

LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday, 10th November, 2021. The Chairman welcomed members. Social distance and hygiene protocols were observed and there had been a consultation regarding the health of one family.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

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

Peris Ward: Iola Owen, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

Apologies: None. All Councillors present.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where relevant.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 13th October, 2021 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: HLJ / BH.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Quarry workers memorial:

Members were reminded of the Public Meeting to be held the following week to discuss the memorial.

2. Electric Mountain:

The Clerk reported that he had not been able to view documents tracing ownership of the building on the Land Registry due to difficulties paying on their website.

3. Condition of a flat in Maes Padarn and visitors parking overnight in Maes Padarn:

a) Response received at last from Adra regarding living conditions in one of the flats. A survey will be carried out by the end of the month. It was agreed to consult the company to ask for a more rapid response. HS and KJ agreed to contact the company and the family.

b) Adra reported that visitors parking was a matter for Gwynedd Council. The Clerk was asked to contact GC.

• [DECLARATION OF INTEREST: KJ is employed by Adra, and therefore did not take part in the discussion.]

4. Speeding on the A4086, Nantperis – Funeral Signs:

The warning signs have been ordered and will be arriving on Friday. The Clerk was authorised to pay for the signs at a cost of £132 including VAT.

5. Gwynedd Council (GC)- Flooding A4086:

Following months of waiting, a response has been received to several queries and complaints about flooding and rockfalls. According to the engineer, the rock by Glandŵr where there were problems earlier in the year had been assessed and declared safe.

Further work by Gardda Bach was not needed. According to the report, clearing the two drains under the road had solved the problem. The next major clearing is scheduled for the summer of 2022. It was reported that several members were not convinced that the work will prevent further flooding.

In the case of the flooding on the road between the two Cwmaelir properties, GC have acknowledged that there is a problem and are working on how to resolve this. The officer reported that this Council's suggestion of putting pipes in the walls was a consideration, there were other options to be considered. It was noted that there had been flooding here recently as well as by Terfyn and Talgae at the upper end of Nantperis and that GC need to address this as soon as possible.

6. Remembrance Sunday:

Arrangements are in place for a short service by the Cenotaph on Sunday morning, 14th November. HLJ asked if there was an intention to hold a service in the Church on that Sunday, but the members decided that it was not the Council's role to arrange it as others had organised the service in the past.

7. Christmas lights:

DO, electrician was not available so the lights on the lamp posts could not be serviced this year but he was able to test the tree lights for Nant and Llanberis and order new ones as needed. It was agreed to purchase extra lights for both trees. It was also suggested that a cherry picker could be hired to put the lights on the tree in Llanberis. The trees will arrive on 26th November and it is hoped that they will be erected and decorated the following day, Saturday 27th.

8. Consultation: Tax on Second homes and Self-catering properties:

The Chairman, RhaG was thanked for preparing a response to the consultation on the Council's behalf and for stressing the severity of the situation regarding affordable housing in the community.

5 OTHER MATTERS

1. UEFA football pitch:

It was reported that Replay Maintenance Ltd had inspected the pitch and had sent quotes for resurfacing. There were three options ranging between £21 - £23 thousand plus VAT. If the pitch needs a new base (although it doesn't look as if this is necessary) this would add an extra £13 thousand plus VAT. Since there is no budget for this, it is hoped to secure funding from one or two sources.

The Clerk stated that he had submitted applications to three charities: Engie, Cist Gwynedd (New funding from Llywodraeth Cymru and Elusen Dyffryn Peris. It was agreed that ideally, the work should be completed by the end of this financial year at the end of March; if the money is forthcoming from Cist Gwynedd, this would be a condition. It was suggested to contact other companies to see if there are other funds available. By the December meeting, the Clerk hopes that there will be a fairly accurate indication of the Council's finances to the end of March.

