

## Cyngor Cymuned LLANBEDROG Community Council

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 25 June 2024 at 7:00pm.

NAME	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
John Brinley Jones (Chair)	✓	
Alan Harper-Smith	✓	
Andrew Parry		✓
Greta Hughes	✓	
Gwenllian Davenport Hughes	✓	
Hywel James Sinclair Evans	✓	
Ian Goronwy Williams	✓	
Keith Williams	✓	
Kevin Wheatley		✓
Thomas Victor Jones		✓
William Roger Jones	✓	
<b>HEFYD</b>		
Caroline Jones (Clerk)	✓	
Ann Llwyd (Translator) (Online)	✓	

### 1. New Clerk, welcome – Caroline Jones

- 1.1. Caroline Jones was welcomed to her first meeting.
- 1.2. Apologies: Apologies were received as noted above.

### 2. Declaration of Financial or Personal Interest

Declaration of any financial or personal interest in any item on the agenda. No declaration of financial or personal interest was received.

### 3. Minutes – for accuracy only. Committee 28 May 2024

Andrew Parry was thanked for taking the minutes at the last meeting.

The minutes were unanimously accepted as correct.

Proposed by Ian Goronwy Williams.

Seconded by Gwenllian Davenport Hughes.

### 4. Any Urgent Matters

**4.1. 2023-24 Audit and future committee requirements:** The Chair reported that the audit outcomes were good, with only two issues highlighted, i.e. the issue of insurance and failure to detail a grant amount against the budget. The insurance issue had since been discussed and agreed with the auditors and the finance issue would receive more thorough attention in the future. All the information collected would be presented to the external auditors.

The report was accepted unanimously.

Proposed by Greta Hughes.

Seconded by Ian Goronwy Williams.

**4.2. NatWest Liquidity Manager Account:** The Chair reported that the account had been opened and funds from the Reserve account had not been transferred to it. £87 in interest had been received on the Reserve account in

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May. Keith Williams proposed that £70,000 be transferred from the Reserve account to the Liquidity Manager account.

Alan Harper-Smith seconded the proposal to transfer £70,000 from the Reserve account to the Liquidity Manager account.

It was unanimously agreed for £70,000 to be transferred from the NatWest Reserve to the Liquidity Manager account.

- 4.3. 20 / 30 miles per hour:** An explanation was given that town and village councils would be required to give an opinion to the Welsh Government on the proposal to reinstate the village speed limit to 30mph, or to retain the 20mph in whole or in part.  
**Action: The Clerk and the Chair to investigate the village speed limit issue and include it on the next meeting's agenda.**

- 4.4. Y Llong / Ship, the Caravan located in the car park and any other caravan illegally sited:** The Chair reported that nothing had been done about the caravan situation at the Ship or the caravan at Craig y Glyn. A response had not been received from Gwynedd Council to the enquiry asking whether planning permission had been granted for them.  
**Action: The Clerk and the Chair to investigate the caravan issue and include it on the next meeting's agenda.**

- 4.5. Public Toilets:** Alan Harper-Smith reported that he had not received feedback to his enquiry to Gwynedd Council regarding the public toilets and the agreement for them to be open for the year, at a cost of £2,000. Nor had he received a response from the National Trust following his enquiry for funding towards the costs.  
**Action: Clerk to work with Alan Harper-Smith to progress with the provision of opening the public toilets.**

- 5. Footpaths, update on complaint about overgrown footpaths:** A complaint had been received from a village resident regarding overgrown village footpaths. The Council acknowledged that recent growth had been exceptional, and it was reported that the Chair had tasked contractors with cutting growth back. On the issue of paths, an additional point was added about the stones at the bottom of the Trwy'r Nant path and that Gwynedd Council should be contacted about the condition of the stones.

**Action: Clerk to contact the Gwynedd Council's footpaths officer to view at the stones at the Trwy'r Nant footpath.**

- 6. Bench:** It was reported that the bench opposite the Spar shop had deteriorated and was rotten. It was suggested that it be temporarily removed.

