

Cyngor Cymuned LLANBEDROG Community Council

Minutes Hybrid Meeting 31 October 2023 at 7pm.

Present

John Brinley Jones (C), Thomas Victor Jones, Hywel James Sinclair Evans,
William Roger Jones, Alan Harper-Smith, Gwenllian Davenport Hughes, Greta Hughes,
Ann Llwyd (Translator), Carys Jones (Clerk)

1. Apologies

David Andrew Parry
Ian Goronwy Williams

2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest

No declaration of interest.

3. Minutes – for accuracy only – Committee Meeting 31 October 2023

Proposed: Thomas Vernon Jones

Seconded: William Roger Jones

4. Any Urgent Matter

Vacant Seats – update

The Clerk reported that she had a conversation with Mr Twrog Jones on Saturday and that he had decided not to stand.

The Chairman reported that Mr Kevin Wheatley had expressed an interest.

It was proposed that the Clerk contacts Mr Kevin Wheatley to invite him to the next meeting and ask him to bring a copy of his CV with him to the meeting.

20 miles per hour speed restriction

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had contacted Gwynedd Council to enquire about the process for requesting exceptions in specific areas in the county. He noted that Gwynedd Council had responded and stated that exceptions and any comments will be reviewed by the Council in October 2024.

Alan Harper-Smith said he was disappointed with Gwynedd Council's response. He noted that this was a very long time to wait for a review. The Chairman questioned why more use of technology cannot be made to help the situation, for example, to control restrictions in place early in the morning?

The information was accepted by the Council.

Lôn Pin Lane

The Chairman noted that a number of letters had been received expressing opposition to this development. He reported that no planning application has been submitted to date.

Cabinet

The Chairman reported that he has a number of Llanbedrog Community Council papers that need to be kept under lock and key in the Village Hall. He showed the members a picture and the price of two lockable cabinets. Either cabinets would be suitable for this purpose.

Proposed: Hywel James Sinclair Evans

Seconded: Greta Hughes

It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman orders one cabinet to store the Council's papers in the Village Hall.

Personal Injury Claim

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Strain & Company who are acting an individual who had an accident on the bridge crossing from Lôn Nant Iago to St Pedrog Church. Strain & Company were asking "whether this land where the bridge is located belongs to the Church itself or the Local County Council".

The Chairman confirmed that the Llanbedrog Community Council owns this land. It was a gift from the Church. The information was accepted by the Community Council. The Clerk will write to Strain and Company to respond to the letter.

4. Footpaths

The Chairman reported that a number of complaints had been received about the condition of the footpaths in the area. The Community Council will be looking into new contract in March 2024. It was suggested that the Council places an advertisement in Llanw Llŷn closer to the time. The Chairman further reported that a proper contract needs to be written up to include details about the footpaths and when each one will need attention. Thomas Victor Jones noted that a few footpaths had been cut very late this year, but that the footpaths near the cemetery and the playing are fine.

Greta Hughes reported that the area near the river needed attention. She suggested that more specific details need to be included in the new contract, clearly stating the number of cuts and options to request further cuts if needed. Maps of the footpaths are available on the Gwynedd Council website and some work has been done on Google Earth (follow the yellow lines).

Thomas Victor Jones suggested that the Community Council gives priority to the footpaths that are used the most and are walked by the public on a regular basis.

At the last meeting, David Andrew Parry stated that he was concerned about the Cil Dwrn car park because there are tall trees in this location. One tree has already fallen. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had contacted Gwynedd Council and that the Council's workmen had been in the Cil Dwrn car park trimming the trees. It was suggested that this matter should be discussed again at the next meeting in order to give members of the Community Council an opportunity to visit the location.

5. The New Cemetery

No further information received to date. Members agreed to keep an eye out for any suitable land.

The Chairman suggested Cae Bryn Gro.

Thomas Victor Jones proposed that the Council contact Mr Grant to make enquiries.

Seconded: William Roger Jones It was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman reported that he was still waiting for a response from the Water Board and Gwynedd Council regarding the water pipe, which runs under the land that has been under consideration for the new cemetery. According to one report the pipe is being used but according to another report, the pipe is not being used. Greta Hughes noted that an assessment had been made in the past by the Water Board and the Environment Department. John Brinley Jones said that he would contact us with the Water Board and Gwynedd Council once again.

6. The Playing Field

Hywel James Sinclair Williams reported that the Playing Field Committee did not meet in October as everyone was away. Greta Hughes asked if the tractor will be sufficient for cutting the grass in the playing field? See noted that the Air Ambulance also uses the playing field. Hywel James Sinclair Williams replied that he had not personally driven or used the tractor but that he was aware that the shed needed to be repaired.

Greta Hughes asked if Gwynedd Council would be willing to cut the work twice a year? She also asked if volunteers would be using the tractor to cut the grass? If so, who will be responsible for the insurance? Hywel James Sinclair Williams agreed to ask these questions to the Playing Field Committee and to report back at the next meeting. Greta Hughes asked to see a copy of the insurance policy and indicated that a risk assessment needed to be carried out.

7. Village Hall - Update

Electricity

The Chairman noted that he had been looking at the electricity agreement and that he had been looking at a new contract and a fair price. He explained that he had been trying to avoid out of contract penalties. The best price available at the moment is 28p per unit. A new contract will need to be sought mid-summer next year.

Drains

Gwenllian Davenport Hughes noted that she is still waiting for a second quote for the work of unblocking the drains. She also noted that she needs to ensure that the work includes maintenance work on the pipe as well. There is no guarantee yet that the insurance policy will pay for this work

Thomas Victor Jones reported that it would be worth contacting the insurance company after receiving two estimates.

Payments to be approved:

(1) Ann Llwyd - £ 70.00

(2) R M Fisher - £495.00

(3) PAYE - £578.24

(4) Zoom Subscription - £143.88

The Chairman reported that Zoom had taken £143.88 from Pat Humphries (the former Clerk's) bank account – annual fee for the zoom subscription. Pat wants this money back and the Chairman reported that he has personally reimbursed Pat.

Payments received - none

Planning Applications:

No application received.

Any Other Business

Members of the Community Council expressed their deepest condolences to John Brinley Jones (Chairman) following passing of his mother.

Flooding Near Penyberth

The Chairman expressed his concern that flooding is becoming a regular problem near Penyberth, particularly when it has been raining heavily. It appears that the river goes under the road and as a result the water has nowhere to go.

Greta Hughes said that a small inner harbor is needed near the fair in Pwllheli or a channel to help to control the water. Perhaps Lôn Gogledd Cei Pwllheli could be another option?

The members agreed to think about this and to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Date of the next meeting: 28/11/23 at 7 pm.