

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS
Llanberis Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2022 MEETING:

1 WELCOME:

Minutes of the Council meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis on Wednesday 11th May, 2022 at 7pm. As this was the first meeting of the new Council, the Clerk welcomed both old and new members. It was also noted that there has been a change in the county representation. Kim Jones was elected as the County Councillor, the Clerk wished her well and it is hoped that, for the benefit of the area and local population, she will receive the support of the Councillors. Councillor Kevin Morris Jones (who had decided to give up the seat) was thanked for all his effort and work over the years that he represented Padarn and Peris wards on Gwynedd Council (GC). This was echoed by the members who thanked KMJ and wished KJ well. Whilst welcoming new members – Emlyn Baylis, Nia Jones and Louise Price, the Clerk was asked to thank previous members Olwen Gwilym, Beth Holding and Claudia O’Donell for their service and to write to thank them.

2 SIGNING FORMS:

Before starting work on the agenda, two forms were distributed for members to sign. The first was a Statement of Acceptance and the second, the Council Benefits Register. The meeting then progressed to elect a chairman and vice chairman. The nominations were Llinos Haf Pritchard and Gwilym Evans with LIHP elected as Chairman and GE as Vice Chairman. Both were wished well.

3 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

Padarn Ward: Rhys ap Gwilym, Emlyn Baylis, Gwilym Evans, Iwan Harding, Heather L Jones, Kevin Morris Jones, Cllr. Kim Jones, Nia Jones, Louise Price, Helen Sharp, Trystan Thomas.

Peris Ward: Iola Owen, Llinos Haf Pritchard.

Apologies: All present

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be noted where relevant.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th April, 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: IO/IH.

6 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Bus shelter:

Has been erected by Dolafon.

2. Footpaths:

The Clerk had contacted two stone masons regarding quotes for repairing Pont Meibion in Nant. One quote has been received for repairing one pillar on the bridge. The Clerk will press for a second quote so that the least expensive can be chosen.

3. National Grid – Road works:

Numerous complaints have been received that there are now three sets of lights between Llanberis and Penllyn. It was asked whether this will be the pattern for the Summer since the original scenario was for two sets. Obviously, three sets will enable the work to progress faster but increases the frustration for locals and as the number of tourists increases as we move towards summer, the situation is set to worsen. KJ and the Clerk will make enquiries.

4. GC – New bus shelters:

The Clerk had contacted GC to state that this Council had no intentions to adopt the new bus shelters proposed as part of a new transport plan. In response, GC stated that whilst it respects the Council’s stance, it will be stated that this Council refused the shelters should there be any enquiries or complaints.

5. Llainwen Uchaf and Yellow Lines:

The Clerk received a reply to the letter regarding poor parking, faded yellow lines and the fact that no reply has been received regarding double yellow lines in Llainwen Uchaf. Unfortunately, there is no confirmation that anybody from

GC has investigated whether there is a need for the lines in Llainwen Uchaf despite this Council making enquiries a year ago. The response said it was because of losing members of staff, an increased workload and a backlog of work. There is a new officer in charge of parking and street work and that the letter asking for the reinstalling of the yellow lines has been passed on to the Arfon Engineer. The meeting expressed its disappointment and asked the Clerk to contact GC regarding both issues once again.

6. Swing in Lakeside playground:

Quotes by two companies for repairing the older children's swing, buying a new one and moving them to a different place were presented. It was agreed that there seems little point in repairing since the other side will also need repairing in the future, therefore it was agreed to buy a new one for the same site. This will be supplied and put in place for a little over £3,500. Proposed and seconded: RhaG / TT.

One priority for this year will be the provision of equipment for the younger children to replace the wooden train. A slide was discussed and the Clerk was asked to look at prices. Some members had noted a suitable model in Caernarfon. The Clerk was also asked to investigate financial support. The insurance company had given a deadline of middle of May to repair the swing, therefore the seats will have to be removed temporarily. It was suggested that an explanation be posted on Facebook.

7 OTHER MATTERS:

1. Local Government and Elections Wales Act 2021:

Thanks to HLJ members were reminded of the changes that will have to be made in the near future to conform with this act. There is a need to ensure that there is improved connection between the Council and the public in terms of attendance at meetings and that they are aware of their right to attend. There will also be a need to develop a training programme for Councillors.