**Action: The Clerk to arrange for contractor, Roger Fisher, to temporarily remove the bench and to repair or rebuild it.**

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- 7. Path near the school:** It was reported that the path was too narrow as well as overgrown.  
**Action: The Clerk to contact Gwynedd Council's Footpaths Officer about the matter and ask if it would be possible to widen the path.**
- 8. The Cemetery, the New Cemetery:** William Roger Jones reported that he had volunteered to empty the cemetery's bins, adding that a commercial waste collection service was required. Greta Hughes reported that myxomatosis had reached the area, but she was unsure as to whether it had reached the cemetery rabbits yet.  
**Action: The Clerk to contact Gwynedd Council's commercial waste department to check if a service had already been ordered for the cemetery's waste, and ensure that a service be put in place as soon as possible.**
- 9. Playground:** A verbal update was received from the Sub-Committee by James Sinclair Evans; he reported that a £30k grant had been received from Gwynedd Council's AONB fund and that a separate application had been made for a £300k grant from the John Andrews Trust to begin developing the playing field in September 2024. Should this application be successful, new equipment would be bought. The playing field's grass, as well as that on the road outside, had been cut. A plan of the developments was intended to be presented at the next meeting. A picnic table had been removed from the playing field as it had become rotten, ongoing repairs were also being made to other tables.
- 10. Village Hall:** Ian Goronwy Williams reported that no sub-committee had been held since the last council meeting. A bill for repairing the village hall's drains had been received from Steven John. An advert would soon be included in the Llanw Llŷn, with the aim of recruiting a group of volunteers to clear old items from the hall.
- 11. Iwan Hughes' email – complaint about the lack of maintenance in the village:** In response to the matters included in the complaint, it was noted that rubbish collection equipment was available to the community council should a rubbish collection event be arranged. Some weeding had already been completed. It was proposed that the Gwynedd Council's tidy towns/villages team be contacted. Signage within the village had also greened due to algae growth; maintenance of signage was under Gwynedd Council's remit. It was suggested that a local clean up initiative be arranged. Another matter within the complaint was the condition of the iron man's statue base on Mynydd Tir y Cwmwd. A quote had been received from a builder to repair the base some time ago, however the repair had not been arranged. Also, within the complaint the council had been informed that a bridge on the Castell Grug footpath had fallen, and water was flowing over it.

**Agreed: the Clerk to:**

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- 11.1. Contact the tidy communities' team at Gwynedd Council to request assistance with rubbish collection.**
- 11.2. Place a notice on the Community Council's Facebook page to seek volunteers to repair the iron man's base and to contact Roger Fisher for his assistance with the repair.**
- 11.3. Place a notice on Facebook to begin a campaign locally to clean the signage in the village.**
- 11.4. Contact the Gwynedd Council's footpaths department to request attention to the bridge over the footpath at Castell Grug.**

**12. Gwynedd Council email - Boat launching:** Alan Harper-Smith presented information on the matter, i.e., that bollards at the entrance to the beach had been replaced with a barrier and that this prevented local residents from launching their boats, as barrier keys had not been distributed to residents. Village residents had historically been given boat access to the beach. Alan Harper-Smith had contacted a Gwynedd Council officer to discuss the matter; the procedures and regulation for beach launching needed to be investigated further. Currently, only three keys had been distributed, these were to the National Trust, the Aqua restaurant, and to the owner of the beach to the right of the stream. A comment was received that it would be regrettable should residents lose the boat access rights to the beach. Alan Harper Smith asked if there was an update on the closing of Lôn Nant Iago - there was no update at present.

**Action: The Clerk to draft a letter to Bryn Pritchard Jones at Gwynedd Council to seek to resolve any misunderstandings relating to beach access, and to include copies of any evidence of previous access agreements to the beach by village residents.**

**13. Gwynedd Council Order (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Street Parking Places and Revocation) (Dwyfor Area No. 8) for information:** copies of the order were shared with the councillors present. The order applied to the unclassified Lôn Nant Iago road on both sides of the road from its entrance to Plas Glyn y Weddw in a south easterly direction down to the beach.

### **14. Payments**

The following payments were agreed:

Ann Llwyd, translator £70

Clark's salary- £128

PAYE and NI – amount to be confirmed.

Steven John, work on toilets, invoice had been received in line with the quote, £7,500 (including VAT)

Roger Fisher – £225

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Receipts:

£570 from Gwynedd council - refund for footpath cutting.

£200 from NatWest for bank error.

It was noted that one cheque, payable to Llais Cymru, had not been cashed.

**Action: the Clark to contact Llais Cymru to seek explanation of why the cheque had not been banked.**

### **15. Planning applications:**

Application C24/0171/38/DT: Glanrafon: it was noted that an environmental impact report had been included with the application, and at the development included a swift nest box and lights that faced downward to prevent light pollution. No objection to the application.

Application C24/0482/38/DT, Coedwig, Lôn Bribwll. The application was refused on the basis that there was insufficient information and concern raised regarding over development of the garage. A request was made for more details of proposed use of the garage.

The meeting closed at 20.27.

#### **DRAFT MINUTES APPROVED BY THE CHAIR**

SIGNED: *J B Jones*

DATE : 01/07/2024