

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS**  
**Llanberis Community Council**

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**MONUTES OF THE JUNE 2022 MEETING:**

**1 WELCOME:**

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting and also welcomed a delegation representing the old Llanberis carnival committee. There was some money in the carnival's account and the committee had decided to share it between several local organisations, including this Council. £2,000 was presented to go towards improving the Christmas lights in the village. The money was received by the Chairman, Llinos Haf Pritchard and Gwylim Evans the Vice Chairman. The Chairman thanked the group on behalf of the Council and noted that this donation will be a significant contribution towards the cost of the new lights. A photograph was taken to record the event.

**2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:**

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

**Peris Ward:** Iola Owen, Llinos Haf Pritchard (Chairman).

**Apologies:** Iwan Harding, Cllr. Kim Jones (due to a bereavement). Condolence was extended to KJ who has lost her grandfather and NJ and LP who lost a cousin recently.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Will be documented where appropriate.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th May, 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: RhaG / IO

**5 MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Bus shelter:**

It was reported that the Council had received money from the insurance company for the new bus shelter to replace the one that was damaged on the High Street by Dolafon.

**2. Footpaths:**

Several names were put forward for builders who could be approached for quotes for repairing Pont y Meibion.

**3. National Grid - Roadworks:**

Response received to the Council's request for information about the roadworks. It was explained that a third team had been deployed to push on with the work following a delay caused by very hard rock. By now, the company (nationalgrid) believe that the work which will affect part of the playground by the lake will not take place now until next year and not this Summer. With the circumstances constantly changing, it was decided not to invite a representative from the company to a meeting. The Clerk was asked to keep in touch and to ask the company to contact the Council if there are substantial changes in working patterns that will affect the flow of traffic.

**4. Yellow lines, Llainwen Uchaf:**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Gwynedd Council (GC) again regarding the yellow lines in Llainwen Uchaf and he was told that an officer from GC will be looking at the road soon.

**5. Swing in Ger y Llyn playground:**

It was confirmed that a new swing for the playground has been ordered but it won't be installed before August. It was suggested that the company should be asked if they could complete before this if possible.

- It was reported that there has been some damage to the platform beneath the climbing frame but it had been repaired the day the Clerk was informed by KJ.

**6. Bench placement:**

It was reported that the bench in the cemetery had been repaired and ready to be moved into the Church Cemetery within the next few days. Work has also started to close the gap between two walls where goats have been getting into the cemetery.

**7. Sheep:**

The Clerk has been informed that the shepherd SW was not going to take on the task of gathering stray sheep but he did name another shepherd who may be interested. The Clerk was asked to contact him.

To date, there has been no response to the request to create a sheep pen in Cae'r Ddôl to hold the sheep temporarily, and other matters such as gates.

## **6 OTHER MATTERS:**

### **1. Yellow lines and schoolchildren's safety:**

Several complaints have been received regarding thoughtless parking which is a cause for concern for the residents of Glanrafon bungalows. This is a recurring issue as parents bring their children there to cross the bridge over Afon Goch to go to school. It was mentioned that several drivers are speeding and reversing dangerously. This is a serious allegation but can be substantiated by some concrete evidence.

Following a discussion, the possibility of yellow lines to prohibit parking could be a possibility or a bollard that the residents could raise and lower. But initially, there needs to be a campaign to encourage parents to drop children off on the High Street pavement and not to take cars on to Lôn Tŷ Du and Lôn Capel Coch. The Clerk was asked to write to the Headmaster of Ysgol Dolbadarn asking for his co-operation and HLJ, who has some experience in traffic management, offered to help start the campaign to get parents and children to change their ways if the school wish. The main aim should be to get the children walking to school in a sensible and safe way. It was asked whether the local Police would be able to visit the area occasionally?

### **2. Dangerous dog:**

It was reported that a large dog had been loose near the playground in Frondeg and Warden Street. Although it hasn't attacked anybody, there has been a report that it attacked and killed a lamb recently. It was agreed to contact the Dog Warden at Gwynedd Council and the Rural Crimes Unit, North Wales Police.

### **3. Toilets:**

Because of staff shortages at GC, it is impossible to open the toilets in the village before 8 a.m. every other weekend. Normally they would be open at 6.30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Following a discussion between KJ County Councillor and the Clerk, it was agreed to ask if Council members would be prepared to volunteer to open the toilets every other weekend from now until the end of September so that the facilities are available and health and cleanliness are not compromised. It was agreed that this was not ideal but there were a number of volunteers - GE, TT, HLJ, RhaG, KMJ, KJ and DT. The Clerk will contact the appropriate department at GC and KJ will arrange. Following this discussion, the question was raised why weren't there toilets in the Victoria Hotel Car Park, the nearest car park to Llwybr yr Wyddfa. The Clerk will make enquiries.

