

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS
LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2021 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Zoom (thanks to HLJ for arranging) on Wednesday 10th March, 2021 at 7pm. The Chairman welcomed members and Rhian Elin George (RhG) Community Support Officer Gwynedd Council (GC) who attended the meeting to discuss how to apply for financial support.

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: Iola Owen.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

Apologies: Llinos Haf Pritchard.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be noted where appropriate.

3 RHIAN GEORGE – COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER:

Wide reaching discussions took place regarding the Ger y Llyn playground and the UEFA pitch and the Bikes Track that KMJ hopes will be built by the lake in the Glynrhonwy area. RhG had already explored some of these issues prior to attending the meeting and was able to advise on financial support for the playgrounds. Along with the Manager for Park Padarn, she had been looking at a plot of land that is within an area designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Both KMJ and RhG agreed that this was an ideal site.

The site was conveniently close to car parks, toilets and a café yet far enough away from houses. It was stated that the site would be suitable for a bike track that would meander through woods and over mounds and that there is considerable local support for such a facility. The track surface would be asphalt. The site's base is slate waste and it is well covered by vegetation, and although some felt that it was doubtful that Natural Resources Wales (NRW) would permit the development, GC were hopeful, despite the designation. Questions were also raised about the safety of a track so close to trees. KMJ reported that he has been promised finance and support to build the track, but future maintenance and insurance would have to be devolved.

It was stated that GC have promised to support the maintenance but that the Community Council would be expected to lease the land. Some councillors were concerned that future maintenance and insurance could be a burden for the Council. According to RhG, Beicio Cymru may be interested and that the track could provide some income. Further discussions would have to follow should the track be given permission and that the promised financial support for its construction is forthcoming.

Discussions moved on to the Ger y Llyn playground and the UEFA pitch. RhG promised to forward details of a company that repaired a similar pitch in Waunfawr. She also mentioned that there were grants available that organisations other than the Council, could apply for. There is more money available for community groups than there is for community councils. GE reported that he had contacted the Welsh Football Association looking for support but the response was disappointing. He was thanked for his efforts. RhG was thanked for joining the meeting and for her willing support.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10th February, 2021 were confirmed as a true record and arrangements were made for the Chairman to sign them. Proposed and seconded: HLJ/IO.

5 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Cynllun Cyfaill:

This service is still available.

2. Flooding on the A4086:

The Clerk reported that he had contacted GC (Highways Department) to thank them for the work done in Nantperis by the entrance to the Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA) Car Park. It appears that the flooding problem at this site has been resolved. There was very little water accumulating by the entrance to Gardda Bach during the recent heavy rain. This area will need to be kept under scrutiny since recent improvements have proved to be

temporary. Flooding has been an issue recently between the entrances to Cwm Aelhir Uchaf and Isaf and the road has been under water on numerous occasions recently. The Clerk reported that this is partly as a result of work carried out by Scottish Power some years ago. The Clerk suggested to GC that two pipes were installed in the lower walls to take most of the water so that the water never rises above the kerb level. He had also asked if the rock on the corner to the east of Glandŵr is safe following the recent collapse that closed the road. Awaiting a response.

3. Grants:

All recipients have expressed their gratitude.

4. Cofeb y Chwarelwyr:

The Clerk reported that he had prepared an article for Eco'r Wyddfa (members have already seen a draft) looking for ideas for the memorial. The article has also been displayed on the notice boards in both villages and will be on the Council's Website. The Clerk is also discussing possible sites with GC.

5. Dôl Elidir Playground:

Many members expressed how pleased they were that new equipment that can be used by children with disabilities had been installed. The Clerk will notify GC of this appreciation.

6. Ger y Llyn Playground:

1 Accident:

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from a parent stating that a child had been injured in the playground. He responded to the initial letter and others that followed and then translated them before forwarding them to the Council's insurance company. This matter could not be discussed at the Meeting since it is now being dealt with by the insurance company and the parent's solicitor. The Clerk added that RhaG and BH, Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Council has received copies of all the correspondence.

2 Renovation:

Further to an earlier decision, the future of the wooden track in this playground was discussed. There was unanimous agreement that it should be fully renovated. Proposed and seconded: IO/HLJ.

7. Snowdonia National Park Authority [SNPA]:

The Clerk and KMJ attended a virtual meeting of Snowdonia Partnership Snowdon and Ogwen Transport and Parking Review: The Next Steps. The Clerk reported that approximately 60 people took part in the meeting. It was a successful meeting with opportunities to express ideas in small groups although there was no wider discussion. The presentations reflected the contents of the Review with emphasis on consultation and seeking local support for moving forwards. Whilst discussing the village of Llanberis as the 'gateway' to the area around Snowdon it was stressed that the plan should not create more parking spaces within the village. The old Glynrhonwy Quarry was favoured as the most likely area for extra parking provided that SNPA and GC could agree, even as a temporary measure, on a change of use. Many are concerned that GC have only considered the spaces in the quarry as commercial sites. GC have had a considerable time to try to attract businesses to the sites but unfortunately without success. The Chairman and the Clerk have completed a questionnaire on the Council's behalf.

8. Sheep:

Stray sheep continue to be a problem in Llanberis. The Clerk has had discussions with one of the officers from the Rural Crime team seeking a resolution to some of the problems.

6 OTHER MATTERS

1. Electric Mountain:

By now, it is common knowledge that First Hydro will not be renovating the Mynydd Gwefru/Electric Mountain building. It has been closed for a number of years and it could become an eye-sore in such a prominent position. There were some concerns about this and the fact that the building was originally intended as a community facility although the community has never had any influence or say on how it was managed. Many ideas have been posted on social media, but very few of them would be practical. The building is owned by the electricity company and it has been stated that if they cannot run it at a profit, it is unlikely that anyone else could. The question was asked that if the building is demolished, could the land that is a car park be given to the community to create income for the community. It was reported that Sian Gwenllian the Arfon Senedd Member is going to arrange a meeting to discuss the situation with representatives from the Llanberis, Llanddeiniolen and Llanrug Councils. The Clerk will arrange a delegation.

2. Glynrhonwy Cafe:

There has been a reaction to the intention of an English only name for the café on the Industrial Estate at the Glyn. Members were reminded that this is not the only business in the area with an English only name and operating in English only and that this should be acknowledged rather than focusing on one enterprise. However, it was agreed that

efforts should be made to encourage local businesses to embrace Welsh and the Clerk was asked to consider how to take this forward. Proposed and seconded: RhaG/BH.

3 Vandalism:

Reports received of several acts of vandalism. Painting and damaging mainly and ranging from Gilfach – ddu station to Y Ganolfan.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

Several circulars had been sent to members.

8 FINANCE:

1) in the Bank on 28th February, 2021

Current Account: £20,520.91 **Deposit Account:** £5,365.93

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £3,068.85

3)Received between 29/01/2020 and 28/02/2021:

TOTAL £250.00

Proposed and seconded: HLJ / HS.

9 Footpaths

It was reported that the gate by the Victoria Hotel does not close. It was asked whether it would be possible to put a map of the footpaths on the Council's Website. It was agreed to give the matter further consideration and that the map would have to be drawn.

10. REPORTS:

Y Ganolfan:

It was reported that Y Ganolfan is being used by the Surgery for Covid-19 vaccinations. It was reported also that the management of Y Ganolfan is now looking after the two football pitches on Cae'r Ddôl.

12 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday, 14 April, 2021 at 7pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 10 March, 2021.