

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS Llanberis Community Council

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2021 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday, 8th December, 2021 at 7pm. The Chairman welcomed members. Covid regulations applied.

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

Padarn Ward: Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Olwen Gwilym, Iwan Harding, 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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 2021 meeting were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed and seconded: HLJ / BH.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Quarry workers' memorial:

Attendance at the Public Meeting was disappointing. However, in order to move forward, a committee was appointed with Kim Jones as Secretary and Dei Tomos as Chairman.

2. Condition of flat in Maes Padarn:

It was reported that a detailed inspection of the flat has taken place by officers from Adre and a plan is in place to rectify the numerous faults. The Councillor involved was thanked. The family of the occupant has also thanked the Council for assisting.

- [DECLARATION OF INTEREST: KJ is employed by Adre and did not take part in discussing this item]

3. GC - Flooding A4086:

The Clerk stated that he had been in touch again with Gwynedd Council (GC) regarding the areas previously noted as areas prone to flooding and that both the Clerk and Cllr. KMJ had contacted GC regarding the constant pool of water that appears by the entrance to Y Glyn and Ynys Wen. To date, no response has been received to the letters.

4. Christmas lights:

It was reported that the trees had been put in place but there was a delay, due to the bad weather, before the lights were put on the tree in Llanberis. Ceirion Williams was thanked for his help with the cherry picker which was gratefully appreciated.

5. UEFA pitch:

Of the three charities that had been contacted, two have responded favourably. Engie (First Hydro) donated £2,500 and £15,000 from Cist Gwynedd, under the Welsh Government's support for sporting activities. The Elusen Dyffryn Peris committee will consider our request next week. Based on the support already pledged, it was agreed to purchase a new surface for the pitch and to accept the company's advice on which surface would be the most suitable, particularly in terms of the footwear that can be used on it. Work will have to be completed by the end of March 2020.

Proposed and seconded: TT / IO.

5 OTHER MATTERS

1. Bus shelter:

It was reported that the bus shelter by 'One Stop' had been completely destroyed by a lorry. The incident occurred early on the morning on December 2nd. The driver contacted GC engineers and it was arranged for men from GC to clear the debris and to repair the pavement. The Clerk reported that GC will be claiming for the work from the lorry's insurance company. The Council will make a claim to the insurers for a new shelter. The Clerk was authorised to order a new shelter in the same style as the one that was damaged. Proposed and seconded: KMJ / OG.

2. Un Llais Cymru / One Voice Wales – Local Resolution Protocol:

It was agreed to adopt the Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils that has been prepared by Un Llais Cymru. A copy of the protocol had been previously sent to members. The protocol is to guide Councils when dealing with problems arising from complaints by members against other members, complaints by Officers against members or by members of the public against the Council, or a member where the Code of Conduct has been breached etc.

3. Small grants:

It was reported that the Clerk had put a notice on the website that the closing date for applications was 5th January and that they would be discussed the following week in the January meeting (12.01.22) Members were asked to remind any organisations that were eligible to apply.

4. Second homes and Air B&B survey:

Following the decision to respond to the consultation on local taxes, members were asked if they had collated the information on the number of properties being used as either holiday homes or rented out as holiday accommodation. This information will need to be presented at the next meeting.

5. Budget / Precept

Members were reminded that the budget will need to be agreed at the next meeting so that the Precept can be set and sent to GC by the end of January.

6. Cynllun Cyfaill / Friends scheme:

It was agreed to re-publicise the scheme in view of the increasing incidence of Covid and in case the Government re-introduces tighter rules and restrictions.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. GC – Food grants

Letter from GC stating that new grants are available for community groups wishing to set up food schemes. The money could be used for Food Banks or to support the preparation of Food Packages and schemes for vulnerable people in the community. Contact Rhian Elin George at GC.

2. CGC- Age Friendly Grant:

Grant to support schemes that help older people to re-connect with the community following Covid-19 restrictions. The support is available for a wide range of organisations including social societies, chapels, churches etc. Contact Mirain Llwyd Roberts at GC.

3. LleChi Meeting:

Details of the December meeting and about the advert for the post of Project Manager at the Slate Museum.

4. GC – Road Closure

Notice that the Llanberis by-pass will be closed from the beginning of January due to work connected to the power station. The date of closure is 10th January, 2022.

5. Llywodraeth Cymru / Wales Government (WG)

Note to say that the WG has signed a Co-operation Agreement to work with Plaid Cymru.

6. Eryri National Park Authority (ENPA):

Note stating that ENPA are starting work on a new project in 14 Conservation Areas within Eryri including the village centre of Nantperis. The officers working on the project are keen to meet the Council. It was agreed to invite them to the January meeting and that the meeting would start at 6.30.

7 FINANCE:

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

Current Account: £18,365.14 **Deposit Account:** £5,366.34

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £1,889.03

3) Received between 29/10/2020 and 28/11/2021:

TOTAL £345.00

Proposed and Seconded: TT / KMJ

8 PLANNING:

GC:

- C21/1140/15/LL - Y Berllan, Ffordd Capel Coch, Llanberis – *application for building a dormer bungalow, widening the current entrance and providing parking spaces – no objections*

9 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

The Clerk reported that he had attended an on-line meeting of the **Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable Visitor Economy 2035 Forum**. The effects of tourism specifically within the Park were discussed and focusing on the economic benefits of tourism. The discussion was led mainly by those who had been invited to present their views, with other members divided into discussion groups. Some of the groups' members cast doubts over some of the statements presented by drawing attention to the negative effects of over-tourism that were all too apparent recently. Very little attention was given to 'being sustainable' and how to promote sustainability. The fact that this meeting was attended by over a hundred shows that this is an important issue for many and there will be further opportunities for discussions in the new year.

10 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 12th January, 2022 am 6.30pm in Y Ganolfan (circumstances permitting, otherwise via Zoom).

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 12th January, 2022