

LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2021 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday, 13 October, 2021. The Chairman welcomed the members. Distancing and sanitation guidelines were observed.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

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

Peris Ward: Iola Owen.

Apologies: Olwen Gwilym, Iwan Harding, Llinos Haf Pritchard, Trystan Thomas.
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 September 8th, 2021 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: KMJ / IO.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Lakeside playground:

Two companies were consulted regarding a new train feature for the playground. AF do not make this type of equipment because of the health and safety implications and liability. Members felt that the quote received from GLJ was not within budget. Invoice received for the swings.

The Clerk reported on a meeting with officers from the National Grid, Morgan Sindall and Fischer German to discuss the new cable being laid to connect Dinorwig Power Station to the National Grid at Pentir. Unfortunately, the route will go through the playground and the new equipment. The work will be done in June 2022, and the work will be completed and the site restored to its original state by the school holidays. Members expressed their disappointment that the work will have an impact on the playground.

2. Quarry workers' memorial:

It was decided that the plan to create a Memorial needs more involvement from the public. It was agreed to hold a public meeting in Y Ganolfan in November to discuss the project.

3. Electric Mountain:

Further to the Council's request, the Clerk presented a report on the history of the Electric Mountain. The Clerk had discussed this with Llŷr Gruffydd (LIG) who was in charge of the building as Oriel Eryri when it was owned by the National Museum (NM) during the eighties. It was built by the CEGB but the NM contributed to the final cost. LIG was there for around 6 yrs and when he left (frustratingly the funding wasn't enough to display the Museum's collections to a standard) Dr Dafydd Roberts, who was then in charge of the Slate Museum took over until the Museum sold it to First Hydro.

According to this information, there is no evidence of any local management of the Electric Mountain. The Clerk was asked to contact the Land Registry to see if there are any further details.

4. Glanrafon Terrace:

The Clerk reported that he had been able to contact 2 of the 3 owners of holiday properties in Glanrafon Terrace, Nantperis regarding restricting the number of cars parking outside the houses. A favourable response was received by one owner who does advise holidaymakers with more than one vehicle to use the National Park car park but the letter also said that the owner had no authority to enforce this.

5. Speeding on the A4086, Nantperis:

The Clerk reported that he has been in contact with Gwynedd Council (GC) regarding signs to warn motorists when there is a funeral. The council had no objections to the temporary signs being placed on both sides of the road. The Clerk then reported that the quote received from JTM Road Signs in Llanelwy for two 1050x750 signs was between £110 and £120 plus VAT. It was agreed that the wording would be "Gofal ANGLADD / FUNERAL Take Care". There was a discussion regarding who would be responsible for putting the signs up and taking them down.

The Clerk had discussed this with one local undertaker but has not received a definitive response. The Clerk will also inform the Council's insurance company of the arrangements. It was agreed to go ahead with the plan.

5 OTHER MATTERS

1. Cae Gwyn Camping:

LIHP received a letter complaining that visitors to the campsite are flying a drone over homes in Nant Ffynnon and that there was also a lot of noise, often late at night. It was discussed whether or not this should be discussed with GC. There was a suggestion that the owner should be approached asking them to have a word with the campers and asking them to be aware of noise levels and nearby residential properties. The Clerk agreed to do this.

2. Condition of a flat in Maes Padarn:

HS reported on the state of one of the flats in Maes Padarn. Despite work carried out by Adra, problems persist. The Clerk agreed to write to the company requesting that they resolve the issues.

- **[DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** KJ is employed by Adra and therefore did not take part in this discussion]

3. Remembrance Sunday

Members were reminded of the arrangements made last year for the service by the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday and whether the arrangements for this year were in place. It was agreed that, as last year, BH and IO would be in charge and that IO would ask the Rev. Allan Wilcox to lead the brief service before the wreath laying. It was stressed that there would not be a procession and that BH would lay the first wreath on the Council's behalf. IO was asked to source the wreath.

