

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS
Llanberis Community Council

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING:

1 WELCOME:

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7pm in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis. The Chairman welcomed the members and also offered condolences to two members. Both Helen Sharp and Rhys ap Gwilym had lost a mother.

2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

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

Peris Ward: Llinos Haf Pritchard (Chairman).

Apologies: Cllr. Kim Jones, Iola Owen, Trystan Thomas.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where relevant.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

5 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Bus Shelter:

Money received from the insurance company but the VAT on the purchase and the work to be reclaimed at the end of the year.

2. Traffic and safety of Ysgol Dolbadarn children:

At the beginning of the term the Chairman had written to the Headteacher to remind him of the promise made last term that he would remind parents who transport their children to school to be careful as they drop them off by Glanrafon Bungalows and on Ffordd Capel Coch. Within 24 hrs. an e-mail had been sent by the school to the parents asking them to take extra care when bringing their children to school, to park legally and responsibly and to avoid causing an obstruction. Recalling that messages have been sent to parents on numerous occasions in the past, it is hoped that this message would be heeded and it was agreed to ask for either the Police to be present on some mornings to try to resolve this issue.

3. Opening toilets early:

Members who had volunteered to open the toilets early on Saturday and Sunday mornings every other weekend during the Summer were thanked for their efforts. This was necessary due to staffing issues faced by Gwynedd Council (GC). KJ had sent a note of thanks and expressed that the favour had been appreciated.

4. Youth Club:

It is understood that Y Ganolfan Committee have responded to the request for help to employ staff for the Youth Club to be established in the Autumn. The Committee will finance everything. The Council expressed its gratitude to the Committee and hoped that the venture would be very successful. KJ's efforts to ensure that the Club will be here for the winter were also noted.

5. Dolbadarn:

It was reported that there had been some concerns about the residents of Dolbadarn earlier in the Summer but that the situation has improved with improved liaison between the various agencies. The situation needs to be kept under scrutiny to ensure that the neighbours are not disturbed. In a note to the Clerk, KJ expressed concerns that the appropriate agencies do not have bases in Llanberis as they do in towns when they need to respond to any problems.

6. Cae'r Ddôl:

KJ had informed the Clerk that the arrangements for the events on Cae'r Ddôl have been successful although there were some minor difficulties with the first event this year. It appears that the new arrangements are working well with no complaints about disruptions nor noise from those living nearby.

7. Ger y Llyn Playground

It was reported that the equipment for the younger children had been ordered. It was also reported that the new swing will be in place soon. It was stressed that this equipment is very much needed.

8. Blaen Nant, Nantperis:

Despite numerous enquiries, no response has been received regarding whether the new building had 'planning permission' but the Clerk understands that an enquiry is, at last, under way despite the matter being raised last March. The Clerk received an apology for the delayed response.

6 OTHER MATTERS:

1. Cae'r Ddôl:

GE reported that sheep are going from Cae'r Ddôl to the Lake Railway station. Parc Padarn staff have responded but the matter has not been resolved. The Clerk will meet with GE to investigate.

2. Sheep:

There has been an increase in the number of stray sheep roaming the village and it was reported that one had been hit by a vehicle recently. One of the farmers had insisted that not all of the stray sheep belonged to him and that he had noticed that one of the gates onto his land was often left open by local runners. The Clerk will investigate further.

3. Llainwen:

It was reported there were still traffic problems caused by parking in Llainwen Uchaf. The Clerk said that he would contact GC again as well as contacting KJ the local Councillor.

4. Maes Derlwyn Benches:

Now that the buses are not going to Maes Derlwyn. GC had asked whether the benches could be moved from there. This has been supported by several of the residents since the benches are encouraging visitors to sit there often late into the evening. The benches belong to GC and it was agreed that they weren't needed elsewhere in the village.

5. High Street pavement:

It was reported that the pavement by the 'Llysoedd' was in need of repair and that it has been in a poor condition for some time despite some people reporting this to GC. The Clerk stated that it had not been discussed before but he would contact GC. He was also asked to draw attention to the potholes in Ffordd Capel Coch.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Snowdonia Pumped Hydro:

Letter received explaining that work to develop a site in Glyn Rhonwy as a hydro power station will be going ahead. The company is entering a period of consultation and asking for comments about the plan which will include an application to develop common land (CL15 and CL18) on Cefn Du. The work will also mean closing footpaths either temporarily or permanently but the company would compensate for this by offering land to replace the lost common land and land with open access in accordance with the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The plan is to free 32 acres, 18 acres being quarry land that can't be used and replacing it with 33 acres of common land and open land along with another 65 acres. This would result in an increase of 33 acres of common land and open land (8 acres of common land and 25 acres of land with open access).

