

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

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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2021 MEETING:**

Minutes of the Council meeting held via Zoom (with thanks to TT for setting up) on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm. The Chairman welcomed members and Gwenan M Pritchard who works for Gwynedd Council (GC) on the LleChi Project, a community project linked to the application for World Heritage status for the slate mining areas of north-west Wales.

**LleChi Project**

GP gave an outline of the community project that is linked to the UNESCO bid, the outcome of which is expected towards the end of July this year. Llanberis is one of several slate mining areas included in the World Heritage bid and the local group established following a public consultation has been working on several ideas including a substantial exhibition of the work of Isaac Hughes, an early photographer who took photographs of Llanberis as it developed into an industrial village.

Y Ffestri will be organising some local events and Y Ganolfan with a tapestry to commemorate 800 yrs. since the building of Dolbadarn castle and the Community Council exploring a memorial or statue to commemorate quarry workers.

Discussions regarding the memorial are in the early stages but there was a brief discussion on what has been done in other areas and what would be possible in Llanberis.

It was noted that a sum of money (£2,500) was available to support this project and that £3,000 has been promised by Gwilym Roberts, Cardiff (originally from Llanberis). It was noted that there was a time limit on applying for the contribution from the LleChi project but it was hoped that an extension from the summer to the autumn could be negotiated.

It was agreed to expedite this project, to agree on the type of memorial and the siting and to address further fundraising to ensure that the memorial to the local quarry workers was a substantial and permanent work of art.

**Chairman and Vice Chairman:**

Since there hasn't been an Annual General Meeting due to the pandemic, it was agreed that RhaG and BH would continue as Chairman and Vice Chairman at least until the end of this financial year.

**1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:**

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

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

All members present.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Will be noted as and where appropriate. os yn berthnasol, o dan y gwahanol benawdau •(see item 6).

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday evening, 9th December, 2020 were confirmed as a true record and arrangements will be made for the Chairman to sign them within the next few days. Proposed and seconded: HLJ/KMJ. The Clerk apologised for having to change the date of the meeting.

**4 MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Cynllun Cyfaill:**

The service is still available.

**2. Flooding on the A4086:**

Despite KMJ contacting one of GC's chief officers, there has been no response. The Clerk was asked to contact GC again.

**3. Street lights:**

The light at Tangadlas, Nantperis is still not working.

#### **4. Christmas trees:**

The lights and the trees in Llanberis and Nantperis have been taken down and those who did the work were thanked. The Clerk will arrange for the trees to be taken away.

#### **5. Playground Min y Llyn:**

£2,500 received from First Hydro, Llanberis towards the cost of repair and the Clerk has written to thank them. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to defer work on the rope course until the next financial year in April. Proposed and seconded: IH/HLJ.

#### **6. Christmas lights competition:**

KMJ reported that the winners were Dôl Elidir and that they have decided to donate the £100 prize to the Ysgol Feithrin.

#### **7. Lettings by Adra:**

Adra, the company responsible for community housing responded, stating that the rules and guidelines had been adhered to in the process of letting houses in Dôl Eilian. This was following recent complaints that new tenants have proved to be a nuisance to their neighbours. This was their response:

- 'Before any property is allocated, Adra completes numerous checks including looking at files (of current tenants) or consulting with other housing agents/ private landlords looking, in particular, for any previous history of Anti-Social Behaviour to determine if the property is suitable for the applicant.'

#### **8. Dogs Fouling:**

It was reported that this is a growing problem. HLJ said that incidents of dogs fouling can be reported on a GC App. It was also mentioned that GC are using CCTV in areas where this is a continuous problem.

### **5 OTHER MATTERS**

#### **1. Public Toilets:**

The Clerk has received an apology that the toilet in Maes Padarn was locked for a period leading up to Christmas despite the agreement between this Council and GC to keep all three toilets open throughout the year. This came to light when the toilet by the lake was locked by GC following vandalism and the Clerk was informed that the toilet in Maes Padarn would be open instead.

Having contacted GC, it appears that there was some misunderstanding due to staff changes. The Clerk stressed that this was unacceptable and that in future there should be a consultation with the Community Council. The officer was reminded that, whatever the circumstances, this Council are making a substantial contribution to keeping all three toilets open throughout the year

#### **2. Trem y Chwarel:**

The Clerk has received a complaint that the roads in Trem y Chwarel have not been completed. According to the resident complainant, the developer and builder must complete the roads to a satisfactory standard before GC will adopt and take over future responsibility for the roads. The developer/builder are procrastinating causing frustration for the residents. The Clerk advised the resident to contact GC's Highways and Municipal department to try to resolve the matter.

#### **3. Grit and salt for the Winter:**

The Clerk thanked GE for inspecting the grit and salt bins in the community and for presenting a comprehensive report. One or two need replenishing and one or two need to be repaired. The Clerk was asked to follow up and make sure that the bins were full. There is a need to remove rubbish from some of the bins. KMJ will ascertain who is responsible for the bins on the road in Clegir.

### **6 SMALL GRANTS:**

#### **\*\*Declaration of interest Côt Dyffryn Peris - GE, BH, TT. Football club - KJ**

5 applications were submitted by the closing date and it was agreed as follows:

Côt Meibion Dyffryn Peris	£500	Eco'r Wyddfa	£400
Cyfeillion Cae'r Ddôl	£1,200	Clwb Peldroed Llanberis	£500
Guides (etc.)	£300		

### **7 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Several emails and circulars regarding COVID-19 including one highlighting on-line fraud. These had already been forwarded to Councillors during the month.

## **8 FINANCE:**

### **1) In the Bank on 28th December, 2020**

**Current Account:** £23,130.52     **Deposit Account:** £5,365.83

### **2) Payments confirmed:**

**TOTAL ... .. £3,000.00**

### **3) Received between 29/11/2020 and 28/12/2020:**

**TOTAL ... .. £2,650.00**

Proposed and seconded: TT / HS.

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

### **1. Precept:**

Finances were scrutinised. The money still in hand and the likely expenses to the end of the year were discussed. The Clerk presented the figures along with a new budget. Taking into account that expenditure on the Playing Field has been deferred to the next financial year in April and the need to spend money on the UEFA pitch as well as the quarry workers' memorial, it was agreed that this year of all years (in view of the pandemic) the precept should not be raised by more than £2,000.

It was agreed not to spend money on outdoor keep fit equipment, to use the Cronfa'r Tir funds as well as other savings to the end of March and move them to next year. As a result, the Precept was set at £32,000, an increase of £2,000. This is equivalent to £41.62 for a Band D property, an increase of £2.64. If GC change the way second homes and empty properties are taxed, this would come down to £40.24 for the band, an increase of £2.50. By the next meeting, the Clerk will prepare a new budget based on this decision.

### **2. Clerk's salary:**

The Council (in the Clerk's absence had discussed) discussed salary and terms. With the members in agreement, the Chairman and HLJ would have further discussions with the aim of agreeing on a salary in line with the agreed National scales.

## **10 FOOTPATHS:**

GC have not responded to the two letters sent regarding issues that have been raised regarding footpaths.

## **11 CEMETERY:**

Review of Cemetery fees deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints. The Clerk was reminded that two of the bins need replacement lids.

## **12. EXTERNAL REPORTS:**

### **Y Ganolfan:**

Reopened following the Covid-19 Firebreak lock down. Now closed again.

## **13 NEXT MEETING:**

Date of the next meeting on Zoom, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 7pm.

Matters for discussion: Cemetery fees, Quarry workers' memorial.

## **Signed as a true record:**

Chairman:     Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk:     Dei Tomos

Date 20 February, 2021.