

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS
LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2021 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday 14th July, 2021 at 7pm. The Chairman welcomed members. Social distancing and sanitising rules were observed.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

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

Peris Ward: Iola Owen, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

Apologies: Gwilym Evans, Olwen Gwilym, Bethan Holding.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerc).

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 9th June, 2021 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: HLJ / HS.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Lakeside playground:

The work is almost complete. According to the company, the fencing and the skip will be removed next Monday, 19th July and a small patch will be re-seeded and fenced off to allow the grass to grow. It was reported that the equipment looked excellent and the only part of the old wooden course that remains is the bridge. The Clerk thanked Llifon Foulkes from Gwynedd Council (GC) for his support and guidance. The Council was reminded of a decision made some time ago to install new equipment for very young children. A new double swing for young children has been installed this year. The budget will not stretch to more equipment this year and a note has been made for provision from next year's budget.

2. Dôl Elidir Playground:

The gate still has not been replaced but the see-saw has been moved and new surface placed under the equipment. GC also intend to lay a hard path into the field when finance is available.

3. Nantperis Playground:

GC has been reminded that the bench needs replacing.

4. Dolbadarn Hotel:

No planning application has been received to date and no further information available.

5. Slateworkers Memorial:

It was reported that a meeting has been arranged with GC officers.

5 OTHER MATTERS

1. Glanrafon Terrace, Nantperis:

LHP had received complaints that residents of the terrace are unable to park conveniently by their homes due to the number of tourists with more than one vehicle staying in some of the properties that are holiday homes/Air B&B. This is an issue on several streets in Llanberis as well with residents becoming angry at the lack of parking spaces because of tourists. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to send letter to the owners of the properties in Glanrafon Terrace asking them to stress that only one vehicle should be parked in front of the house with any extra vehicles parking in the car park.

If this is successful, then such an arrangement could be expanded to other streets dependent on co-operation.

2. Overnight parking - Maes Padarn:

An appeal from HS for support to ban overnight parking on land in Maes Padarn used by residents of numbers 33 to 37. The residents are losing parking spaces but visitors parking here are leaving litter behind. It was agreed to ask GC for help.

3. Electric Mountain:

According to KMJ there is concern about the future of THE Electric Mountain site once the building has been demolished.

The Gwynedd Councillor suspects that discussions are taking place without input from this council. This Council's vision is that the site could be an income generator for the area since the building was originally meant to be an asset for the community although very little came of this and the local community/ies played no part in its management. It was agreed to contact Engie to ask if there are plans being discussed and to arrange a meeting with some representatives. It was suggested that they could be invited to the September meeting.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Save Saundersfoot's Lonely Tree Group:

Correspondence received from a resident of Saundersfoot in Pembrokeshire who is campaigning to save a rare Monterey Cypress which is under threat of being cut down. The tree is growing on 'Scar Rock' on the town's beach, in front of a block of flats. It's argued that the 'Lonely Tree' as it is known, is blocking the view from the flats. A number of locals have a different opinion and have formed a group to protect the tree. Since there is a 'Lonely Tree' on the shores of Llyn Padarn, a tree that has proved an attraction and photographed by many, the letter is asking for this Council to support twinning the two trees. Saundersfoot Council have now agreed to protect the tree and a group of around 1,400 have come together and raised over £2,000 since April to further the cause. They feel that twinning the trees would help.

It was agreed to support this cause in Pembrokeshire.

2. Cyngor Tref Nefyn Town Council:

A request for this Council to send a representative to a meeting being arranged to discuss the creation of a memorandum of understanding regarding Community and Town Councils' Language Policy so that the Welsh language and culture is protected in accordance with the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, section 5. The request was accepted.

3. GC Traffic:

Consultation regarding a Disabled Resident Parking Holder Only space in Goodman Street. No objections.

4. Cyngor Cymuned Llandygai Community Council:

Letter received highlighting the Council's dissatisfaction with the service provided by some departments of GC and asking if there was any support for asking for a meeting with the Council's Chief Executive to bring issues to his attention and to try to improve matters. It was agreed to support Llandygai Council and to gain a better understanding of their concerns. However, there was a difference of opinion regarding the levels of complaints.

5. Eryri National Park Authority (ENPA): Tree Preservation Order (No 78) 2021 Coed Victoria, Llanberis

Details of the SNPA's Tree Preservation Order (Number 78) 2021 at Coed Victoria, Llanberis on 18th June. This will be operational for 6 months or until the Authority confirms the declaration, whichever is first. The woodland site is an Ancient Woodland Site with approx. half the woodland area an Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ANSW) and the other half a Planted Semi-Natural Woodland Site (PAWS)

6. GC - Events (Races)

E-mail from GC asking for an opinion on allowing two races to take place during September and October. The organisers of *Man v Mountain* and *Love Swim Run* two substantial races, one with 1,200 competitors and the other with 200, are keen to go ahead with organising these races, despite the fact that GC have clearly stated that this Council does not want any races taking place this year because of the pandemic. There was an in-depth discussion (with Ross Worthington who helps with organising and safety at some of the races giving some background information on behalf of the *Man v Mountain* organisers).

Since everyone else had respected the community and the Council's wishes and that races such as Ras yr Wyddfa and the Eryri Marathon that are organised locally, have both been postponed until next year, it was agreed to honour the original decision and to ask organisers not to hold event this year. It was added that there was no certainty regarding the Covid -19 in September and October, especially in view of the current increase in the number of infections. This was a unanimous decision and GC were thanked for considering local opinion.

7 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th June, 2021

Current Account: £29,645.17

Deposit Account: £5,366.11

2) Payments Confirmed:

TOTAL £1,348.00

3) Received between 29/05/2020 a 28/06/2021:

TOTAL £765.00

Proposed and seconded: TT / LIHP.

8 PLANNING:

Cyngor Gwynedd:

C21/0574/15/DT – *Alterations and extension*- Awelfryn, 7 Rhos Olgra, Ffordd Clegir, Llanberis – no objections

C21/0635/15/LL – *Application to demolish outbuilding and erect a one storey annex in its place (revised plan to the one rejected under application C21/0288/15/LL)* - Summer Hill, 6 Ffordd Tŷ Du, Llanberis – no objections

Eryri National Park Authority:

NP3/15/231 – extension and windows in roof - 3 Bryniau Gerddi, Llanberis – no objections

9 REPORTS FROM OTHE MEETINGS:

1. Y Ganolfan:

HS reported that the Ganolfan had purchased new equipment to show films/slides, a new boiler and a set of moveable lights. Also, Parc Padarn have put up a new fence around Y Ganolfan. Y Ganolfan, in conjunction with LleChi arranged to put a plaque on the site of two former chapels in Llanberis, Gorffwysfa (MC) and Nant Padarn (A). Work on the tapestry has started again. Meals for the two youth football teams were paid for.

10 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday 8th September, 2021 at 7pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 8th September, 2021.