LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING:**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday, 13th November, 2019 at 7pm.

**1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:**

***Padarn Ward:*** Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Gwilym Evans, Olwen Gwilym, Bethan Holding, Heather L Jones, Counc. Kevin Morris Jones, Helen Sharp,

***Peris Ward:*** Iola Owen. Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

***Apologies:*** Iwan Harding, Trystan Thomas.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Will be noted where appropriate

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th October, 2019 were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: BH / IO

**4 MATTERS ARISING :**

***1. Website:***

Material for the website is being translated.

***2. St. Peris Church cemetery:***

Further information received regarding the Church in Wales’ request for the Council to cede ownership of part of the cemetery. Letter received explaining that land belonging to the Church had been wrongly registered by the Church in Wales when the 999yr. leasehold was taken out on the new cemetery ( the Council Cemetery). The intention was that the Council ceded the land at that time. It was agreed that the sensible option was to cede the land now and to contact the Church in Wales representative to inform him of the Council’s decision. When the Church in Wales registers the land with the Land Registry, this Council will not raise objections. Proposed and seconded: BH / IO.

***3. Cemetery wall:***

Still waiting for a quote on repairing the rest of the wall.

***4.Trees and Christmas lights:***

The Clerk reported that he had ordered the trees and that they would be arriving on the 29th of the month. Delivery cost will be shared with Cyngor Waenfawr. The decision was made to put the tree up on the following Sunday (December 1st at 10am). Volunteers please!

The Clerk has discussed the lighting needs with DO the electrician. It was agreed that some new lights would be purchased and to be hung across the street from the Bank. It was also agreed to put a star and lights on the church tower in Llanberis, the star being donated by one of the church’s families. Both churches will be lit as they were last year, the church in Nant on Sunday 8th December, the night of the carol singing service and Llanberis on Saturday 14th when there will be a switch on event instead of the usual Lantern Parade and Fair. Extending the lights further to the east in the village will not be possible this year since it would be necessary for Gwynedd Council to install special boxes for the lights, therefore it was agreed to ask EB to but lights on some of the trees like he did last year.

A request for a financial contribution to the New Year’s Eve firework display has been received from Hwb Eryri. It was agreed to make enquiries regarding the cost of the display and then to discuss via WhatsApp. A sum of money has been earmarked for Christmas expenditure.

***5. Rentable housing:***

Response received to the enquiry regarding Adra’s housing policy. The letter states that houses are rented in accordance with GC statutory responsibility as stated in their Housing Policy. The process is based on a points system with points being allocated according to need. The letter also stated that the policy had been reviewed and will be replaced by a new policy in January 2010. The new policy was approved by GC’s Cabinet last summer. In the new policy, priority will still be according to need but preference will be given to those with connections, lasting 5 or more years, to the community where the rental property is situated. There will also be preference to those who have been registered the longest. Furthermore, the letter states that this will give local people a greater chance of securing rental property but stressed that the emphasis is still on need. The response’s ethos was welcomed and it is hoped that more people with local connections will be offered housing in Llanberis in future. ***1/3***

**5 CORRESPONDENCE:**

***1. GC – Playing fields:***

Letter received asking if this Council would be interested in discussing the future management of the playing fields within the community. Further enquiries with GC revealed that the areas in question were Gas playing field in Stryd Goodman, the field at Blaen y Ddôl and the playing field in Nantperis. The letter discusses this Council or any other registered community group showing an interest in taking responsibility for the playing fields. It was agreed that there is interest and it was decided to invite a Gwynedd Council official to attend a meeting in the New Year. It was noted that all the areas would have to be in good condition before taking them over and as with the lakeside playing area, we would need to discuss who would be responsible for checking the equipment and safety aspects. Currently this council looks after the area but GC are responsible for safety checks.

***2. Llanrug Community Council:***

Letter received asking if this Council was prepared to consider making a financial contribution towards running the Youth Club in Llanrug because a small number of youngsters (3) from Llanberis attend the club. It was agreed that this is not a budgeted item and that with such a small number attending, it would not be appropriate.

