

LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2020 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday, 8th January, 2020 at 7pm.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

Padarn Ward: Bethan Holding (Chairman), Heather L Jones, Counc. Kevin Morris Jones, Helen Sharp, Trystan Thomas.

Peris Ward: Iola Owen.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk)

Apologies: Rhys ap Gwilym, Gwilym Evans, Olwen Gwilym, Iwan Harding.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be noted where appropriate.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th of December, 2019 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: KMJ / IO

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Cemetery wall:

Still waiting for a quote for cutting down trees.

2. Christmas trees and lights:

Numerous comments received praising the display this year. There was a discussion about adding lights to 6 further lamp posts at the Eastern end of the village for Christmas 2020.

3. LeChi Community Project:

BH a KMJ attended another meeting. There have been some changes made to the grant application in an attempt to simplify the process. A suggestion was made to link the project to the 800 year anniversary of Dolbadarn castle. The next meeting has been arranged, with a smaller group to meet before then, to refine proposals.

4. Coed Doctor:

The Clerk has asked for the gate to be repaired. The Clerk has also been in touch with BG to see if there were any further plans for the woodland. BG responded, stating that his contract has been extended to the end of March. Trees near the houses have been pruned and the contractors will also clear away any dangerous dead branches close to the paths. BG is hoping to arrange 'work days' to encourage locals to learn new skills. He also discussed what was happening in the other areas where GC were looking to transfer woodland management.

5. GC - Y Glyn Toilet:

After the shock that Gwynedd Council (GC) had closed the toilet despite our agreement, the Clerk and KMJ had written to express our disappointment, good news was received just before Christmas that the toilets would be open for two weeks over Christmas and the New Year. By this evening, the Clerk had heard from AWJ, GC officer, that the toilets would remain open through the Winter. The Clerk will ask for written confirmation. It was agreed that we need confirmation that all three toilets will be open for the rest of the year before handing over the agreed financial contribution to GC.

6. Salt Bins:

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements are progressing with GC to fill the bins. The decision was made to fill the bins and to review the situation at the end of the Winter. The bins will only be filled once.

7 GC – Flooding closing the road in Nantperis:

Response to the Clerk's letter has been received stating that work had been done prior to and after the flooding. It was also added that GC would prioritise keeping the pipes clear as part of its works programme in the future.

Further work needs to be done and according to SJ, head of GC's Highways Department, there is no guarantee that the road will not flood again. There are no plans to replace the pipes with larger ones stating that this was not practical. It was agreed to ask the engineer for a clearer explanation in layman's terms.

5 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Gwilym Evans:

GE had received numerous comments noting objections to the adventure park and climbing tower behind the Dolbadarn hotel. Road access was the main concern. The plans to improve and develop the hotel was welcomed.

2. Owl Cymru:

Letter explaining that there is no money to run the crime watch alert service. Some members were aware of this group’s work, it was decided that this Council would not be supporting the work.

3. Planning Aid Wales:

Invitation to a presentation for Community Councils in Llandudno on January 24th, 2020.

6 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th December, 2019

Current Account: £23,829.22 **Deposit Account:** £5,361.00

2) Payments confirmed: £3,142.38

3) Received between 29/10/2019 and 28/11/2019: £220.88

Proposed and seconded: TT / KMJ

7 Budget 2020 - 2021:

Scrutiny of the Council’s current financial position and an estimate of further spending against the budget. To date, spending closely matches the proposed allocations and although it is difficult predicting expenditure in all areas, there are no budgetary concerns up to the end of the year. We are aware that the expected contribution the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Llyn ac Eifionnydd is less than anticipated (decision was made to make this contribution out of this year’s budget) but the bill for filling all the salt bins will be substantial.

Ideas for future expenditure were discussed including outdoor fitness equipment suitable for all ages. This will need to be discussed with GC before making a final decision, but a sum was agreed in principle for such equipment. should this prove popular then further pieces could be added in future years. The Clerk’s salary also needs to be reviewed.

8 PRECEPT 2020 - 21:

Based on the above and the noted increase on expenditure in some areas, it was agreed to raise the precept by £2,000 to £30,000. This equates to an increase in rates for Band D properties of £2.58, equal to £0.21 per month. Proposed and seconded 7 and 8: HLJ/TT.

9 NEXT MEETING:

In Y Ganolfan, Llanberis. Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at 7pm.

Signed as a true record: Rhys ap Gwilym/ Chairman

12th February, 2020.

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date