During the 4-year construction period the company propose to close off around 33 acres of common land but offering 25 acres to replace this over the build time. Rights of way will be diverted during the building phase and beyond, but alternative access will have to be arranged before any diversions or closures. All the details will be publicised widely, and the company welcome any comments about the changes or loss of rights.

2. Audit Wales - Accounts 2019-20 and 2020-21:

At last, the Council accounts for the two years above have been received from the Audit Wales office. There was no explanation for the delay, and we are still waiting for a report on the 2021-22 accounts. According to the report "there are no matters that have been brought to attention that are of any cause for concern".

3. Un Llais Cymru:

Asking if the Council has any comments to make in relation to the *A Fairer Council Tax* consultation by the Welsh Government. RhapG will respond on the Council's behalf.

4. Planning Consultation:

The Clerk has responded to a consultation by e-mail from GC regarding re-surfacing and reorganising the car park at Y Glyn.

5. GC – Head of Legal Services:

Response received to the letter asking the Council to carefully consider any requests by event organisers for temporary road closures. The Head stated that there would be pressure on the department to consider the details of every case rather than just an automatic granting of the request without scrutiny as happened recently

6. SMART Villages Workshop:

The date has been changed to Wednesday, 19th October. Tickets available at <https://evenbrite.co.uk/o/smart-gwynedd-a-mon-44732006413>

7. Ystadau Cymru:

Letter received noting that the Welsh Government is looking for sites for a National Contemporary Art Gallery for Wales. The Clerk forwarded the letter to Engie thinking that Mynydd Gwefru could be a suitable location. Letter has not been acknowledged.

8. GC - Stryd y Farchnad, Llanberis:

Notice that this road will be closed for a period of up to a month. It is hoped that the work will be completed within 12 days sometime after 30th September.

9. Gwynedd Consultation:

Work to demolish the old bus shelters and erect new ones at the bus exchange by Dôl y Goeden will start on the 31st August. It is stated that the work will be completed by 30th September.

10. GC – LleChi job:

Letter noting that Gwenan M Pritchard, GC officer with responsibility for the LleChi project, has been appointed to another role within the Council and that the Council is looking for a replacement. Initial contract will be for one year. We wish her well in her new post.

11. GC - Tîm Tacluso:

The new Project Manager for Tîm Tacluso Ardal Ni is David Charles Williams

8 PLANNING:

C22/0707/15/LL - Dôl Peris, Stryd Fawr, Llanberis - 2 dormer windows at the front and 3 at the back (along with extra internal stairs)

Response: These windows will bring the building back to how it looked originally when built in 1861. No objections.

C22/0770/15/LL - 1 Bryn Golau, Llanberis – *Demolish current rear extension. Erection of two storey flat roofed extension at the back. Build a new oak porch at the front of the property.*

Response: No objections

C22/00833/15/LL - Glyn Peris, Pen y Gilfach, Llanberis – *Change of use from guesthouse (planning use class C1) to a residential home for children in care (planning use class C2)*

Response: Concern was expressed regarding the change of use to a children's home. A letter from the charity making the application was read out explaining their intention to create a home for 5 children from Gwynedd and other counties in North Wales. Staffing details were also outlined, and it was noted that they already had two other homes operating successfully within their communities.

Several members expressed that they were concerned about the effect that the home would have on local residents. Other saw that the venue was suitable. It was asked whether it would be possible for the applicants to discuss the case with near neighbours. It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to the application but queried the necessity for planning permission for this change of use when none was required in the case of Dolbadarn Hotel. The Clerk will make further enquiries.

C22/0828/15/LL - Cornel Stryd (street corner) Coed y Ddôl, Llanberis – *Information board*

Response: No objections but it was asked whether the person putting the board up had the land owner's permission.

NP3/15/75C - Ynys Etws, Nantperis – *Alteration to Condition 1 (Start date within 5 years) of Planning Permission NP3/15/75C dated 31/07/2017 to extend the start date by another 5 years*

Response: No objections

Proposed and seconded: LIHP / RhaG

9 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th, August 2022

Current Account: £44,929.55 **Deposit Account:** £66.53

2) Payments Confirmed:

TOTAL **£845.88**

3) Received between 29/06/2022 and 28/08/2022:

Total **£10,420.98**

Proposed and seconded: RhaG / GE.

10 OTHER REPORTS:

It was reported that another meeting had taken place to discuss the future of Mynydd Gwefru. In the meeting it was stated that Engie had re-considered and that they wouldn't be creating a car park once the building is demolished. The site will revert to a green space. This decision was welcomed.

11 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting. **Wednesday 12th October, 2022 at 7.00pm** in Y Ganolfan.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 12th October, 2022