***3. GC – Yellow lines:***

The Council welcomed the fact that double yellow lines are to be placed on both sides of the road running behind the industrial estate at Y Glyn. This Council has for some time been asking for yellow lines here.

***4. GC – Road closure - Marathon Eryri:***

Notice received regarding numerous road closures for the above. This is the norm but this year concern was expressed that the roads were closed for too long. The Stryd Fawr was closed until 6 pm. This seemed unreasonable particularly when the televised highlights showed runners and cars sharing road space in other areas on the route. It was asked whether it was justified to have so many runners and that the number of participants should be restricted.(It was asked whether it was true that there were 3,000 in this race and 600 in the Snowdon Race and that these figures appear tobe far too high) The races are impinging on normal daily life in the community.

***5. Un Llais Cymru:***Information received that, under the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilient Ecosystems, Town and Community Councils should consider the environment and attempt to maintain and expand biodiversity and to facilitate resilient ecosystems as far as possible whilst executing their duties. It also states that the Council has to produce a report, by the end of 2019, stating what the council has done to comply with its duties in this area. These reports will be published every 3 years.

It was noted that there isn’t much that this Council can do beyond caring for land under its management as playing fields. The Council has given financial support to Cyfeillion Cae’r Ddôl and the Pentref Taclus group. Environmental reasons were also cited in an objection to a planning application recently. The Council was very keen to participate with GC in Coed Doctor and regrets that no progress was made.

***6. BT:***

BT are consulting regarding decommissioning several telephone kiosks. None were in this community but 2 in neighbouring communities were under threat and it was agreed to object to their closure. One being in Nant Gwynant and the other in Rhyd-ddu.

***7. GC - Toilets:***

Despite this Council’s agreement with GC to keep all 3 public toilets open, notice has been received that the toilets in Y Glyn will be closed over winter. An informal agreement with the GC Maritime department helped to keep this toilet open but this agreement is no longer sustainable and the staff are no longer able to undertake the work. The Clerk promptly rang GC stressing the disappointment and anger that this was going to happen when our agreement was on the understanding that all 3 toilets would be open all year round. No further correspondence has been received following the telephone call.

***8. CG - Cynefin LleChi Project:***

Invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the Cynefin Llechi project with reference to the bid for UNESCO World Heritage Status for the West Wales Slate mining areas. Wednesday December 4th at 3.30 in the Ganolfan, Llanberis.

KMJ an BH hope to be present.

**6 PLANNING:**

 **Gwynedd Council:**

**C19/0981/15/LL** - ‘Single storey extension and creating a patio at the rear’ - ***Gwynfryn, 16 Stryd Newton, Llanberis*** – No objections •**NB**: **DECLARATION OF INTEREST *KMJ declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion.***

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**7 FINANCE:**

**1)** **In the Bank on 24th October, 2019**

**Current Account**: £28,736.65 **Deposit Account**: £5,359.21

**2) Payments confirmed:**  **£3,817.60**

**3)Received between 29/09/2019 and 28/10/2019: £500.00**

Proposed and seconded: HLJ / GE

**8 SMALL GRANTS:**

Several requests have been submitted this year and it was agreed to contribute as follows:

Merched y Wawr, Llanberis £250.00 Cymdeithas Undebol Llanberis £100.00

Children’s Race (Yr Wyddfa) £150.00 Gŵyl Llanberis £250.00

Guides etc. Llanberis £200.00 Cylch Meithrin Llanberis a Nant £600.00

Eco’r Wyddfa £600.00 Cynllun Ieuenctid ‘Efe’ £300.00

Hwb Eryri [Fireworks NY Eve] £200.00 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd £100.00

Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru £100.00

**9 EXTERNAL REPORTS:**

OG reported on the Carbon-Free conference. Nothing new to report. Discussions regarding climate change, threats to coastlines and peatlands. No suggestions on community involvement.

**10 NEXT MEETING:**

In the Ganolfan, Llanberis.

•• **NB**: On **TUESDAY** 10th December, 2019 at 7pm. [School Christmas activity on Wednesday]

Signed as a true record…………………….................…........................................Chairman

 10th December, 2019.

Clerk……………………….....…………………….......................Date …………………............................

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