### **4. GH Llanrug's letter:**

As had been decided before the election, the letter was brought back to the table. The letter suggested that the community councils in the area (Llanberis, Llanddeiniolen and Llanrug) should work more closely together. The letter compares this area with other areas where partnerships have been formed. It was agreed that it would be interesting to explore the possibilities and as a first step, to consult with the Clerks in the other two communities to see how they had reacted to the letter. This will be on the agenda for the next month.

### **5. Christmas lights:**

Having received the donation from the ex-carnival committee earlier, the Clerk stated that the Christmas lights fund had now reached £2,945. Following a discussion, it was agreed to form a committee to discuss improvements and to ensure the best lights for the next Christmas holiday. The members will be: RhaG, EB, KJ, NJ a LP. (EB will also be representing the Grwp Datblygu)

### **6. Nominating Council Representatives on external groups:**

Elected as follows:

Ysgol Dolbadarn Governors: Louise Price    Y Ganolfan: Trystan Thomas                      Grwp Datblygu Llanberis: Nia Jones  
Pwyllgor Gefeillio Morbegno: Rhys ap Gwilym.

## **7 CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1. Report from Councillor Kim Jones:**

Due to her unavoidable absence, KJ had prepared a brief report of last month's activities.

**a) Mynydd Gwefru** – planning application on 13th, intend to be present.

**b) Dolbadarn** – been in frequent contact with the Police, Housing Department, GC and others regarding Dolbadarn following a number of complaints. Some residents have moved, safety service from 5pm until morning and regular visits by the police and fire service. Any comments regarding the situation should be directed to the County Councillor.

**c) Toilets** – already discussed.

**ch) Youth Club** - KJ has met the Gwynedd Youth Service to discuss the possibility of establishing a local Youth Club in Y Ganolfan following a similar pattern to the one established last year in Llanrug where the local Council put in some finance. Agreed to put this on the agenda for the July meeting.

She has also been involved with numerous other matters and it has obviously been a very busy first month. She has several meetings pending including a joint surgery with Sian Gwenllian AS. Date 23 July at 10.30 in Y Ganolfan.

**2. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Proclamation:**

Invitation for two Council members to be part of the procession on the day of the proclamation of the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Llŷn ac Eifionydd 2023 in Porthmadog. The proclamation will be in the afternoon of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Nobody available to accept the invitation.

**3. Rheilffordd Llyn Padarn 50yrs old:**

The celebrations were meant to take place last year but due to the restrictions, the company are celebrating this year and have invited Council members to go for a ride on the train any day in June. The invitation is for Council members and their families (up to 6 people). Wishing the company well and thanks to Emlyn Pritchard the General Manager and Director for their generosity. Details of how to contact to arrange to go on the train June have been circulated to members.

The Museum is also celebrating 50 yrs this year which is a reminder that fifty years or more have now passed since the quarry that gave life to the community closed. Best wishes to the Museum.

**4. One way traffic:**

Via KJ, e-mail received from a local business asking if consideration could be given to the High Street and the bypass forming a one-way system to encourage more people into the village, make travelling the High Street easier and allowing parking on the bypass. Since this came without prior notice, it was given some time for consideration but the feeling was that a scheme involving one way flow on the bypass would not be practical as it would increase the heavy traffic through the village. Even if members were in agreement, this year would not be an appropriate time to pilot such a scheme. A one-way system for the High Street has been considered in the past and at the time it was opposed by businesses. It may be time to look at this again The Clerk will write to the business.

**9 FINANCE:**

**1) In the Bank on 28th May, 2022**

**Current Account:** £38,624.67 **Deposit Account:** £66.52

**2) Payments confirmed:**

**Total ... .. £939.56**

**3) Received between 29/04/2022 and 28/05/2022:**

**Total ... .. £435.00**

**4) Internal audit:**

It was reported that the Annual Report has been prepared for the Internal Audit which will be done by the Audit Department of GC.

**5) Budget review:**

Details circulated electronically before the meeting to make sure that everybody, including new members are aware of its content. Scrutinised and minor changes made.

Proposed and seconded for whole finance item: TT / RhaG.

**10 CEMETERY / FOOTPATHS:**

1) Regarding cleaning the bus shelters, it was agreed to increase the payments made to EB for cleaning the bus shelters twice every month and also to thank him for all the voluntary work he does locally.

**11 EXTERNAL REPORTS:**

**Church Cemetery:**

Plans to clean the Church Cemetery soon as well as to undertake a survey of plants.

**12 NEXT MEETING:**

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday 13th July, 2022 at 7.00pm in Y Ganolfan.

**Signed as a true record:**

Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 13th July, 2022

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