2. Eryri National Park Authority Car Park:

Complaints have been received that a drain is blocked and that parts of the car park are under water, the drain and a culvert under the road needs clearing. The toilets are closed during the day, has there been a change of policy? It was also noted that the locked red bins were prompting visitors, and possibly locals, to leave rubbish by the bins. It was asked whether the bins could be relocated. It was also noted that payment could not be made by card and that there have been problems with the payment machine. The Clerk will contact the Authority.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. GC – Yellow lines - Trem y Chwarel:

Consultation regarding double yellow lines in Trem y Chwarel. Since this is a cul-de-sac, it was agreed that this was a matter for the residents. (It may be that visitor parking is an issue)

2. GC – Joint Planning Policy Gwynedd and Môn:

Circular noting that the Unit would be preparing a Draft Review Report on Local Development Plan. The plan was adopted in 2017 and it is to be reviewed. The report looks at significant contextual changes before proceeding to decide on the revision needed. The Draft Review Report is available here: www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/cdlliwygyiedig nor from Siop Gwynedd, Caernarfon. [The Clerk will circulate details to members by e-mail]

3. Boundary Commission for Wales:

The Commission will hold Public Hearings during the Secondary Consultation Period. This is as a result of the comments received during the initial consultation. The nearest meeting will be on 19th January, 2022 at the Management Centre, Bangor University. The public can pre-book a slot to take part by contacting cffg@ffinau.cymru

4. Senedd Cymru - Local Government and Housing Committee:

The Committee has been set up to look at policy and legislation in areas including local government, communities and housing and to undertake a national survey of second homes. The closing date for the consultation is 14th January, 2022. It was agreed to undertake a local survey of second homes in the community and to allocate an area for each Councillor.

5. Un Llais Cymru:

New edition the Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils received from Un Llais Cymru. This document aims to provide a framework for Councils to address low level complaints from members about members, from Officers about members, or by members of the public where the Code of Conduct has been breached. The Clerk will circulate the Welsh version for discussion (and whether to adopt the protocol) at the next meeting.

6. Llywodraeth Cymru (LIC) - Elections:

Circular noting that financial support is available for 3rd. sector to encourage more people to register for elections.

7. Llandygai Community Council:

Following the questionnaire received from the above Council regarding GC's effectiveness in responding to enquiries from Community Councils, the council has decided to ask for a meeting with the new GC Chief Executive to discuss the matter.

8. LIC - Defibrillator:

Letter received noting that £500K has been set aside by LIC towards expanding the availability of defibrillators and to maintain those currently available to ensure that they are available at all times. It was suggested that an inventory was made of what was available within the community and to make sure that they were registered and working and to denote who was responsible for them. Their locations could be listed on the Council's website.

9. Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA): Coed Victoria: (Tree Preservation Order (No7802021)

Confirmation received that SNPA had placed a Tree Preservation Order (No 7802021) on Coed Victoria. This came into force on 5th December this year and is permanent.

7 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th October, 2021:

Current Account: £19,771.84 Deposit Account: £5,366.29

2) Payments Confirmed:

TOTAL £996.00

3) Received between 29/09/2020 and 28/10/2021:

TOTAL £320.00

Proposed and seconded: KMJ / TT.

8 PLANNING:

SNPA:

- NP3/15/LB80 Glandŵr, Llanberis – *Erection of single storey extension to the side and roof windows at the back/Listed Building Consent for internal alterations, single storey extension to the side and placement of roof windows.*

Response – Taking into consideration that this is a listed building, it was felt that the proposed extension is not in keeping with the existing building. It would be difficult to keep to the original character so erecting an extension that is different to the original would be one way of securing the integrity of the original property. The new extension would not be very visible and could be appreciated as an interesting, modern extension to an older property.

The Council poses a question but does not object.

CG:

- C21/0934/15/AC - Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage, Glyn Rhonwy, Llanberis – *Application to revise planning permission C16/0886/15/LL for a 132KV underground link between the above site and sub-station Pentir in order to extend the period of development by a further 2 yrs – No objections*
- C21/1054/15/DA - 8 Rallt Goch Ceunant, Llanberis – *Application for an unremarkable adaptation – No objections*
- C21/1058/15/RA - Ty Newydd Clegir, Llanberis – *Application for an unremarkable adaptation – No objections*

9 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday, 8th December at 7pm in the Ganolfan.

Signed as a true record: Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 8th December, 2021