

## LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2022 MEETING:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at 7 pm. The Vice-Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

### 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

**Padarn Ward:** Gwilym Evans, Iwan Harding, Bethan Holding (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Heather L Jones, Cllr. Kevin Morris Jones, Kim Jones, Helen Sharp, Trystan Thomas

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

**Apologies:** Rhys ap Gwilym (Chairman), Olwen Gwilym, 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, 9th March, 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: HLJ / IO.

### 4 MATTERS ARISING:

#### 1. Flat in Maes Padarn:

It was reported that the work has been completed.

#### 2. UEFA football pitch:

Matters have been settled and the money borrowed from the Ganolfan to mitigate against any financial pressure before the end of March has been repaid.

#### 3. Bus shelter:

The shelter has been delivered to the contractor. It will be put in place after the Easter holidays.

#### 4. Footpaths:

The Clerk has contacted two stonemasons for quotes to repair Pont y Meibion in Nant. He is also waiting for a date to meet Gwynedd Council's (GC) Footpaths Officer to discuss financial support. The Clerk will also draw attention to the significant deterioration over the winter to the boardwalk in Nant Uchaf.

#### 5. National Grid – Road works:

The work is ongoing and the traffic lights were removed over the Easter weekend to aid traffic flow.

### 5 OTHER MATTERS:

#### 1. Double parking:

BH reported that double parking and irresponsible parking were a problem in some areas. Lorries are failing to deliver goods and vans are left parked up for days. Drivers were criticised for their selfish attitude and disregard for other road users. It was also reported that yellow lines were fading and were missing particularly on corners. It was agreed to ask Gwynedd Council (GC) to address the issue as a matter of urgency.

#### 2. Electric Mountain:

Since the company has submitted a planning application to demolish the building and create a car park and events space, a meeting will be arranged after the Election between the local Community Councils to discuss future community involvement in the management of the space. The Clerk has already stressed at a previous meeting that only three Councils should be involved in the discussions – Llanddeiniolen, Llanrug and Llanberis.

#### 3. Playground swing:

Having received the annual report from the inspector for insurers Zurich, it was noted that the legs on one side of the swing need replacing. If this could not be done before the middle of May, then the swing should not be used. The Clerk will get quotes for new parts and a new swing.

#### **4. Road signs - Funeral:**

The traffic calming signs were used recently. So that they do not have to be carried from a distance, IO reported that a convenient place to store them had been found. One firm of undertakers (EWP) has agreed to put the signs up. It is hoped that a similar arrangement can be reached with other firms.

#### **6 Correspondence:**

##### **1. Bus shelters:**

GC have consulted regarding changing some bus shelters and adding new ones in the parish to coincide with the new 'Sherpa' bus service. The enhanced service will include better and more frequent connections between Bangor, Caernarfon and Betws y Coed.

Only two of the shelters owned by this Council were included in the consultation, the plan was to demolish them and replace them with wooden ones in Maes Padarn and in front of Hen Bost, Nantperis. Since these two shelters are of solid construction and in good condition, it was agreed that they should remain. As part of the new plan the shelters in the bus terminal at Dôl y Goeden will be replaced and two new shelters will be placed in Nant, one in front of Ty'n Llan and the other in the Eryri National Park car park and that this Council would maintain them. It was felt that this was not acceptable. Space is limited by Ty'n Llan and as for the car park, what has happened to the previous plans for the bespoke bus shelter there. The Clerk was asked to contact GC to report that this Council couldn't see the sense in demolishing a bus shelter that is in good condition and that it was unfair to expect this Council to take responsibility for the new shelters, especially wooden ones.

##### **2. Circulars:**

- a) Public consultation – Questionnaire regarding need for homes - dweudeichdweud@gwynedd.llyw.cynru
- b) Chwilfa Fawr y Dolydd - Grwp Dolydd Sir Gaerfyrddin – raising awareness and interest in meadows and documenting plants - bigmeadowsearch@gmail.com - (Forwarded to Cyfeillion Cae'r Ddôl)
- c) Education and Public Services Group, Welsh Government - letter reminding councils as the pandemic recedes that they should be aware of and keep to dates set by Audit Cymru office.

#### **7 PLANNING**

- **C22/0223/15/LL** – Y Berllan, Ffordd Capel Coch, Llanberis – *application for a dormer bungalow, enlarging present entrance and parking space ( re-application of plan refused C21/1140/15/II)*

No objections

- **C22/0239/15LL** – Visitor Centre, Mynydd Gwefru, Oriol Eryri, Llanberis – *demolition of most of the current visitor centre (apart from the sub-station) and change of use of the site to create a car park, replace lighting, car charging points and re-landscaping.*

The original plan was to adapt the building by demolishing the rear part and modernising the rest. The owner states that this is no longer feasible and the only way forward is demolition. There has been lengthy consultation on this with the community and the Council, despite many stating that they would like to save the building it is obvious that this is no longer an option.

This Council therefore does not have any objections to the demolition of the building but there is disappointment for it to be replaced by a car park and small events space. Another car park would impact on the income for GC from car parks as well as Y Ganolfan which relies heavily on income from its car park.

- **C22/0275/15/LL** - Mount Pleasant, Stryd Fawr, Llanberis – *demolition of rear extension and building a new one and ground works to remove part of a rock at the rear of the property to increase the useable area. -*

No objections.

#### **8 FINANCE:**

##### **1) In the Bank on 28th March / [2022 a 31 Mawrth 2022]:**

**Current Account:** £8,213.35 [£11,399.15] **Deposit Account:** £66.52 [£66.52]

##### **2) Payments confirmed:**

**TOTAL ... .. £586.84**

##### **3) Received between 29/02/2022 and 28/03/2022:**

**TOTAL ... .. £1250.00**

#### **4) Annual Audit:**

It was agreed to ask Gwynedd Council to undertake the annual Internal Audit this year.

Proposed and Seconded: TT / HS

#### **9 CEMETERY:**

- 1) It was reported that goats had been in the Cemetery. The Clerk was asked to investigate.
- 2) There was a discussion regarding cutting the grass in the Church cemetery with a request to cut it later in the year, towards the middle of July. This would mean only one cut per year. The Clerk will liaise with the Warden in Nantperis.
- 3) The Clerk was reminded that there is a need for a sign asking people to take rubbish and dead flowers home with them if the bins are full.

#### **10 EXTERNAL REPORTS:**

##### **Y Ganolfan:**

The Tapestry to mark eight hundred years since the building of Castell Dolbadarn (2020) was unveiled and the schoolchildren of Dolbadarn, the local ladies and Kevin Burgess who worked on the project were to be congratulated. It is a colourful and attractive feature of the hall in Y Ganolfan and a reminder of the role the castle has played in the history of Wales. Ken Jones, Secretary of Y Ganolfan was also commended for his inspiration and efforts to secure funding from First Hydro, LleChi (CG), Rheilffordd yr Wyddfa, Gwesty Victoria, CADW and this Council.

#### **11 LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:**

It was noted that this is the last meeting of the current Council with the Election on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Those members proposing to stand for election for the next Council were reminded to submit their forms by post, electronically or by hand to GC before 4pm on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk will receive completed forms and deliver them to Caernarfon.

BH the Vice-chairman, thanked everyone for their contribution to the Council. BH also thanked the Clerk for his work and guidance during this Council's term. This was endorsed by the members.

#### **12 NEXT MEETING:**

Date of the next meeting Wednesday 11th o May, 2022 at 7.00pm in Y Ganolfan.

#### **Signed as a true record:**

Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date 11th May, 2022