

LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2020 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday, 18th March, 2020 at 7pm. **The meeting was held a few days before the Covid 19 restrictions on meetings came into force and social distancing measures were observed.**

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

Padarn Ward: Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Gwilym Evans, Bethan Holding, Iwan Harding, Heather L Jones, Counc. Kevin Morris Jones, Trystan Thomas.

Peris Ward:

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

Apologies: Olwen Gwilym, Iola Owen, Helen Sharp [all due to COVID-19].

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on February 12th, 2020 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: KMJ / HS.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Cemetery Wall:

The wall has been completed. Excellent workmanship.

2. Cynefin LleChi Project:

No further developments because of the virus but the proposal to create an exhibition of Isaac Hughes' photographs is still on the agenda.

3. Salt bins:

No invoice received for refilling the bins.

5 OTHER MATTERS:

1. Sheep:

KMJ reported that there are sheep on the streets again. It was suggested that the Council should pay somebody to gather the sheep but others felt that pressure should be put on the farmer(s) to keep stock within the farm boundaries and that the Council had made a significant contribution to the installation of a cattle grid on the road to Hafod.

2. Min y Llyn playground:

The annual inspection by the insurance company did not report any major issues with equipment in the playground. The Clerk and an officer from Gwynedd Council (GC) arranged for GL Jones to repair the wooden posts feature just outside the playground enclosure. It was agreed that the 'train' feature is not worth repairing and that this feature should be replaced. The Chairman and the Clerk will look for suitable equipment and costing.

3. Website:

The website is ready to go live.

4. COVID-19 - Coronavirus:

There was a discussion about setting up a scheme to help those self – isolating because of the virus, particularly for those without family or friends to rely on. It was agreed to set up a group of volunteers. The Chairman had bought a mobile phone and the plan evolved to use this phone as an emergency contact number for those needing essential shopping and medication. A network of volunteers would then be available to go to the local shop, surgery or pharmacy.

It was agreed to launch the plan and aiming for it to be operational by the weekend. The Clerk will circulate posters advertising the scheme to be followed in a day or two by the release of the emergency phone number. The information will also be circulated via social media and on the noticeboards. HLJ will collate a list of volunteers aiming for around 24 names initially.

Council members will take it in turns to man the phone for a couple of days at a time and to relay all requests to the volunteers on a WhatsApp group. The first volunteer to respond will then contact the person in need of help to get their full details, complete the job and then report back via WhatsApp. The system is simple and should work well.

The phone number for the Friends Scheme will be **07955 715183**.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. GC – Community Support Officer:

Message received asking if there are volunteers in the community willing to help those self-isolating because of the virus. The Clerk will send details of the Friends Scheme.

2. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru:

Letter thanking the Council for its contribution for the National Eisteddfod in 2021 to be held in Llŷn with support from Arfon and Dwyfor.

3. GC- Lamp posts and lighting, Nantperis:

Confirmation that new electricity poles and lights have finally been put in place by Bryn Fforch, Nantperis. Scottish Power certainly took some time to do the work. The problem with one of the posts was reported over a year ago. It was noted that GC had been putting pressure on the company to take action. Both lights will be operational within the next couple of days.

4. Adra – social housing in Gwynedd.

Documentation received noting the policy changes and letting processes in Gwynedd. The changes will mean that Gwynedd residents will have an increased advantage when applying for social housing. This Council had raised this issue with Adra some time ago.

5. Dewi Sant Hospice:

Pamphlet explaining that the charity will be running some fundraising events in Llanberis this year. Swimming 10 km. in Llyn Padarn on 3rd July and Snowdon Sunset Challenge on 16th May. Unlike many other groups, the organiser is aware of the pressure that events place on the mountain and the village and hope to organise a Week in the Community to work with local businesses and groups. They are also willing to meet with the Council. The matter was put to one side due to the virus.

6. The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales:

Message received that CPRW has postponed the Caernarfonshire Village Prize 2020 because of the virus. The meeting to arrange the event in Beddgelert has been cancelled.

7. Un Llais Cymru:

Invitation to keep up membership of this body that represents Community and Town Councils. Annual fee £330. To be discussed next month.

7 PLANNING:

Gwynedd Council:

• **C20/0217/15/DT** – *Two storey extension, demolish garden shed and erecting new shed and creating parking spaces* - 1 Frondeg Uchaf, Llanberis – No objections.

8 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th February, 2020

Current Account: £17,246.82 **Deposit Account:** £5,362.82

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £7,405.66

3) Received between 29/01/2020 and 28/02/2020:

TOTAL... .. £440.91

Income and expenditure information presented to the Council along with expenditure against the budget.

Proposed and seconded: TT / GE

9 DOCUMENTS:

Due to the circumstances and the uncertainty caused by the virus, the meeting was brought to a close early and it was agreed not to review certain documents including Language Policy, Data Protection, Clerk's Agreement and the Risk Assessment.

10 NEXT MEETING:

Social distancing was maintained throughout the meeting but in view of the uncertainty regarding future public meetings it was agreed that the next meeting would not be held until it was safe to do so or to arrange an on line meeting. Date to be agreed.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 30 April, 2020.

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