

Cyngor Cymuned LLANBEDROG Community Council

Minutes Hybrid Meeting 27 March 2024 at 7:00pm.

Present

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

1. Apologies

David Andrew Parry
Kevin Wheatley

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Receive Minutes of Meeting 25.02.24

Gwenllian Davenport Hughes noted that one thing needed to be corrected in the minutes, namely details about the quote: it was a quote from **H. S. Davies** for the work in the Hall.

Proposed: Thomas Victor Jones
Seconded: Ian Goronwy Williams

4. Any Urgent Matter

Illegal Parking – Y Gali, Llanbedrog

Alan Harper-Smith noted that the Marine Department had removed the sign and that they had promised to put another sign in its place. It was agreed that it was important to have another sign in its place as soon as possible. Alan Harper-Smith confirmed that Mr Bryn Prichard is the new Head of Department. He also noted that Gwynedd Council will send a Traffic Warden to this location during the summer season.

Accept as information.

Hywel James Sinclair Evans asked if it was possible to launch a boat there? Greta Hughes confirmed that there is a historical connection and that boats can be seen there on old photos. She noted that there was a regatta there a long time ago and that there was a right of passage straight to the sea. Alan Harper-Smith said that an application must be made for key to open the barriers. John Brinley Jones agreed to look for an email relating to this matter.

Bin Brown – The Cemetery

The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed Roger Fisher to ask if he would be interested in taking the brown bin near the gate every two weeks to be emptied by the council (Wednesday night and Thursday morning). The Clerk noted that Roger Fisher was interested. William Roger Jones offered to do this voluntarily. William Roger Jones and Ian Goronwy Williams agreed to take the brown bin to the gate and return it to the cemetery.

Public Toilets

Alan Harper-Smith said the public toilets in Llanbedrog had been open since Monday. It will close again on the 1st of November. At the moment Llanbedrog Community Council pays £2000 for the public toilets to be open six months a year. He also reported that several people had been complaining that the toilets were closed recently. The National Trust pays £1,000 towards the costs. Laura from the National Trust has said that the Trust would be willing to increase their contribution, but they will need written confirmation of the cost to keep the toilets

open 12 months of the year. The Clerk agreed to contact Gwynedd Council to request written confirmation of the price to keep the public toilets open throughout the year. Hywel James Sinclair Evans asked why had the price doubled over the quieter winter months? The Chairman replied that someone had to go there every day to open and close and to clean. Ian Goronwy Williams said that there were people around during the winter months walking the coastal path. Hywel James Sinclair asked if the bar downstairs was open? Greta Hughes confirmed that the bar is open until November.

5. Personal Injury – update

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Company was still handling the personal injury claim and that a PL1 document had been received.

6. Training

The Clerk reported that she had shared information by email about courses/training for new members of Community Councils.

7. Tenders

There was a discussion about the RJ tender - whether 7 cuts be sufficient? Hywel Sinclair Evans asked if RJ was taking the grass away after cuts? The Chairman confirmed that RJ did that, but sometimes left the grass there, if it was short. It was unanimously agreed to identify 7 cuts and add the words "as necessary" in the tender. The Chairman confirmed that Gwynedd Council had also submitted a tender. Hywel James Sinclair Evans asked if RJ was cutting the other side of the Cae Hendy wall? The Chairman confirmed that RJ was doing exactly the same work as the previous year and that RJ was using his own equipment. Hywel James Sinclair Evans suggested that it would be an idea to have Gwynedd Council's service as well? He agreed to have a word with RJ first.

It was unanimously agreed.

8. Footpaths

See item 7.

9. The Cemetery

The New Cemetery

The Chairman confirmed that OP was going to be cutting the grass in the cemetery. William Roger Jones noted that the walls still haven't been finished. The Chairman agreed to have a word with Mr Selwyn Prichard.

10. Playground

Hywel James Sinclair Evans reported that a tidy-up day had been held in the Playground on 24/03/24. He also said that a property survey was needed. The last survey was in 2013. Accept as information.

Alan Harper-Smith asked how to get into the shed? The Chairman confirmed that Alaw Ceris had a set of keys.

11. The Village Hall

Ian Goronwy Williams reported that an inspection of the drains took place last week and luckily things were not as bad as the last company had suggested. He confirmed that the pipe had broken (bent and twisted) and that toys had also been found inside the pipe. Alan Harper-Smith said he has received a good quote for doing the work. It includes work on the three toilets and work on the door. The price is £6,200 + VAT. He said it was a fair price. The Chairman confirmed that the Council would get the VAT back. Thomas Victor Jones suggested that it was very important to go ahead with the work. William Roger Jones agreed that the work must go ahead as organizations/groups pay for the use of the Hall.

Motion to proceed with the work: Ian Goronwy Williams

Seconded: Alan Harper-Smith

It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote and proceed with the work.

Gwenllian Davenport Hughes agreed to contact S. John and thanked Alan Harper-Smith for his contribution. The Chairman said that he would speak to Barbara to ask when the best time would be to do the work, so as not to disrupt the Nursery School.

Gwenllian Davenport Hughes noted that there was no further progress in terms of receiving a price estimate. She further noted that she has been making inquiries about grants to pay for the work including the National Lottery Fund and Community Funder.

Any Other Business

Request to Cut Trees

The Clerk agreed to email Gwynedd Council's Tree Officer to ask for his opinion and any TPO about the trees.

Thomas Victor Jones reported that there were large holes on the road near a bend by Glyn y Weddw. He further reported that a flooding and new water had crossed the road for about a week near the Polish Camp. Alan Harper-Smith said the river needed to be cleared. Thomas Victor Jones suggested that there is a need to have a meeting near the Penyberth entrance with Gwynedd Council and the Department of the Environment. He said that flooding had also been a problem in Pwllheli Golf Club. There are 18 holes at the Club, but only 9 can be used at the moment. Concern was also expressed about the risk of water affecting local houses nearby. Greta Hughes explained that the answer was simple: Harbwr Bach was purposely made to hold water when the tide is high.

Payments for approval:

- (1) Clerk's Salary - £416 HMRC £104
- (2) Ann Llwyd (Translator) - £70
- (3) Un Llais Membership Fee - £280
- (4) Llanw Llyn - £12.60

It was unanimously agreed to make the above payments.

Date of the next meeting: 30/04/24 at 7 pm