

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS**  
**LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2020 MEETING:**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Ganolfan at 7pm, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Members were welcomed to the meeting. The whole room was used to enable social distancing. Safety rules were adhered to and members were reminded to report any health issues in the days following the meeting.

**1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:**

**Padarn Ward:** Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Olwen Gwilym, Iwan Harding, 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:** Gwilym Evans, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Will be documented where appropriate.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 11th November 2020 were confirmed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: HLJ / HS.

**4 MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Cynllun Cyfaill (Friend Scheme):**

The service is still available.

**2. Flooding on A4086:**

No developments and no further information from Gwynedd Council (GC). The Clerk and Counc. KMJ were asked to contact GC again to ask what their intentions were.

**3. Street lamps- Nantperis:**

The streetlamp on Lôn Fain is now working but the one at Tangadlas is still off.

**4. Christmas trees:**

The trees were delivered. The tree was put in place and decorated in Llanberis by the usual small group. Lights were also hung on a tree in Maes Padarn as well as along the Cae Bach fence. It was agreed to reconsider putting lights on more lamp posts. This will be on the agenda for one of the meetings in the Spring.

IO and her son were responsible for the tree and lights in Nantperis. She felt that there should be more volunteers to help with this next year and that this is one community covering both villages. Both villages should be treated equally. IO and the others who helped were thanked and it was agreed that a group would deal with both trees next Christmas.

**5. Min y Llyn Playground:**

The Clerk has presented an application for a grant towards the complete refurbishment of the adventure track at the playground. To date, First Hydro has not responded but the Clerk is aware that the matter has been discussed. One quote has been received for a like for like replacement, the only difference being that the posts would be set into steel rather than straight into earth. Despite enquiries, no response received from a local company. If there is a positive response and a substantial contribution, the aim is to forge ahead with the work before the end of this financial year.

**6. Llanberis Group:**

Llanberis Group has now been established and has held its inaugural meeting. Unfortunately, several members were unable to attend whilst others experienced technical difficulties. Despite this, it was a positive meeting. The Group was set up by GC in conjunction with this Council in an attempt to co-ordinate activities impacting on the community. Sub- groups will be established to address specific issues such as transport and events etc. There are many challenges facing the community due to the increase in the number of tourists and the impact of open-air events. The group will address these issues with the communities' interest at heart.

Other developments discussed included UNESCO World Heritage bid for the slate quarrying areas of north-west Wales and the associated LleChi project. Allt Ddu interpretation work. Developing the Slate Museum. Management of Parc Padarn. Future of Electric Mountain by First Hydro and Glyn Rhonwy by GC.

In the new year (2021) there are plans for creating a Regeneration Framework for Gwynedd focusing on 13 localities,

including Bro Peris. It seems that the authorities are seriously investigating the positive and negative impact that tourism has on the area. Covid-19 has demonstrated how important the area is for people but has also shown that the area isn't able to cope with extreme pressure at times. Negative pressures affect the local community as well as the visitors' experience and enjoyment.

There was a report of a study in an area in Austria that looked at ways to resolve similar difficulties associated with tourism that would benefit local businesses as well as locals and tourists. This all needs to be considered with reference to climate change and creating a low carbon economy. Creating a vision to include language and culture as well as the environment was also discussed. At the meeting, the Clerk DT was elected Chairman. The next meeting will be at the beginning of February. The Clerk was thanked for his report.

#### **7. Christmas Lights Competition:**

KMJ reported that there had been a good response in many streets/groups of houses in Llanberis.

### **5 OTHER MATTERS:**

#### **1. Small Grants:**

Societies and groups are invited to make applications for grants. It is anticipated that there will be fewer applications this year due to the restrictions on meetings and events. Closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### **2. Dog mess:**

Complaints received about dog mess on Ffordd Capel Coch, but it is difficult to respond without evidence. There was speculation that the mess was caused by dogs being let out on their own. Suggestion was made that the school could lobby parents. KMJ reported that he would raise the matter with GC.

### **6 CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **1. SNPA:**

Circular drawing attention to the fact that the Authority has launched a Formal Consultation Document. Details and a very brief questionnaire available on their website. The emphasis is on the Environment, Communities and Working practices with a view to improving the way the Park operates.

#### **2. Jehovah's Witnesses circular:**

Copy of The Tower and a circular stating that the movement keeps in touch with all levels of government from local to national. Copy of the magazine available on their website.

### **7 FINANCE:**

#### **1) In the Bank on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

**Current Account:** £21,350.52      **Deposit Account:** £5,365.79

#### **2) Confirmed payments:**

**TOTAL ... ..**                      **£1993.37**

#### **3) Received between 29/10/2020 and 28/11/2020:**

**TOTAL ... ..**                      **£150.05**

Proposed and seconded: TT / IH.

### **8 PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2021 - 2022:**

Funds available and the likely outgoings by the end of the year were discussed. Much will depend on any financial support received towards the work on the Min y Llyn playground. Some funds earmarked for outdoor equipment still available. UEFA pitch needs repair work and the Clerk was asked to ask for quotes. There is a need to agree on contribution to Cofeb y Chwarelwr (memorial to quarry workers). Local businesses may find it difficult to support this due the effect of Covid-19.

Grants were discussed and there may be possible savings to be made since many groups who received grants last year have not been able to spend the money. It was also noted that income from the Cemetery was down and money set aside for expansion may have to be used. Savings may also be made with salt once the salt bins have been inspected.

The Clerk was asked to prepare another draft budget to be presented at the next meeting before making a decision on the precept. Both to be discussed at the meeting in January.

**9 FOOTPATHS:**

To date, no work has been done on the footpaths. The Clerk has consulted GC regarding the path at Pyllau Dŵr. He was also asked to consult regarding the gate on the Tandderwen path and why the gate by Pont Meibion has been down for months. It was also noted that the future of the board-walk in Nant Ucha' needs addressing.

**10 CEMETERY:**

Due to time constraints, review of Cemetery fees was deferred to January.

**11. EXTERNAL REPORTS:****Y Ganolfan:**

Now open following the Firebreak Covid-19 Lockdown.

**12 NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be in Y Ganolfan, circumstances permitting, at 6.30pm, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

Matters on the agenda, Budget, Precept, Clerk's Wages, Grants, Chwarelwr memorial.

**Signed as a true record:**

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 20 January, 2021.