4. Christmas lights:

It was agreed to purchase 2 Christmas trees for the villages. It was noted that Nant needs new lights and that there would be more lights in Llanberis. It was agreed to have plugs on an additional 4 poles at the eastern end of Llanberis to extend the lights and the Clerk was asked to arrange this with GC. It was also agreed to ask DO for advice on extra lights.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. National Grid:

Letter received stating that work to lay ducts for the new electricity cables between Llanberis and Pentir would commence on 2nd of November. The work will be on-going for 5 days per week, from 7.30 am to 5pm, until October 2022 with work also taking place between Brynrefail and Pentir. Next year, the by-pass in Llanberis will be closed for a period in February and between the entrance to Y Glyn and the village in October.

In order to share more information, representatives from the company and the contractors will be in the Victoria Hotel between 4 and 7pm. For health safety reasons, the numbers will be carefully controlled but it will be possible to book a time slot by calling 0330 134 0066.

2. Elusen Dyffryn Peris - Cronfa Ynni:

E-mail received regarding the charity established to distribute profits from the community hydro scheme. The Council is asked to raise awareness of the charity since it hasn't received many applications for support.

3. Calendr 360:

Circular from **Golwg** highlighting the website advertising events.

4. Wales Audit (WA):

Since the WA office had not completed the Council's audit, we have been asked to state on the website that the audit has not been completed and to publish the Annual Return. It was reported that this had been done and can be viewed on the website www.llanberis.cymru.

5. Cylch yr Iaith – Objections to planning applications that could endanger the Welsh language:

The circular from *Cylch yr Iaith* outlining the importance of considering the implications any planning application would have on the Welsh language in the area was welcomed. The information was based on the content of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that was amended by Section 31 Planning (Wales) Act 2015. This serves to remind any Planning Authority that it must consider any effects the plan would have on the use of the Welsh language. Attention was also drawn to the Eryri National Park Authority's (ENPA) Eryri Local Development Plan 2016 -31 and Development Policy 18 with reference to 'The Welsh language and the social and cultural fabric of communities.' This states that 'the needs and interests of the Welsh language will be taken into account'.

6. SNPA - footpaths G15_03, G15_04 a G15_07:

Note from the Senior Warden (North) (RhW-R) stating the intention to improve the footpaths connecting Pen Ceunant Uchaf and Brithdir in Gwaencwmbwynog. The work will be undertaken during the months to come with the intention of improving the quality of the network of footpaths surrounding Snowdon.

7. E-mail Circulation:

Several circulars were distributed to members via e-mail including road closure notifications, report on remuneration, 3 planning applications (see below 8a-c), briefing notice Section 47, Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021 and notification that the public sector in Wales will be carbon free by 2030. (<https://llyw.cymru/statws-carbon-sero-net-erbyn-2-3--trywydd-sector-cyhoeddus-cymru>)

7 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th September, 2021

Current Account: £23,604.04

Deposit Account: £5,366.25

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £5,513.90

3) Received between 29/08/2020 and 28/09/2021:

Total £1,880.00

It was reported that the Audit had not been completed by Wales Audit, but the notice to the public had been placed on the Council's website in accordance with the regulations.

Proposed and seconded: KMJ / GE.

8 PLANNING:

Eryri National Park Authority:

a. NP3/15/171B - 7 Rhes Faenol, Llanberis – *window in roof*- No objections

GC:

b C21/0878/15/DT - 5 Stryd Bethesda, Llanberis – *application to replace flat roof on rear extension with pitched slate roof and a one storey extension to the rear of the property* – No objections

c. C21/0978/15/DT - Y Bwthyn, 11 Blaen y Ddôl, Llanberis – *Application for an extension to the rear of the property* - No objections

9 CEMETERY AND FOOTPATHS:

Bins:

GC failed to empty the bins in the Cemetery recently. When they were contacted, their response was that they do not empty cemetery bins without a payment for the service. In the past, the Council has paid for this service but one year, when no invoice was received, the payments stopped but the bins continued to be emptied. The Clerk has now asked GC to resume the service under a new agreement and this will commence next week. Whilst this was agreed, it was suggested that other local companies should be approached to quote for the service. CO'D to send details to the Clerk.

Grass cutting:

Following the final cut of the year in the Nantperis cemetery, the contractor was thanked for his work. The Clerk reported that because the grass in the Church Cemetery has cut later than usual, there is no need for a second cut this year and the information has been passed on to the contractor. This was agreed.

10 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday, 10th of November at 7pm in the Ganolfan.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 13th of October, 2021.