

LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 7pm. The Chairman welcomed members. Social distancing and sanitising rules were observed.

PRESENTATION:

Having Welcomed members after the August break, the Chairman welcomed Lowri Hedd Vaughan who has been employed to work with DEG (Datblygiadau Egni Gwledig) on the project GwyrddNi Ardal Llanberis for two years. Her work will focus on climate change and to involve local people to be pro-active in this area. GwyrddNi is a partnership between 5 community groups (Cyd Ynni, Partneriaeth Ogwen, Siop Griffiths, Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog ac YnNi Llŷn) in Gwynedd that are committed to tackle climate change and are working with DEG that has received over £560,000 from the Climate Action Fund of the National Lottery Community Fund. [*DEG is an award-winning social enterprise supporting community led action across northwest Wales. We aim to increase our area's ability to cope with the rising cost of fossil fuels and improve our natural environment whilst supporting communities transition to zero carbon.*]

Lowri Hedd Vaughan said that over the next two years she hopes that by working locally, GwyrddNi will be able to establish 20 schemes to look at prioritising climate change factors and to develop local manifestos. Plans will be community led and focus on changing attitudes towards climate change. The vision is that GwyrddNi will be innovative and highlighting that the most effective way forward with climate change is to work with communities. Communicating with localities to develop a movement that acts on climate change and changing attitudes. She added that she has already been in touch with some local people and companies and she will be continuing with this work before arranging a formal meeting/s to establish the views and wishes of the locals in Llanberis and Nantperis. She will keep in touch with the Council and she was keen to have individual members and others contacting her to discuss any ideas that they may have. She was wished every success with her work and told that she would be welcome to meet with the Council again.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

Padarn Ward: Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Olwen Gwilym, Bethan Holding, Heather L Jones, Counc. Kevin Morris Jones, Kim Jones, Helen Sharp, Trystan Thomas.

Peris Ward: Iola Owen, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

Apologies: Gwilym Evans, Iwan Harding, Claudia O'Donnell.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th July, 2021 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: IO / LIHP.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Lake playground:

The new equipment installed before the summer holidays has been very popular and now that the new grass is growing well, the fencing can be removed. The Clerk reported that he had arranged for a loose piece of wood to be removed from a piece of equipment and the little train was repaired. It was agreed that the train needs to be replaced and the Clerk was asked to get quotes to see if this could be done this financial year.

2. Quarry workers memorial:

Nothing further to report. It was agreed to move forward with this and to invite others to become involved with the project.

3. Overnight parking - Maes Padarn:

The response received from GC was disappointing. The Clerk was asked to contact GC again and also to contact Adra (Tai) Limited.

4. Electric Mountain:

There have been several meetings recently to discuss the future of Mynydd Gwefru/Electric Mountain. The company are considering a number of plans for the future of the site once the building has been demolished. The company are keen to submit a planning application for the demolition as soon as possible but before this can be done, the future development of the site must be agreed. Some of the proposed plans include a large car park and a space for staging events. This Council has clearly voiced its objections to a site for staging events, especially now that GC have agreed that events need to be staged away from the centre of the village and away from residential areas.

KMJ is keen to have outdoor gym equipment and a bike pump-track whilst others would like to see something on the site that would generate income for the community (and surrounding area). A car park would have an adverse impact on the income generated from the GC car parks as well as Y Ganolfan car park. There is some lack of clarity regarding the site. Engie are keen to discuss the future and secure support for its plans but the building was originally a gift for the community and the surrounding area, and although there has not been any local involvement in its management, there is concern that another opportunity to secure an asset for the community may be lost. It was agreed to take a pro-active approach and the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.

5. UEFA Football pitch:

The Clerk was asked to contact Replay Maintenance Ltd. based near Grantham, Lincolnshire, to see exactly how much work needs to be done to repair the pitch. Hopefully the company will provide a quote that will enable the repairs to be undertaken this year. If this is not possible, then funding will come from next year's budget or external grants.

6. Swimming race:

Following a email consultation with councillors, by a small majority, it was agreed to allow the *Love, Swim, Run* race to go ahead in October despite the fact that all other events have been cancelled. This will allow Gwynedd Council (GC) to use this event as an exercise in managing future events in a better way.

5 OTHER MATTERS:

1. Speeding on the A4086, Nantperis:

HS expressed concern about the cars speeding through Nantperis. On more than one occasion whilst visiting the cemetery and attending a funeral, cars were seen speeding and accidents narrowly avoided. Following a discussion, it was agreed to try to put warning signs up when there is a funeral. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries. There was discussion about traffic calming measures in the village and in Nant Uchaf.

2. Church Cemetery:

There was some disagreement over the arrangements and the Council's contribution to grass cutting in the Church cemetery in Nantperis. It was agreed to continue with current arrangements whereby the Clerk arranges for the grass to be cut twice a year. One cut had been later than usual this year due to illness. Church officers in Nant thanked the Council for this work.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. GC - Ardal Ni 2035:

Gwynedd Council consultation regarding the 'Ardal Ni 2035' project. The Council is looking at 13 areas (including Llanberis) in Gwynedd where there are plans to hold sessions for locals and groups to discuss strengths, priorities and opportunities in the communities. The hope is that, in due course, these discussions will lead to offering support to the communities and recognising and realizing what is important for local people. The identified issues will then be targeted over the next 15 years striving to improve the area economically, environmentally, socially and culturally. The work will begin with contributions from the councils. The Clerk had circulated information via e-mail a week before the meeting so that councillors could have time to think about the response. This is an opportunity for the Council to give its opinion on what is good about the area as well as what is not. 5 comments per section.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the main good points about Llanberis and Nant were:

- A safe area, • a Welsh area, • a pleasant community,
- an area of natural beauty, scenery and nature • a good school

The less attractive points about the area:

- over-tourism • parking and speeding problems,
- very expensive housing and not within budget for the young, • basic public transport infrastructure
- some areas looking untidy and messy.

Then the Council was asked to consider what is needed to ensure that we will be living in an ideal environment by 2035. These were the main points:

- The housing market controlled so that those who were brought up in the area can continue to live locally should they wish to do so.
- Improvement in managing tourism and the problems that come with it in terms of parking and litter, and that the industry would promote Welsh and offer good job opportunities for local people.
- A Welsh area where incomers want to learn Welsh and become a part of a lively, bi-lingual community and where visitors respect the language and traditions.
- Sustainable and affordable public transport with environmental awareness.

2.Circulation:

Several items of correspondence were circulated by e-mail.

7 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank 28th August, 2021

Current Account: £28,154.04

Deposit Account: £5,366.20

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL£23,420.00

3) Received between 29/06/2020 and 28/08/2021:

TOTAL £17,062.27

Copy of the balance sheet for the year to date presented, including payments in, payments out and expenditure over budget for the year.

Proposed and seconded: TT / LIHP.

8 PLANNING:

No applications

9 CEMETERY and FOOTPATHS:

Cemetery records for the year presented as up to date.

10 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting Wednesday 13th October at 7pm in Y Ganolfan.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 13th October, 2021.