

Cyngor Cymuned LLANBEDROG Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 27 January at 7:00pm.

NAME	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
John Brinley Jones	✓	
Alan Harper-Smith (online)		✓
Andrew Parry	✓	
Greta Hughes	✓	
Gwenllian Davenport Hughes	✓	
Hywel James Sinclair Evans	✓	
Ian Goronwy Williams	✓	
Keith Williams	✓	
Kevin Wheatley		✓
Thomas Victor Jones	✓	
William Roger Jones	✓	
ALSO		
Caroline Jones (Clerk)	✓	

* arrived or left the meeting where recorded.

1. Present and apologies

Those present, as well as apologies, are listed in the table above.

2. Declaration of Financial or Business Interests

No declarations of financial or personal interest were received.

3. Minutes – for accuracy only. Meeting held on 25 November 2024

The minutes were unanimously accepted as correct.

Proposed by: Thomas Victor Jones

Seconded by: Ian Williams.

4. Urgent Matters

4.1. Response to Liz Saville-Roberts MP's Email on:

4.1.1. Switch from analogue phone lines to digital phone lines.

4.1.2. Smart meters for electricity and gas.

4.1.3. Energy Poverty and Pension Credit.

The content of the MP's email was noted, and members were asked to report back through the Clerk should any relevant issues arise from the community residents. The Clerk was also asked to put the questions to the community, in order to gather comments.

4.2. Key to Llanbedrog Beach; bollards for residents: The Clerk reported that she had received a response from the maritime department at Gwynedd Council regarding this matter. It was reported that licenses and keys had been distributed to residents between 2005 and 2012, however, some residents had unfortunately broken the agreement by making copies of the key providing access to the beach for unlicensed

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individuals. Gwynedd Council had expressed concerned about distributing keys, fearing that the same could happened again, also considering that there was no beach warden to be able to control access. The Community Council was asked to consider carefully before confirming whether it wished to return to the procedure of sharing keys with residents. Following discussion:

It was resolved: To return to the procedure of residents' access to the beach with Gwynedd Council issuing the licences. The Clerk to report this to the Maritime Department in Gwynedd Council, and to recommend a key of the type that cannot be copied.

- 4.3. Caravan on land at on the Abersoch road: It was reported that more rubble had been located on the land behind Graig y Glyn, which raised concerns about pollution. This was in addition to what had already been reported. The Clerk confirmed that every occasion had been reported to the enforcement department at Gwynedd Council but the department did not respond, only providing an automatic email that the matter was receiving attention.

Action: The Clerk to inform Gwynedd Council of the further development and ask once again for a response in order to report back to the Community Council.

- 4.4. A499 Junction opposite Glyn y Weddw Arms: complaints had been received via John Brinley Jones that some drivers were carelessly cutting the corner when turning up towards the village from Pwllheli. This appeared to be an issue that had always existed.

Attention was also drawn to the poor condition of the road surface at the gable end of the Glyn y Weddw Arms.

Action: The Clerk to write to the transport department in Gwynedd Council and North Wales Police to draw attention to the careless driving; to request whether anything could be done before an accident occurred.

Clerk to contact the Highways Department about the condition of the road surface near Glyn y Weddw Arms.

- 4.5. Tree at Greystones: attention was drawn to a fallen tree following a recent storm, which was covering the pavement.

Action: Clerk to inform Gwynedd Council so that the tree may be cleared.

5. Footpaths

The Clerk reported that Gwynedd Council had corresponded regarding paying a contribution towards cutting the paths. The Clerk would respond with details of the costs for the previous year in order to claim a contribution.

A response had been received from the Footpaths Officer at Gwynedd Council with regard to widening the path behind the school; he had visited the site in December and noticed that some work had been done, however, it was not clear what was happening; he would discuss the matter with his manager and respond when more information was available.

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A comment was received that a tree had fallen across a path behind Graig y Glyn and that brambles had overgrown on the Trwy'r Nant footpath.

