask for her permission to put her contact details on them, so the Clerk was unable to help this person. Some members had seen the posters and would send the Clerk a photo of them.

#### **Littering around the Village**

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William Roger Jones had noticed that there was a great deal of litter around the village and was keen to know whether Gwynedd Council was providing volunteers with black bin bags and litter picks, for picking up litter, as he would be quite happy to do that. The Clerk would contact Gwynedd Council to enquire and notify members by email.

### 5. **Marta Rudlin's accident**

The Clerk had received an email from Stuart Rudlin, following his wife's accident, with photographs attached, and he was asking to be contacted to discuss the incident. The Clerk had forwarded these emails to members. The Chair had mentioned the accident at the previous meeting and the bridge had since been closed.

Resolution: The Clerk to contact the insurance company for advice on how to proceed and then contact members by email.

Greta Hughes said that a decision needed to be made on the right course of action following such an accident and this issue was put on the following month's agenda. The Clerk would contact One Voice Wales to enquire whether they had any guidance on the matter.

Greta Hughes also said that the Clerk should be the one contacting Roger Fisher in future regarding Community Council work, as opposed to the Chair.

In terms of repairing the handrails on the bridge, the Chair had looked into various handrails and had emailed members with images. He had also met two contractors by the bridge to seek advice. The Chair believed that one handrail would be sufficient, and Greta Hughes agreed with that, or no handrails at all. She also suggested that someone should look underneath the bridge to check the condition of the iron underneath the slate. Thomas Victor Jones agreed that a handrail was not required as he had walked and cycled across Bont Lechen in Pwllheli numerous times, where there was no handrail. He suggested meeting by the bridge after meeting Lily Usher on the Monday afternoon. Gwenllian Davenport Hughes proposed that the remaining handrails be removed before Easter and a sign put up to let people know. Alan Harper-Smith said that he agreed with having no handrails on the bridge. Thomas Victor Jones proposed that the handrails be removed before Easter. This was seconded by Ian Goronwy Williams and the Clerk would therefore contact Roger Fisher to ask him to remove them.

### 6. **Pat Whitney's resignation and filling a vacancy.**

The Clerk had received emails from Patricia Hope-Whitney resigning from the Council due to health and personal reasons.

Resolution: It was decided not to accept her resignation that evening but to give her an opportunity to attend meetings over coming months. However, if 6 months were to pass without her attendance, then she would be excluded in accordance with legislation.

Proposed: Greta Hughes

Seconded: David Andrew Parry

It was also decided to wait and see whether Alaw Ceris and Patricia Hope-Whitney would attend another meeting within the period of 6 months before advertising a vacancy. The process of advertising would entail the Clerk contacting Gwynedd Council to notify them of a vacancy. They would then send the Clerk a notice to be put up advertising the vacancy and allowing one month for anyone to put their name forward. If more than one name were to

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be received an election would be required and, if no names were received, then the Community Council may co-opt.

### **7. Switching to Hybrid meetings**

Alan Harper-Smith requested face-to-face meetings but the Clerk explained that, according to One Voice Wales regulations, future meetings must be Hybrid ones. This meant that anyone wishing to attend at the Hall could do so but that anyone not wishing to attend in person could join via Zoom. David Andrew Parry enquired whether there were any cost implications. Because there was wi-fi in the Hall, there would be further costs, but Alan Harper-Smith would need to bring his own device with him, 'mute' himself and wear headphones so that he could hear the translation. David Andrew Parry proposed that Hybrid meetings be held as from April, and this was seconded by Ian Goronwy Williams. The Clerk would contact Barbara Warren to let her know and notify her of meeting dates. Alan Harper-Smith suggested that Patricia Hope-Whitney be notified that future meetings would be Hybrid.

### **8. Bins near Llecyn Mwyniant**

Gwynedd Council had removed two of the bins that were by Llecyn Mwyniant as they had burnt, due to a 'BBQ' having been put in one of them. Alan Harper-Smith had asked Gwynedd Council for two new replacement bins. A Gwynedd Council officer had said that people should take their litter home with them, the very answer given by the National Trust when they were asked for a bin near the beach, but that he was open to ideas and maybe would replace one bin rather than both. David Andrew Parry said that he had seen the dog fouling bin near the car park overflowing and, as there was no litter bin near Llecyn Mwyniant, people were putting their litter in the dog fouling bin and next to it. Everyone agreed that the Clerk should contact Gwynedd Council asking for both bins to be replaced.

