

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS
LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in Y Ganolfan on Wednesday 11th November, 2020 at 7pm. Members were welcomed back to Y Ganolfan. Strict safety measures were in place including social distancing, and members were reminded that they should inform the Clerk of any changes to their health in the days following the meeting.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

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

Peris Ward: Iola Owen.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

Apologies: Olwen Gwilym, Iwan Harding, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th October, 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: BH/IO.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Cynllun Cyfail:

The service is still live but there is very little demand.

2. A4086 and flooding:

The road was closed due to flooding on two occasions since the last meeting and one car was severely damaged. [The car had been left by Adwy Ffordd Haearn for at least 2 weeks] Both the Clerk and the Councillor had contacted Gwynedd Council (GC), their letters and calls were acknowledged but there was no further communication. Apparently, there has been communication between senior engineers, but no further details.

3. Street lights:

Branches obstructing street lights in Llanberis have been cleared, the lamp by Hafod in Nantperis has been switched off and the one by Tangadlas will be repaired. According to GC, Scottish Power will need to carry out essential repairs and that this would not be done for at least another month. It was reported that a lamp on Lôn Fain in Nant was faulty.

4. Christmas trees:

Christmas trees for Llanberis and Nant have been ordered and they will be delivered on 27th November. There was a call for volunteers to get the trees up and decorated on the Saturday or Sunday, weather permitting. More lights need to be bought including some to lights for trees at the Eastern end of the village.

5. Min y Llyn playground:

Since the last meeting, the Clerk, with support from a GC official, had tried to get a quote for repairing the rope and post course. In the meantime, KMJ and the Clerk met with Diane Rowlands from First Hydro to discuss the possibility of financial support for the work. Unfortunately, the meeting to allocate grants was within a few days and it would not be possible to submit a request in time. DR said that she would present an outline of our request at the meeting, and explained that there were more funds available this year due to Covid -19 and that she was prepared to table a late request provided that the paperwork was in by the end of November.

The Clerk will try to get one more quote before submitting to First Hydro. If there is another quote, the Clerk will contact members for their views. If the request for a grant is successful, it would be for the equipment but not labour.

6. Remembrance Sunday:

The wreath was placed on the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday morning. There was no service but a bugler played the last post to signal the two-minute silence. Those that had gathered acted within the Covid-19 restrictions.

7. Llanberis Group:

The Clerk reported that he and Counc. KMJ attended two meetings on Zoom/Teams to discuss managing some of the difficulties Llanberis is facing due mainly to the number of visitors attending numerous activities and events taking place on Dôl y Goeden as well as other areas locally.

The plan is to establish sub-groups to look at the different events and problems e.g. Events, parking, marketing, and ensuring that the local economy benefits as well as evaluating the impact on the local community.

Grwp Llanberis will monitor any groups that already exist and any that will be established in future. The first meeting with two officers from GC looked at terms of reference and membership. One group already working is the 'Events' group which includes officers from GC, one from the Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA), representatives from companies who organise large scale events (running) and Counc. KMJ and the Clerk.

In the first meeting, there was an outline of intent to gain some control over the numerous events in Llanberis every year and where they are held, in an effort to minimise the disruption caused to local residents when many are held in Dôl y Goeden. Several companies are aware that local support for events is important and are keen to ensure that their events do not cause undue problems for the local community. Some are keen to have a long-standing arrangement so that future events are secured, but that would naturally depend on arrangements. It was noted that two races have already re-located from Llanberis, one to Rhyd-ddu and one to Capel Curig.

According to the SNPA officer, it is virtually impossible for the Authority to stop anybody from using Snowdon for events. The paths are public footpaths and there is the right to roam on open land under the Countryside Right to Roam Act 2000. The Authority is trying to work with the events' organisers to regulate activities. It was also reported that there is a continuous increase in pressure from events which are over and above the thousands who come as individuals or in small groups to walk up mountains.

The Grwp Llanberis will meet before the end of the year and the 'Events' group will meet in the new year.

5 OTHER MATTERS:

1. Allocation of housing:

Complaints have been received again regarding Adre, the company responsible for allocating rental properties. Recently, people with certain conditions have been housed in Llanberis which has had a negative impact on their neighbours. It was asked whether Adre took everything into consideration, including impact on neighbours, when allocating property.

2. Christmas lights competition:

KMJ suggested a competition for the best lit street this Christmas. Following discussion, it was agreed that KMJ will organise the competition with the Council giving the £100 prize to the local charity to be chosen by the winning street. Voting will be done on Facebook.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. GC – Yellow lines:

Consultation by GC on plans to place yellow lines on both sides of the road from the By-pass towards the lagoons and the parking places in the Glyn. The lines will extend as far as the second car park and will include part of the road into the Industrial Estate. This Council has asked for this for some time and hopes that the plan will be successful this time. N.B. It was reported that a motor home was parked there for days recently.

2. SNPA:

Notice that the Community Projects Fund has money available to support sustainable projects in the community which would be of economic, social or environmental benefit within the National Park. No closing date.

7 PLANNING:

- **C20/0821/15/LL** – application to take down rear extension (part one storey and part two-storey) and to erect a two-storey extension - **1 Ffordd Padarn, Llanberis** - no comment (actual application not available)

8 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th October, 2020

Current Account: £21,950.12 **Deposit Account:** £5,365.74

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £1,144.60

3) Received between 29/09/2020 a 28/10/2020:

Total £370.04

Proposed and seconded: HS / TT.

9 FOOTPATHS:

GE's report on the footpaths was discussed and it was agreed that there was a need for further investigation into the blocked path at Pyllau Dŵr. It was also reported that a couple of gates need to be hung. The Clerk reported that he would try to find somebody to do the work. Unfortunately, EB has just had knee surgery and is likely to be out of action for some time. It was also reported that a gate on the public footpath past Tandderwen, Nantperis need repairing.

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10 CEMETARY:

The gate into the Church Cemetery by the playing field does not close. Even though the Church is responsible for the gate, the Clerk will find somebody to repair it, if only to keep the sheep out.

11. EXTERNAL REPORTS:

Y Ganolfan:

Now open following the firebreak Covid-19 lockdown.

12 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting, in the Ganolfan (if circumstances allow), 7 pm, Wednesday 9 December, 2020.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 09 December, 2020.

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