

LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2020 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Zoom at 7pm, Wednesday, 14th October, 2020.

Members were welcomed to the meeting (arranged by RhaG), especially the new members Kim Jones, Claudia O'Donnell and Llinos Haf Pritchard which means that all the Council's seats have now been filled. It was disappointing to have to revert to Zoom meetings having had just the one meeting in the Ganolfan.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

Padarn Ward: Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Olwen Gwilym, Iwan Harding, Bethan Holding, Heather L Jones, Kim Jones, Counc. Kevin Morris Jones, Claudia O'Donnell, Helen Sharp,

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

Apologies: Gwilym Evans, Trystan Thomas.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be noted where appropriate.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 9th September, 2020 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: OG/KMJ

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Friends Scheme:

The phone line is still live but there haven't been any calls recently. The line will still be available during any future restrictions or lock-downs.

2. UEF pitch:

The Clerk has inspected the pitch surface. There is one patch, approximately a yard wide, in need of repair. The Clerk will make enquiries to see how much it would cost to repair.

3. Grass cutting:

It was agreed to acknowledge the work done by a gentleman cutting the grass at the western approach to the Llanberis off the bypass. This work is being done free of charge.

4. Yellow lines:

It was reported that some yellow lines have not been re-installed in Llanberis. Reference was made in particular to Goodman Street and Thomas Street. Following resurfacing work in Nantperis, the work has been completed.

5. A4086 Flooding:

No response to the letters sent to GC regarding the flooding and the concerns that the problem will not be addressed following resurfacing the road between Llanberis and Nantperis.

6. Taxis parking:

No response to the letter regarding taxis parking illegally on double yellow lines by the bus stop, Dôl y Goeden. The Clerk had also informed GC that the roof of one of their shelters on this site is in need of repair.

7. Street lights:

Trees branches still haven't been cut and KMJ has contacted GC to remind them that this work is outstanding.

8. Footpaths:

GE was thanked for his review of the footpaths that were a cause for concern at last month's meeting, but due to GE's absence, it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

5 OTHER MATTERS:

1. Christmas trees and lights:

It was agreed to order the Christmas trees for both villages and to add lights to three or four of the extant trees at the eastern end of Llanberis.

2. Lakeside Playground:

The Clerk reported that an Inspector from the Council's insurance company has noted about five defects on the wooden adventure course. He gave his advice that the defects need addressing but were not urgent. A meeting was arranged between the Clerk, an engineer from GC and an officer from Mc VPA who could repair the woodwork and two quotes were received: For repairs to the defective equipment £5,200 +VAT and £13,900 + VAT for refurbishing the whole course.

A panel was formed to include RhaG, CO'D, LIHP, KJ and the Clerk who will meet to discuss the quotes and report back at the next meeting. It must be recognised that rest of the equipment will continue to decay and the that this would also need to be informing the outcome. According to KMJ, there may be money available as a grant from First Hydro for a community project. KMJ was asked to approach the company to ask whether the playing field would be eligible for a grant. CO'D reported that there wasn't any equipment suitable for children under 5 yrs. of age and asked whether this could be considered for the future. The Council has discussed the possibility of equipment for children with additional needs when the time comes to replace the train feature in one corner. This feature is within the enclosed play area and not in the area where the wooden course is. The following will form a panel: RhaG, CO'D, KJ a LIHJ.

4. Nant Ucha' Footpath

Despite minor repairs, the condition of the path continues to deteriorate. Need to contact GC again.