2. Bench:

A request has been received from a family in Llŷn for a memorial bench in the Cemetery in memory of a local young man, Gavin Carr who died ten years ago. The Clerk has also had a request for information regarding benches from Nantperis Church as the members are thinking about a bench there. It was suggested that a bench from the parish cemetery could be offered to the church and it could be replaced by a new one in memory of Gavin Carr. The Clerk will arrange this.

3. Sheep- employing a shepherd:

Following discussions between the Clerk and the Police regarding stray sheep there has been a discussion with Steven Williams, from Bethel who also farms in Nantperis regarding the occasional rounding up of sheep in Llanberis. SW agreed to consider the matter and it was agreed to try this again when there is a critical mass roaming the village. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with SW and to come to a formal agreement. Any requests to move sheep should be passed on to the Clerk and that the shepherd would not be responding to anyone else. It was also agreed to look at the possibility of a temporary sheep pen in Cae'r Ddôl. Proposed and seconded: TT / KMJ.

It was also suggested that the Clerk contact Parc Padarn to see if the gate that disappeared from Cae'r Ddôl could be replaced and also to ask if the Parc staff could make sure that there are signs on the gates to remind visitors to close them.

4. Translating:

Having noted that Olwen Gwilym. Bethan Holding and Claudia O'Donnell were no longer members of the Council, it was agreed to ask BH to continue to work as translator for the minutes etc for the Council and the Clerk will discuss terms.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Bus shelters:

Addressed in 6.4 above.

2. Numerous circulars:

9 PLANNING

• **C22/0005/15/DT** - 33 Dôl Elidir, Llanberis – *porch at the front of the property.*

• **C22/0372/15/LL** - DMM Engineering International Ltd, Ffatri Y Glyn, Ystad Ddiwydiannol Y Glyn, Llanberis – *application for the erection of an industrial building (with a revised plan following previous planning permission)*

C22/0395/15/DA – Land by 10 Stryd Siarlot, Llanberis – *insubstantial changes to the plans granted permission under application C18/1187/15/LL for the erection of a two-storey family home to raise the roof level by 0.5m.*

• **NP3/15/LB80N** - Glandŵr, Llanberis, - *Registered building application for a one storey extension to the side, roof windows, internal changes (removal of partitions and moving the stairs) and engineering works to the rear.* 2/3

No objections to any of the above.

10 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th April, 2022

Current Account: £11,519.47 **Deposit Account:** £66.52

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £7,230.26

3) Received between 29/03/2022 and 28/04/2022:

TOTAL £50.00

4) Financial Annual Report & Approve and Sign 2021-22 Accounts:

Balance sheet for the past year presented by the Clerk. The Clerk had already shared the information via e-mail of money received, expenditure, bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget. The balance was £11,465.67, but two cheques had not cleared (one for £4,000 because of Bank errors see explanation in the minutes of May 2021/8.1) therefore the actual sum is £7,390.67.

The past year has seen considerable expenditure. There was a new adventure course and swing in the playground by the lake, and a new surface for the All-Weather Pitch (UEFA) behind Y Ganolfan. These three items came close to £45,000, but £22,500 of this total was offset by gifts and grants, with thanks to Cist Gwynedd (GC), Gwynedd, Ynni Padarn Peris and First Hydro. With this year's precept of £34,000, and £8,485 reclaimed for VAT.

The report was accepted and the Clerk was thanked for his thoroughness and his presentation.

Proposed and seconded: HLJ / IW

11 CEMETERY / FOOTPATHS:

1) Complaint received regarding parking in front of the church opposite the Cemetery. One visitor to the cemetery was told that they could not park there. The Clerk was asked to write or speak to the person who said this and to point out that the 'Rheol', Nantperis is an unregistered, public plot of land.

12 EXTERNAL REPORTS:

Y Ganolfan:

It was reported that Y Ganolfan had helped a group of people who were climbing Yr Wyddfa over night to raise money for Alderhay Children's Hospital in Liverpool. They managed to raise over £60,000. They were given permission to use Y Ganolfan providing that they passed through the village quietly, which they did and their exemplary behaviour was praised.

Morbegno Twinning:

It was reported that a concert will take place in the church on 7th July to welcome a delegation from Morbegno, Italy and it is anticipated that a local delegation will visit them in the Autumn.

13 NEXT MEETING :

Date of the next meeting Wednesday 8th June, 2022 at 7.00pm in Y Ganolfan.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 8th of June, 2022

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