### **9. Flowerpots**

Alan Harper-Smith thanked Councillor Angela Russell for acquiring the new flowerpots in the village and enquired whether volunteers could take care of the pots placed around the village so that they were watered and weeded during the summer. The pot near the bench opposite Spar had rotted and was broken and needed to be disposed of, and some pots required painting. The Clerk would therefore contact Roger Fisher to ask him. David Andrew Parry suggested that a notice be posted on the Community Council's Facebook page asking for volunteers to care for the pots around the village. Greta Hughes recalled that the Community Council had agreed to acquire more pots for the village a few years previously but that nothing had been done. Thomas Victor Jones suggested that Councillor Angela Russell be asked whether the company that supplied her with the large new flowerpots also had smaller flowerpots available. Greta Hughes agreed to ask her.

### **10. Councillor Jina Gwyrfai's letter**

Members had received a copy of the letter with the agenda and the Clerk read it out loud at the meeting. The proposal was discussed, and it was agreed that it be supported.

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## **11. Penrhos Scheme**

An update was provided by the Chair following the recent meeting held at the Hall. There would be an opportunity for the Community Council to comment after the formal planning application was submitted to the planning department.

## **12. Lôn Pin Solar Scheme**

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## **13. Repair of sculpture's base – Iwan Hughes's email**

Iwan Hughes had sent an email stating that the Community Council had agreed several years previously to repair the sculpture's base but that this had not been done. He asked therefore that this be arranged. Thomas Victor Jones and David Andrew Parry agreed that it needed to be repaired as a matter of urgency as they had raised the matter a few months previously. This had not been agreed at the time and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from local contractors to complete the work. David Andrew Parry had visited to see what needed to be done and would send photographs and a description to the Clerk to be forwarded to the local contractors. She would also post on Facebook.

## **14. Footpaths**

None.

## **15. The Cemetery**

### The New Cemetery

The Clerk had received an email from Gamlins late that afternoon and had forwarded it to members. They had attached a copy of the plan and deeds which has a covenant on the land restricting its use for a cemetery only. It must be ensured that the correct measurements appear on the deeds. Greta Hughes was disappointed about the covenant on the land, but she had not had an opportunity to look at the documents in detail. She agreed, however, that the measurements should be correct, namely the original measurements that were agreed. It was decided to put the matter on the following month's agenda to allow everyone an opportunity to read the documents in detail.

## **16. The Playing Field**

An update had not been received prior to the meeting.

## **17. The Village Hall**

An update from the newly formed Sub-committee.

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There was no update since the last meeting as a further meeting had not been held. The next meeting would be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.

### Approved payments

<b>Clerk's Salary – Pat Humphreys</b>	<b>£416.00</b>
<b>HMRC – PAYE Month 12</b>	<b>£104.00</b>
<b>Ann Llwyd – Translator</b>	<b>£145.00</b>
<b>Pat Humphreys – Reimbursement</b>	<b>£40.00</b>

for flowers for the graves, Palm  
Sunday

### Payments Received **£40.00**

**Lloyds Bank** – following a  
complaint

### Planning Applications

None.

Any applications received prior to the meeting.

None.

### Requests for financial contributions

1. Macmillan – £50.00 contribution was granted.
2. Rachel Heal – Bicycle for Ysgol Hafod Lon – £50.00 contribution was granted.
3. Theatr Bara Caws – £50.00 contribution was granted.
4. Air Ambulance Wales – £100.00 contribution was granted.
5. Urdd Eisteddfod 2023 – £50.00 contribution was granted.
6. Urdd Gobaith Cymru Eryri – No contribution as they had not submitted a balance sheet.
7. Dawns i Bawb – £50.00 contribution was granted.
8. Côr Cantorion Llŷn – £50.00 contribution was granted.
9. Eisteddfod Llangollen 2023 – No contribution as they had not submitted a balance sheet.

Proposed: David Andrew Parry    Seconded: Thomas Victor Jones

Ian Goronwy Williams enquired whether the Clerk had received anything from the planning department regarding the complaint about a static caravan at Craig y Glyn. Nothing had been received so she would contact Gwynedd Council to make enquiries.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.