5. Remembrance Sunday:

Following discussion, it was agreed not to have a service of Remembrance on the morning of 8TH November in view of the Corona virus and the likelihood of further restrictions. Arrangements will be made for a bugler to sound the Last Post at 11, signalling the start of 2 minutes' silence, then BH (vice-chairman) will lay a wreath on behalf of the Council. Other are free to lay wreaths but must maintain social distancing rules. The Clerk will put a note regarding the arrangements on the Council's website, on the noticeboards and on social media along with details of where the wreaths are available in Caernarfon. (At the Institute in Caernarfon on three afternoons during the preceding week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, between 2 and 5 pm)

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Statue / Memorial to quarrymen:

Letter received from Gwylim Roberts, Cardiff (Lôn Bost family) offering to donate £3,000 towards a memorial to the quarrymen in the area. The money is being offered unconditionally to the Community Council to go towards creating a piece of artwork denoting the key role that the quarry and the workers had in the development of the community in Dyffryn Peris. Members expressed their gratitude for such a magnanimous gesture.

This matter has been discussed in the past, but with this contribution and possibly extra funding from the Llechi project (UNESCO Heritage project) it was agreed that this could be vital in setting up a fund to finance the work. It was noted that a substantial fund will be needed to create a permanent piece of quality artwork. It was noted that some work to commemorate the industry had been done in Blaenau Ffestiniog, and the Clerk suggested that it would be interesting to see what other areas had done to pay homage to their industrial heritage. The decision was made to set up a sub-committee to take the matter forward with IH, HLJ, KMJ and HS as members. The Clerk felt that the matter should be discussed with Gwenan Pritchard, co-ordinator of Llechi Cymru at GC and to ask for support and ideas from projects in other areas.

2. Turning off street lamps:

Request for information from GC whether the following street lamps are still needed in Nantperis: by Yr Hafod, Tan Gadlas, Ty'n Ffynnon and Penbryn. The Clerk suggested that the one by Yr Hafod (two cottages) was not needed but that the others were. It was noted that the one by Tan Gadlas was not working and that this information would be passed on to GC.

3. Victoria Hotel Car Park, Llanberis:

The Clerk has received another complaint from a tourist who had paid to park but was sent a letter demanding fees for non-payment. This is not good for the village's reputation and the Clerk was asked to discuss the matter with the hotel manager. The Clerk had contacted the complainant pointing out the fact that there are several other car parks in the area where the parking fees go directly towards supporting the local infrastructure, either through the Ganolfan or GC.

4. Cutting trees and flooding:

Letters and e-mails received from Ron Boyle, Rhoscefnhir, Anglesey regarding flooding in Llanberis, Beddgelert and Abergwyngregyn. The gentleman has contacted several public bodies asking for information whether numerous flooding events over the past few years were in any way connected to felling trees and clearing rhododendron. He was of the opinion that there was a direct link and had written to several community councils for comments. The Clerk respond by informing him that there has been no tree felling nor rhododendron clearing in this area and the flooding was caused by other issues. The meeting was in agreement.

7 PLANNING:

- **NP3/15/LB80D** – Listed Building Consent to convert, adapt and extend the garage to create an annex to the dwelling
- **NP3/15/LB80C** – Converting, adapting and extension to garage to create an annex to the dwelling - **Glandwr, Llanberis** – No objections
- **C20/0806/15/DT** – Erection of front porch, car port to the side and a two-storey extension to the rear - **45 Maes Padarn, Llanberis** – No objection

8 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th September, 2020

Current Account: £28,201.46 **Deposit Account:** £5,365.70

2) The following payments were confirmed:

TOTAL £6,835.20

3) Received between 29/08/2020 and 28/09/2020:

TOTAL £470.05

Proposed and seconded: KMJ / OG

9 FOOTPATHS

GE has submitted a report via e-mail on the state of some of the footpaths, but since he was not present, it was agreed to put the item on the agenda for November.

10 CEMETERY:

The Clerk was asked to remind DWL that the Church Cemetery needs one more cut.

11. EXTERNAL REPORTS:

Y Ganolfan:

Closed in line with the Government's Covid-19 regulations, but the Ysgol Feithrin was still open without access to the rest of the building. It was reported that the Committee had refused businesses from running any event there. The committee that the Medical Centre and St John's could continue to use the Ganolfan under the current pandemic guidelines.

12 NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be in Y Ganolfan, circumstances permitting, at 7pm, Wednesday, 11th November, 2020.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 11 November, 2020.

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