

## LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Zoom (thanks to HLJ for arranging) on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 7 pm. The Chairman welcomed members.

### 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.

**Apologies:** Olwen Gwilym.

**Peris Ward:** Llinos Haf Pritchard, Iola Owen.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

### 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be noted where appropriate.

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 were confirmed as a true records and arrangements will be made for the Chairman to sign them. Proposed and seconded: TT / LHP.

### 4 MATTERS ARISING:

#### 1. *Cynllun Cyfaill:*

The service is still available.

#### 2. *Flooding on the A4086:*

No response from Gwynedd Council (GC) regarding the drain that causes flooding by Gardda Bach, Nantperis, but work has begun (today) to try to resolve the flooding linked to the runoff from Tanbryn by the entrance to the National Park's Car Park.

#### 3. *Street lights:*

The lamp by Tangadlas, Nantperis has finally been repaired.

#### 4. *Christmas trees:*

The trees have been removed and recycled.

#### 5. *Grants:*

Most of those who received grants have responded to thank the council by letter or e-mail.

#### 6. *Cofeb y Chwarelwyr:*

The Clerk had prepared a document for discussion including several ideas regarding the project. There were discussions surrounding a suitable site, design and likely cost and how to finance the project. There was a unanimous agreement that the favoured site would be where the buses turn by Cae'r Ddôl, but this would depend on GC's agreement and that it would not impinge on traffic safety. The decision was made to advertise the project and ask for ideas to be put forward as well as to discuss with designers known to have worked on similar projects.

#### 7. *Dôl Elidir Playground:*

It is understood that equipment for the disabled would be in this playground rather than Cae Gas in Goodman Street due to lack of space in Cae Gas.

### 5 OTHER MATTERS:

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

Following a unanimous decision to raise the Clerk's salary, RhaG and HLJ had prepared a document stating the Clerk's salary and terms of work. It was agreed to accept the terms of the document in full, raising the Clerk's salary as had been agreed earlier. The new salary (effective from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021) will be commensurate with LC2 SCP22 grade. Terms will include 5.6 weeks holiday per year and the salary to be paid every 3 months. The Clerk will be responsible for paying income tax and national insurance as appropriate. This will all be reflected in the new Job Description and Salary Agreement between the Council and the Clerk. Any future pay rise would be in line with Government announcements.

Proposed and seconded: KMJ/BH. BH requested that the Council's gratitude to the Chairman and HLJ for their work be documented.

## **2. Stray sheep:**

Following numerous complaints, the issue of a substantial increase in the number of stray sheep at the eastern end of the village was discussed. Photos have also been posted on social media of sheep on the viaduct and on the path by the Snowdon Railway. Councillors speculated on several areas where the sheep are most likely to come onto the roads and railway and the Clerk agreed to make further enquiries to see what could be done to prevent this. The shepherd has gathered sheep on several occasions.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1. Welsh Government/ [ Education and Public Services Group]:**

Letter received stating that it was permissible for Town and Community Councils to make remote financial decisions (i.e., on Zoom) in preparing for the annual audit. Every Council will need to prepare the annual accounts in good time presenting the draft accounts by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and to present the final audited accounts by November 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

### **2. Grwp Datblygu Llanberis:**

Correspondence received from the group's secretary expressing disappointment that the Clerk had not made contact with her regarding the final date for submitting an application for a grant from the Council. She was disappointed that the Council does not automatically send an application form to groups that had received grants in the past. Whilst she acknowledged that the notice had been on the website and on the notice boards, she had not seen it in time. It seems that no other members of the group had seen the notice either despite the fact that it had been posted for at least three weeks.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Council should have a fixed date for receipt of applications so that they can be discussed at the following meeting. It was agreed that the closing date would be January 5<sup>th</sup>, before the first meeting of the new year on the second Wednesday of the month.

### **3. Copy of Nefyn Council's letter to the Housing Minister.**

The letter received draws attention to the problem of second homes in several areas. The Clerk also drew attention to an e-mail received from Barmouth Council arguing that there should not be any changes in law regarding the taxation of second homes and holiday homes. [ GC will be discussing this later on this month.]

### **4. Over- night parking in the Castle car park:**

Following correspondence with Cadw, confirmation has been received that, at last, a notice saying 'No Over-night Parking' has now been placed in the small car park by Castell Dolbadarn in Pentre Castell. In the same letter Cadw state that their preferred path for visitors to access the castle is from GC 's car park and over Pont Fain from the road to the quarry. It was questioned therefore why the gate on the path from the A4086 couldn't be locked.

### **5. Gwynedd Council – Road Closures:**

Three notifications received that GC will have temporary road closures in place in Llanberis in the near future.

- 15 February - closure of section of Goodman Street, at the junction where Yankee Street and Warden Street \*N.B. the sign on site states February 16<sup>th</sup>
- 23 March - closure of section of Goodman Street, between the bottom of Rallt Goch and the High Street.
- 04 April - closure of section of Newton Street at the upper end where it joins Goodman Street.

### **6. Snowdonia National Park Authority [SNPA]:**

Announcement by Snowdonia Partnership 'Parking and Transport Review for Snowdon and Ogwen: Update'.

The report and a resume of the on-line Consultation are available on the SNPA website.

<https://www.snowdonpartnership.co.uk/hafan-1> for the full report and a statement to the Press. -

<https://www.eryri.llyw.cymru/authority/news-and-media/latest-news/2020-press-releases/2020-news-items/consultation-launched-on-sustainable-parking-and-transport-plans-for-snowdonia-national-park>.

The Clerk explained that there will be an on-line Community Workshop for the Llanberis area on Wednesday evening, 24<sup>th</sup> February between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. To secure a place contact -

[www.snowdonpartnership.co.uk/parcioathrafnidiaeth](http://www.snowdonpartnership.co.uk/parcioathrafnidiaeth)

The Clerk said he would forward the address by e-mail the following day.

## **7 PLANNING:**

**NP3/15/44G** – retrospective insubstantial revision to garage. (Site, design and internal plan), - **Pant y Cafn, Llanberis.** (There has been some confusion regarding this application.)

**C21/0005/15/DT** – application for one storey extension to the rear of the property- **15 Dôl Elidir, Llanberis.** No objections.

**8 FINANCE:**

**1) In the Bank on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Current account:** £21,952.15      **Deposit account:** £5,365.88

**2) Payments confirmed:** £795.00

**3) Received between 29/12/2020 a 28/01/2021:** Nil

Proposed and seconded: HLJ / IO.

**9 FOOTPATHS:**

Nothing to report.

**10 CEMETERY:**

Interment costs for the Cemetery in Nanperis were discussed. Following the discussion, and taking into consideration that the Cemetery costs are considerably lower than those in others in the area, it was agreed to an increase of £75 on every price. Proposed and seconded: IO/TT. New prices effective from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. (KMJ requesting to register his objection)

**11. EXTERNAL REPORTS:**

**Grwp Adfywio Llanberis:**

The Clerk reported from the meeting held earlier in the week. The Snowdonia Partnership Consultation (See 6.6 above) was discussed. It was stated that it is unlikely that there will be any crowd events such as mountain races this year because of the pandemic. It was noted that Elen Roberts, formerly Education Officer at the Slate Museum, has been appointed to be in charge of the museum for a year, following Dr. Dafydd Roberts' retirement.

**12 NEXT MEETING:**

Date of the next meeting, via Zoom, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 7pm.

**Signed as a true record:**

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 10 March, 2021.