

LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2020 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held via Zoom at 7pm, Wednesday, 17th June, 2020.

Members were welcomed to the meeting and TT was thanked for setting up the meeting.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

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

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

Apologies: Gwilym Evans, Olwen Gwilym,

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2020 were confirmed as a true record and arrangements were made for the Chairman to sign them. Proposed and seconded: HLJ/KJ.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. *Sheep:*

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements have been made for Colin Roberts to deal with errant sheep now that Brian Owen is no longer able to carry on with the work. He will undertake the work under the same terms as BO and at the request of either the Clerk or KMJ. The Clerk also reported that he had spoken to an officer of the North Wales Police Rural Crime Team. An officer from the Team will contact local farmers regarding securing their boundaries.

2. *Friends Scheme:*

The Friends Scheme set up by the Council continues to work effectively although the number of calls is now low. Councillor KMJ was thanked for arranging the delivery of Sunday lunch last week for many elderly residents. Further deliveries will be arranged in the future. This act of kindness was very much appreciated. Members of the Council were amongst those who helped to deliver the meals.

3. *Vacant Seats:*

It was reported that notices had been placed on the Noticeboards regarding the need for an election to fill the two vacant seats on the Council. Closing date 19th June. It is unlikely that an election could be held due to the current Covid-19 situation, so nominations for the two seats will be called for and new members co-opted by vote at the next Council meeting so that the new members will take their seats for the September meeting.

5 OTHER MATTERS

1. *Opening the mountains:*

It was reported that the Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA) had decided to allow public access to the northern side of Moel Eilio i.e. from Bwlch y Groes between Llanberis and Waunfawr. Prior to this, the head Warden had consulted with the Clerk who, in turn, sought the views of the Councillors. The general consensus was in agreement with easing the restrictions to allow locals to access the mountain with the caveat that this was not widely advertised. Several members expressed concerns that this could draw in people from far and wide. There have been rumours of walks being arranged to watch the sunset from the summit. Wardens will be patrolling in the area but it was noted that once on the mountain, it would be difficult to restrict where people could roam. The Clerk also noted that easing restrictions would exacerbate the erosion on the northern side of the Foel.

2. *Yellow lines:*

According to BH, repairing potholes and patching road surfaces in many areas of Llanberis has deleted the yellow parking restriction lines (Thomas Street, Goodman Street and Warden Street were mentioned) and that in other areas, the lines have faded and are hardly visible. The Clerk will contact Gwynedd Council regarding restoring the lines.

3. *Website:*

It was reported that there is constant updating of the Council's Website - www.cyngorllanberis.cymru and that new documents have been uploaded.

4. *Marathon Eryri:*

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that Marathon Eryri as well as Ras yr Wyddfa have been added to the list of events postponed this year.

5. Fishing:

Following reports of local residents fishing, the Clerk explained who has the right to fish in Llyn Padarn. Nobody can fish the lake nor up the river towards Llyn Peris without a permit from Cymdeithas Pysgota Seiont, Gwyrfaï a Llyfni; fishing without the permit is illegal. Shoreline fishing rights belong to this Association, (with the exception of the section from the boathouse at Glan Padarn (Canolfan Kent) to the mouth of Afon Goch Bach) along with fishing on the lake on the lower half. Surface rights (i.e. fishing from a boat) on the upper part of the lake are with Gwynedd Council who own the lake, which were leased, until recently, to the Association. Negotiations for renewing the lease are under way but not completed. Anyone contemplating fishing on the lake or from the shores should contact the SGLI Association. KMJ reported that he had discussed the matter with the Chairman of the Association and that he hopes that the Association will be offering season permits to fish from the shore in the future.

6 Street lights:

BH and others reported that trees are restricting the light from several street lights on Church Lane, the bottom of Snowdon Street and the top of Warden Street. The Clerk will contact the relevant department at GC.

7. Weeds:

Discussion regarding the fact that because of the virus, GC have not been weeding nor spraying weed killer on the streets of Llanberis. Following the discussion, TT agreed to try to get a group of volunteers to clear the weeds in the High Street. Some members felt that this was as important as clearing litter. It was agreed to work from one end of the village to the other whilst maintaining social distancing and health and safety. TT to arrange and contact Grwp Pentref Taclus for bags.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol:

Letter of thanks from the EG for the replacement cheque and a note of appreciation for the Council's regular support. There was a delay in sending the e-mail due to circumstances relating to Covid-19.

2. Transport questionnaire:

It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the questionnaire sent by a company acting for SNPA stressing the concerns that have been voiced time and time again by Councillors.

7 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th May, 2020

Current Account: £14,282.91 **Deposit Account:** £5,365.46

2) Payments Confirmed: TOTAL £1,637.40

3) Received between 29/04/2020 and 28/05/2020:

TOTAL £15,540.88

After almost two months of this financial year, the Council's expenditure was £4,729.27 and income was £16,030. The monthly figures were put on the Agenda for ease of viewing on Zoom.

Proposed and seconded: TT / HLJ

8 ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET April 2019 - March 2020:

The Clerk had completed the work for the Internal Audit and had just received the 'Internal Audit Report' from Cyngor Gwynedd's Internal Audit Department hours before the meeting. The Clerk read the report and would circulate it to Councillors via e-mail the following day. The report states '**we can confirm the validity of governance and accounting of Cyngor Cymuned Llanberis for the financial year 2019-2020 based on our examination**'

Two points were noted:

- Failure to present a register of assets with dates of acquisition, original value and current value of the assets. The Clerk reported that there is a Register of assets but that there are no dates of acquisition nor values. The Clerk will attempt to redress the matter so that the Register meets the needs of the audit.
- Failure to maintain a website in accordance with Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Act 2013. This specifically referred to the fact that there was not enough information. The Clerk reported that information is being added weekly. The Council agreed that these were minor matters but that it was essential to act upon the recommendations as soon as possible.

As there was no change to the Annual Form and no need for the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the form could be sent to the External Auditor at BDO Southampton, who acts on behalf of Wales Audit, before the 10th of July.

The Clerk was thanked for his work.

Proposed and seconded: BH / KMJ

9 PLANNING:

• **C20/0409/15/AC** – *Application to reform Condition 1 of Planning Permission Number C15.0460/15/LL in order to extend date of commencement of development for a further five years- Bryn Padarn, 19 Rallt Goch, Llanberis. LL55 4LB.*
No objections

10. NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting, via Zoom, unless restrictions are lifted, 7pm Wednesday evening, 15th July, 2020.

Signed as a true record

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 15 July, 2020.