

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS
Llanberis Community Council

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2022 MEETING 2022

1 WELCOME

Minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12th October, 2022 in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis.
The Chairman welcomed the members.

2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

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

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

Apologies: Gwilym Evans, Louise Price,

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14th September, 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: HLJ / IH.

5 MATTERS ARISING

1. Traffic and safety of Ysgol Dolbadarn pupils:

This matter was discussed at a recent meeting of the school Governors. The school have decided to send a teacher to escort the children down to the road and also discussed requesting support from the local police in an attempt to improve safety as the children meet the vehicles and adults who have come to pick them up. The school is taking this matter seriously. There was discussion regarding the possibility of some of the children making a video on safety in an attempt to influence the schoolchildren and the parents/carers.

2. Youth Club:

KJ reported that the club has had a successful beginning and it looks promising for the rest of the season with 25-30 members. Some youngsters from outside the village had also joined and the aim is to have a session every Thursday evening.

3. Cae'r Ddôl:

There will be a meeting before the end of the month to discuss the events held here during the Summer under the new arrangements.

4. Ger y Llyn Playground:

It is disappointing to learn that the company will not be able to install the swing and the equipment for the younger children until at least the middle of November. The swing was initially promised for the beginning of September.

5. Blaen Nant, Nantperis:

The situation regarding the 'planning application' for the property remains unclear. According to the latest statement by an officer from Eryri National Park Authority (ENPA) there had been some pre-application discussions between the owner and the Authority and according to the e-mail, "there is no need for planning permission for the building in question unless it has been placed within the curtilage of a neighbouring dwelling and falls within the parameters of permissible development".

Furthermore, it was stated that an officer will visit the site next week 'to see whether what has been built is in accordance with what was presented to the Authority in 2018. Members expressed their disappointment and dissatisfaction because the original contact with ENPA regarding this was back in March of this year. The Clerk was asked to contact the Authority to ask why there has been such a delay and why hasn't there been a visit before now.

6. Llainwen:

It was reported that the Clerk and KJ met with a Cyngor Gwynedd (CG) officer to discuss putting yellow lines in Llainwen Ucha'. It was agreed where the lines should be and it is hoped that the process of presenting a map and consultation will begin next week.

7. Stryd Fawr Pavement:

Despite the fact that a GC officer acknowledged the fact that holes in the pavement need to be repaired, no date has been received. It seems that it is on a job list, but there is no indication of when work will be done.

8. Benches in Maes Derlwyn:

The benches have been removed.

9. Glyn Peris, Pen y Gilfach, Llanberis:

Following the Council's decision to ask further questions about the application last month, KJ arranged a Zoom meeting with some officers from the company proposing to open a children's home. The Council was represented by KJ, EB, KMJ and the Clerk. Most of the questions were answered, including the number of children and the staffing ratio. It was stressed again that the company should consult with residents in the vicinity. KMJ stated that he remains opposed to the proposal and wished this to be documented.

10. Nantucha Wooden Footpath:

Despite the fact that the footpath has been closed and warning signs in place that the path should not be used, many are ignoring the signs. The Clerk contacted the CG officer responsible for footpaths asking when the Council is going to repair the path, no date has been given.

11. Sheep:

It is understood that sheep are coming down the road past Maes Derlwyn if the gate has not been shut. It was asked whether the gate could be a self-closing one with a weight and a latch.

6 OTHER MATTERS

1. Planning:

Following the discussion regarding 5.5 above, it was discussed whether it would be useful for some members to attend a course on planning. HLJ, KJ and RHaG volunteered stating that they would like to attend an on-line course run by Planning Aid Wales. The Clerk will find out when the next course will be.

2. Road Island by Gorsaf yr Wyddfa:

Following questions being asked about crossing the road by the Wyddfa Railway Station, KJ and the Clerk had visited the site with an officer from GC. The island that was in the middle of the road was moved because of the Tour of Britain cycling race some years ago, but despite promises, it was not replaced. The Council feels that putting the island back would slow traffic and make it easier to cross the road at this popular location. The Clerk is waiting for a response from CG.

3. Old Llanberis Band Instruments:

Another request for removing the instruments from ysgol Dolbadarn since they are no longer suitable for use by pupils. The Clerk will arrange for somebody to assess their state before deciding what to do with them.

