

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS
LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2021 MEETING:

Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday 9th June, 2021 at 7pm. The Chairman welcomed members. Distance and sanitisation rules observed.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

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

Peris Ward: Iola Owen,

Apologies: Gwilym Evans, Kim Jones, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:

With only one year of the current term remaining and the Clerk in the Chair, it was proposed that the current Chairman and Vice Chairman; Rhys ap Gwilym and Bethan Holding retain their positions for another year. Proposed and seconded by: KMJ / HLJ.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th May, 2021, were confirmed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: KJ / IO.

5 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Ger y Llyn playground:

The Clerk reported that he had received a date for the erection of the new timber frameworks. The company have earmarked 4 days to complete the work commencing on 28th June.

2. Dôl Elidir playground:

The gate still has not been replaced. (According to KMJ, there will be additional work on the field).

3. UEFA all-weather pitch:

Nothing further to report on quotes.

4. Council Insurance:

It was noted that the insurance had been renewed with Zurich, with a fixed price for 5 years.

5. Name of the mountain (Yr Wyddfa ac Eryri):

Response received from the chief executive of Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA) to the letter sent asking the authority to cease using the English names for Yr Wyddfa and Eryri. He reported that the matter was being discussed and that a report of a working party will be presented to the Authority in due course.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Gwynedd Council asking them not to use the English names.

6. Road closures:

Partial closure of Stryd Goodman but no notice was received.

6 OTHER MATTERS

1. Gwesty Dolbadarn:

Following rumours about the change of use of the Dolbadarn Hotel and an interview broadcast on the radio and messages posted on social media, TT asked if any official correspondence had been received or a planning application. Nothing has been received to date. According to HLJ, who has been in touch with the new owner, the building is still a hotel and that its use to provide rooms for the homeless, in partnership with GC, does not mean a 'change of use'. Whilst she believed that a planning application was not necessary, other members disagreed. This is obviously a matter of concern, particularly for those living nearby. There was a discussion regarding the need to be very cautious about making any public statement regarding such matters (particularly matters involving planning) since the public may well interpret any statement as being that of the Council, despite the person being interviewed making a clear statement that it is his or her personal opinion.

2. Litter:

Following a request by KMJ, there was a discussion about litter around Cae'r Ddôl, Y Ganolfan and the UEFA all weather pitch. He would like an extra litter bin (and had been promised one by GC) and he felt that the youngsters would use the bin but that this Council would be responsible for emptying it. According to members of Y Ganolfan committee, this has failed in the past and, in addition, locals were also taking advantage of extra bins to dispose of domestic rubbish. It was agreed to maintain the status quo.

3. Quarry workers memorial

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the two favoured designs with the artists. One artist gave an approximate price whilst the other artist will look at cost. The cost is higher than expected but this will need to be taken into account for a substantial piece of quality. There was a discussion on how to raise extra money. It was agreed that further decisions cannot be made until an accurate quote is received but that in the meantime, GC will be asked to indicate whether or not the proposed site is acceptable, as well as discussing with LleChi regarding finance to develop the project.

4. Coed Doctor:

The gate still has not been repaired.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. GC: Is Grŵp Digwyddiadau Llanberis:

Letter received stating that there had been a discussion between GC and an officer from Engie, the owners of Electric Mountain, regarding the site after the building is demolished. Part of the discussion was the possibility of using the site for events. The main advantages were that the site was flat and that water and electricity were already connected. The company would retain the site and upkeep which would release Cae'r Ddôl for local use. The car park is already there and not shared with grazing animals. The public could be involved in management and it would relieve some of the pressure on Parc Padarn. The main disadvantage is its proximity to local housing. It was disappointing that the owners had already started to discuss with GC before the local community and that it was unlikely that there would be an economic benefit for the local community and if the company retain the car park. It was agreed to write to GC.

2. National Grid:

Letter from the Land Officer asking for permission to dig a small hole, about the width of a spade and to be refilled immediately, in order to look for underground pipes and cables in the Ger y Llyn playground. The Clerk had given permission with the proviso that he was informed as to where and when this would happen.

3. – Several circulars were sent by e-mail during the past month.

9 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th May, 2021

Current Account: £29,180.17 **Deposit Account:** £5,366.06

2) Payments Confirmed:

TOTAL £265.00

3) Received between 29/04/2020 and 28/05/2021:

TOTAL £16,475.00

Proposed and seconded: BH / IO.

12. EXTERNAL REPORTS:

1. SNPA – Meeting Councils in the North of the Park:

The meeting was held on-line this year. Therefore, it was much more formal with many presentations and little opportunity for questions and discussion. The main focus was on the effect of the pandemic on the Authority's work but in view of the local pressures caused by visitors arriving following the easing of restrictions last summer, there is a greater focus on the effect that visitors have on the communities and residents.

13 NEXT MEETING:

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

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 14 July, 2021.

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