

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS**  
**LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2022 MEETING:**

Minutes of the Council meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at 6.30 pm. The Chairman welcomed the members. Social distancing and sanitization rules were observed.

**1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:**

**Padarn Ward:** Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Heather L Jones, Counc. Kevin Morris Jones, Kim Jones, Helen Sharp,

**Peris Ward:** Iola Owen, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

**Apologies:** Gwilym Evans, Bethan Holding, Olwen Gwilym, Iwan Harding, Trystan Thomas.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

**2 WELCOME:**

**Elen Hughes** and **Mari Beynon Owen**, the former working for Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA) and the latter working for Chambers Conservation and the new project focusing on **Conservation Areas in Snowdonia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. The village centre of Nantperis is one of the 14 designated areas within the Park.

This has been a Conservation Area for many years and is constantly being reviewed by SNPA. Currently, the Conservation Area in Nantperis includes the Church, the Ty'n Llan pub, Rehoboth chapel, the old school, Glanrafon Terrace, the old post office, Bron Eryri, Dôl Peris and Ty'n Lôn. SNPA will soon be consulting on the possible expansion of the conservation area to determine the villagers' wishes and to safeguard the village.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Will be documented where appropriate.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 8th, were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed and seconded: IO / HLJ.

**5 MATTERS ARISING :**

**1. Maes Padarn Flat:**

Once again, there have been complaints about the state of a flat in Maes Padarn and that the promises made by Adra to carry out work on certain dates were not kept. The Clerk had written to the company and asked for a response from the Chief Executive. Cllr. KMJ reported that he had received an e-mail stating that some of the work had been done. There was no explanation why the Clerk had not been contacted.

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

**2. Gwynedd Council (GC) - Floods A4086:**

Nothing further to add. KMJ has contacted GC again regarding the water between Ynys Wen and the entrance to Y Glyn.

**3. Christmas Lights:**

It was reported that the trees and the new lights had been a success this year. The few members who braved the inclement weather to put them up and take them down were thanked. It was agreed that the lighting for the whole length of the High Street will need to be reconsidered for this year. IO reported that some councils hire street lights for Christmas. This would be worth considering.

**4. UEFA football pitch:**

To add to the money promised by Cist Gwynedd (£15,000) and the money received from First Hydro (£2,500) the Clerk reported that £5,000 has been pledged by Elusen Dyffryn Peris, which receives money from the Ynni Padarn Peris hydro-electric company. This should more or less pay for all the work and VAT will be reclaimed. The work has been commissioned and a deposit of 60% will be due soon.

**5. Bus shelter:**

It was reported that the new bus shelter had been ordered. The company that put up the first one has confirmed that they will be able to erect the new one.

#### **4. Second homes and Air B&B survey:**

It was reported that some members had started the survey of holiday homes and empty properties and it was stressed that this should be completed by the next meeting.

#### **5. Cemetery:**

It was reported that people visiting the Cemetery were putting spent flowers in the area by the bins rather than in the bins themselves because the bins look full. It was agreed to put up a notice asking people to keep the Cemetery tidy and to use the bins provided.

### **6 OTHER MATTERS**

#### **1. Coed Fictoria:**

Cllr. KMJ stated that he would like to see the public footpath through Coed Victoria become part of the path up Snowdon from Llanberis. This path runs from the A4086 in front of the hotel up to Penceunant. This would reduce the number of people and traffic along York Terrace, Vaynol Cottages and Maes Derlwyn. It was agreed that it would not be easy to get everybody to use this path but it could make some difference. It was unanimously agreed to contact the Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA) to discuss the matter.

#### **2. SNPA – Improving footpath:**

Further contact between the Clerk and the SNPA Warden regarding the intended improvement to the path leading from Brithdir to Penceunant Uchaf. There have been changes to the plans presented in the autumn and the Warden was keen to seek the Council's views.

Naturally the Council welcomes any moves to improve the footpaths in the area but is concerned that there is too much being done on some paths. One example is the path through Bwlch Maesgwm that is now very wide and surfaced with small stones. Those who were familiar with the work done felt that it was excessive. Whilst acknowledging that this path was an important part of the path around Snowdon, and that it links Dyffryn Peris and Nant y Betws, it's felt that it is far too wide and out of character with its surroundings. Councillors felt that changes and improvements to paths should be more subtle and in keeping with the character of the area. Maintaining bigger footpaths is also more costly.

#### **3. Bus shelter - Cae'r Ddôl:**

These need to be repaired. The Clerk reported that he has informed GC on two separate occasions.

### **7 CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **1. One Voice Wales:**

Message received about the latest rules regarding public meetings and Covid-19 restrictions. The notes explained the responsibility on those holding the meeting. The Clerk had sent a copy to the secretary of Y Ganolfan Committee to make sure that he was up to date with the latest rules.

#### **2. GC- Sustainable Tourism in Gwynedd Conference:**

There will be two conferences covering different areas. The date for the Bro Peris conference is February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Register by 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### **3. National Grid**

Further correspondence regarding the work this year to replace the cables between First Hydro and the Grid in Pentir.

#### **4. Wales Government (WG) – Finance and Local Government Minister:**

Correspondence from the Minister stating the WG will be legislating to allow for the creation of Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) which will allow councils to move from their current status to that of General Power of Competence where their Clerks receive specific training to enable them to support their Council. This will not be mandatory and every council can decide whether or not to change its status. The changes come into force on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

#### **5. SNPA: Public Consultation Supplementary Planning Guidance:**

Consultation open until 9<sup>th</sup> February following the accreditation of the area to World Heritage status.

#### **6. GC – Friendly Bench:**

A scheme looking for some benches to be designated as Friendly Benches. Having looked at work done in other areas, the decision was made not to join the scheme. Photos of painted benches were seen and deemed to be amateurish and that the benches would have to be repainted every few years.

### **8 FINANCE:**

#### **1) In the Bank on 28th December, 2021:**

**Current Account:** £20,294.86    **Deposit Account:** £5,366.38

**2) Payments Confirmed:**

TOTAL ... .. £670.61

**3) Received between 29/11/2020 and 28/12/2021:**

TOTAL ... .. £3,045.00

Proposed and seconded: HS / KMJ

**9 BUDGET AND PRECEPT:**

Inflation is the major concern in trying to set the budget for the next financial year. The current year has seen substantial amounts spent on equipment (ropes and wood course and a double swing) in the playground by the lake costing almost twenty thousand pounds. This is a popular area with many visiting the High Street after their visit to the field. By the end of the year the all-weather football pitch will have been resurfaced but without much cost to the Council because of the financial support from various bodies. More money needs to be spent on the lakeside playground on equipment for the younger children and on improving Christmas lighting on the High Street. We will also need to support the Quarry Worker's memorial project.

A £2,000 increase to the precept was agreed and this will mean a £2.54 increase on the rates for a Band D property. The rate for Llanberis is £788.78, therefore to raise the sum by £1,000 amounts to £1.27 (£1,000 / 788.78). To add £2,000 to the precept is an increase of £2.54 with a precept of £34,000, that is £2,000 more than last year, which will be (34 x £1.27) for homes in Band D.

**10 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES:**

**1. Mynydd Gwefru:**

Counc. KMJ attended a virtual meeting with Engie. Little change to report from the previous meeting.

**11 NEXT MEETING:**

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7pm in the Ganolfan.

**Signed as a true record:**

Chairman: Rhys ap Gwilym

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 9th February, 2022