4. Christmas Trees and Lights:

The panel has met to discuss lights for the village and have secured the help of local electrician Jason Jô's. It was agreed to have lights to go on the poles and if there was any money left over, to have connectors on up to 4 more poles so that they could be lit. According to GC the cost would be £280 + VAT per pole. The Clerk reported that he had placed an order for two Christmas trees, one for Nant, the other for Llanberis. The trees are expected to arrive on Friday, 25th November and volunteers will be needed to put them in place and light them in both villages the following day (Saturday). It was agreed to rent a cherry picker to help with the tree, lights and the lights for the lamp-posts.

5. Clerk:

The Clerk announced that he was retiring and giving 6 months' notice, finishing at the end of the current financial year at the end of March. At the next meeting, a panel will be selected to arrange for the post to be advertised, to outline the duties and to decide on salary for the new Clerk. Proposed and seconded: RhaG / HS

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. One Voice Wales and SLCC: Guidelines on Preparing a Council including a Planning Template:

The document directs Councils on how to prepare a training programme for members and clerks by 5th November. The aim is to ensure that Community Councils and their staff working as efficiently and effectively as possible. It states that Councils should regularly review and improve their administration and governance processes in order to fulfil their duties and serve their communities better. On the 26th September, the Clerk received an electronic copy for the Council and sent it to Councillors, but the time scale was too tight for members to have read the document and plan for action for this meeting. Members regretted that there had not been enough time and it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting in an attempt to achieve the action required.

2. CG – Road Closures for Marathon Eryri (ME):

Notice received regarding the closure of several roads for ME on Saturday, 29th October, 2022. The roads affected includes the A4086 from Llanberis to Penygwryd from 10 to 11.30 am. Several streets in Llanberis will be closed for most of the day. The Clerk asked if members accepted that there were lengthy closures in some areas, but there were no objections.

3. Welsh Government (WG) – Questionnaire regarding Councils' digital capacity:

The aim was to establish Councils' situation and whether there were any challenges or obstacles facing councils in preparing digital services, and also looking at good practice and what support councils need in order to improve services, including resources, capacity and skills. The Clerk has completed and submitted the questionnaire.

4. Eryri National Park Authority – Eryri's Conservation Areas Consultation:

Notice that a draft document has been published for the public consultation on 'Conservation Areas fit for the Twenty-First Century' There was a presentation by one of the Authority's staff last year regarding the plan to look at an area in Nantperis along with 13 other areas within the Park. The details are available here:

[[https://cynllunio.eryri.llyw.cymru/polisi/prosiect-ardaloedd-cadwraeth/?gl=1*111h2et8gaMic3MjlxNTc2ljE2NjM5Mzk4OTc.*ga 2SRYPWD50*MTY2NDM2MDU1Ni43LjEuMTY2NDM2MDU5MC4wLjAuMA..](https://cynllunio.eryri.llyw.cymru/polisi/prosiect-ardaloedd-cadwraeth/?gl=1*111h2et8gaMic3MjlxNTc2ljE2NjM5Mzk4OTc.*ga%202SRYPWD50*MTY2NDM2MDU1Ni43LjEuMTY2NDM2MDU5MC4wLjAuMA..)]

Following the consultation, the aim is to produce an evaluation and a management plan for the area. Closing date for comments is 5pm, 11th November, 2022.

5. CG Ardal Ni:

Notice of meeting to be held on 6th October in Y Ganolfan at 6.15pm.

6. WG – Elections Consultation:

Letter stating that WG are consulting on the process of modernising the process of electoral administration and further reform with the aim of increasing democracy. Details available here: [<https://llyw.cymru/papur-gwyn-ar-weinyddu-diwygio-etholiadol>] Closing date- 10 January 2023 and reply to [Elections.Consultation@gov.wales].

8 PLANNING:

None

9 FINANCE:

1) In the Bank on 28th September, 2022

Current Account: £61,430.07 **Deposit Account:** £66.55

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £3,922.47

3) Received between 29/08/2022 and 28/09/2022:

TOTAL £195.00

Proposed and seconded: TT / KMJ.

10 OTHER REPORTS:

1. Remembrance Sunday:

IO promised to source the usual Wreath on the Council's behalf for Remembrance Sunday, to be laid by LIHP. Queried whether Beth Holding would organise the cenotaph service?

11 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7.00pm in Y Ganolfan.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 9 November, 2022