Action: The Clerk to request that the Gwynedd Council footpaths department look into the tree behind Graig y Glyn, it may be the landowner's responsibility.

Clerk to ask Osian Parry to cut back the brambles on the Trwy'r Nant path.

6. Cemetery and New Cemetery

The Clerk reported that Dilwyn Williams had informed her that he would begin the cemetery wall repairs that week. Unfortunately, the insurance company, Zurich, had refused the claim for the damage within the insurance policy. The policy would require a review for the forthcoming year to ensure improved cover.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Cater Jonas in Bangor to ask if they would be able to offer advice on the New Cemetery legal issues, a response was awaited.

A comment was received that there was a hole in the ground at the head of the path at the old cemetery, possibly rabbit holes.

Action: The Clerk to ask Roger Fisher to fill the holes in the cemetery.

7. Playing Field

7.1. Re-opening of the playing field: a risk assessment had been shared with the papers. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to re-open the playing field in accordance with the risk assessment content, once the area in question at the playing field had been fenced off.

7.2. Felling trees: it was agreed that the Clerk should inform Gethin Hughes, the contractor, to proceed with the work as recommendation 'b' in his email dated 23/01/2025.

7.3. A comment was received that some fencing was broken. The Clerk was asked to arrange for it to be fixed by Rhys Jones once tree contractor had completed his works.

The above was agreed unanimously.

8. Village Hall

Ian Williams reported that the committee's latest meeting had been postponed, therefore there were no issues to report this time. He would continue to consider a means of closing the car park in front of the hall for one night a year, to ensure Llanbedrog Community Council's ownership of the land, this matter would be discussed by the committee.

9. Payments

9.1. The payments below had been made since the last meeting, as a meeting of the Community Council had not been held in December; they were received

a) D Russell: £450

b) D Russell: £245

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- c) PPM (CL Jones): £43.75
- d) G Williams Fencing Ltd: £13,154.88
- e) Viking Direct: £8.32
- f) The Clerk's Salary (month 9): £443.67
- g) PAYE and NI (month 9): £111.00
- h) G Davies, Christmas tree: £270
- i) Viking Direct: £47.82
- j) Ann Llwyd: £70.00
- k) Microsoft 365 refund to the Clerk: £59.99

The following payments were agreed:

- l) Emyr Mortimer: £28.80
- m) A. Parry, Cradrur.com: £55.00
- n) Clerk's Salary: £443.87
- o) PAYE & NI: £110.80

Unanimously agreed.

9.2. Receipts

- a) G. D. Roberts: £160
- b) I Hughes: £160

Details of the receipts were received for information.

9.3. Bank statements: The statements had been shared with the papers in advance, the balances were:

- a) Natwest Business Reserve: £1,200.90
- b) Natwest Current: £26,982.18
- c) Natwest Liquidity Manager: £71,350.66

9.4. Budget 2025-26: the draft budget was presented, and a discussion was had on the content.

When considering a contribution to the Village Hall, it was noted that the cleanliness of the hall was of a poor standard. The hall committee would discuss the cleaning issue further.

It was unanimously agreed:

- To apply for £30,000 Precept.
- Pay £5,000 towards the running costs of the Village Hall for the forthcoming year.
- Community Council to be responsible for the hall's electricity account, and to bill the Village Hall Committee for the electricity used.

The budget was agreed.

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10. Planning Applications

- 10.1. [C24/1118/38/CR](#) - Penarwel, Llanbedrog, extensions and alterations to the property. No objection, however, concern was expressed regarding the impact on the environment that the developments could create and that the developments required high energy consumption. It was noted that a full biodiversity survey had not been included with the application e.g. for bats.

The meeting ended at 20.30.

Next meeting Monday, February 24, 2025.

DRAFT CHAIR APPROVED MINUTES	
SIGNED: D.A. Parry	DATE: 10 February 2024
MINUTES APPROVED	
SIGNED:	DATE:

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