

## CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS

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### MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2022 MEETING

#### 1 WELCOME

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis. GE in the Chair, welcomed members and wished TT well following surgery on his spine because of a recent accident.

#### 2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

**Padarn Ward:** Rhys ap Gwilym, Emlyn Baylis, Gwilym Evans (Chairman), Iwan Harding, Heather L Jones, Kevin Morris Jones, Cllr. Kim Jones, Louise Price.

**Peris Ward:** Iola Owen.

**Apologies:** Nia Jones, Llinos Haf Pritchard, Helen Sharp, Trystan Thomas.

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

#### 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where appropriate.

#### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of Wednesday, 9th November 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Deputy Chairman. Proposed and seconded: HLJ / LP.

The Clerk reported that a draft copy of the minutes had been sent to *Eco'r Wyddfafa*.

#### 5 MATTERS ARISING

##### 1. *Ger y Llyn Playground:*

The work has been completed and the new swing and apparatus for younger children are in place and have been welcomed by users.

##### 2. *Blaen Nant, Nantperis:*

At last, Eryri National Park Authority (ENPA) have acknowledged that planning application is needed for the new building. This has now been submitted – see 7.3 below.

##### 3. *Coed Nantucha' Path:*

No further information and the path has not been repaired.

##### 4. *Coed Doctor:*

A new gate has been hung By Cyngor gwynedd (CG) where the footpath to the woods leaves the main road. This was welcomed.

##### 5. *Nantperis Church Cemetery:*

It was reported that the grass had been cut in St. Peris' Churchyard as promised and that this was done before the Christmas Fair. A word of thanks from the Warden has been received. It was suggested that the Clerk contacted the Warden to ask if the Church wished for the council to continue to cut the grass and to make sure that there is no misunderstanding regarding the dates.

##### 6. *Christmas Lights:*

There was praise for the new lights and the trees in both villages. It was reported that the Christmas Fair organised by the Grwp Datblygu / Development Group was a great success despite the very cold weather. In Nantperis, IO organised carol singing and mince pies in Ty'n Llan to celebrate Christmas and the new lights.

##### 7. *Panel to appoint Clerk:*

To date, the details for advertising the Clerk's post have not been completed and it was stressed that this needs to be completed by the middle of January at the latest.

##### 8. *Training:*

RhaG and HLJ reported that they had attended a course on Planning that had been arranged by Planning Aid Wales. They both said that they would attend the second course in the new year. Since no-one had arranged to attend courses arranged by One Voice Wales, the Clerk reported that there would be opportunities to attend courses in January and that the dates for the start of 2023 would be sent as soon as they are made available. Every member must attend at least one course before the end of March.

##### 9. *Llainwen Ucha':*

Nothing further to report regarding the double yellow lines.

### **10. Sherpa Bus:**

A minister from Welsh Government (WG) had visited the area to see how the Sherpa service operates around Yr Wyddfa. The service is vital to the residents of villages such as Nantoeris, Nant Gwynant, Beddgelert and others as well as the many visitors who come to the area. EB had the opportunity to meet Lee Waters, Deputy Minister for Climate Change, to discuss the service and its importance. It was noted that many feel that the service needs wider publicity to encourage more local people to make use of it as well as visitors who are using cars and taxis.

### **11. Remembrance Sunday:**

The Clerk was asked to thank Beth Holding for leading the service on Remembrance Sunday due to the priest's unavoidable absence.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1. ENPA: Consultation on 'Promoting Welsh Strategy 2022 - 2027' (Draft):**

The draft strategy has just been published by the Authority with a consultation period lasting until 3 February, 2023. Copy available on ENPA web-site and suggestions can be made via this link -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/67LRTN7> in Welsh or in English here -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/89MCQYW>

- It was noted that ENPA recently decided that over time, it will cease to use English names for Yr Wyddfa and Eryri and use only the Welsh names. This was excellent news for members who have asked ENPA and CG to do so. The Clerk was asked to contact the Authority to congratulate it for this decision.

### **2. GC- Closure of Stryd Fawr, Llanberis:**

Notice received that part of the main street will be closed for a period of time. Vehicles will not be permitted to travel from the junction with the A4086 to the entrance to Coed y Glyn. The road will be dug up to lay a high voltage duct under the road. This is connected to the plan to connect the Dinorwig electricity plant to the national network at Pentir.

### **3. Bro360 web:**

Information about BroWyddfa360 website and an invitation to contribute. The site has a calendar for advertising local events and the letter is encouraging event organisers to use the site to promote events as well as to post news stories.

### **4. One Voice Wales (OVW): Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities:**

OVW is asking community councils to respond to the document Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities which seeks to look at ways to strengthen the Welsh areas. Unfortunately, the closing date is within two days but responses can be made to the Commission up to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. Copies of the documents and response forms available at -

<https://www.llyw.cymru/dyfodol-cymunedau-cymraeg-galwad-am-dystiolaeth>

### **5. One Voice Wales - Bullying**

Copy of the new guidelines on bullying prepared by OVW. This could be a useful document and a copy will be prepared for the next meeting so that it can be adopted as a policy for this Council.

### **6. One Voice Wales- Green Spaces:**

OVW in partnership with CG on how to improve public green spaces for bio-diversity. This Council does not own land that would be suitable for such a plan. St Peris Church Cemetery grass is not cut until flowers and plants have bloomed and set seed.

### **7. CG – Warm Welcome:**

Circular from Community Support Services regarding a grant available to establish spaces where people would be welcomed to come in and stay warm during the winter. Before the closing date, the Clerk had sent a copy to the secretary of Y Ganolfan.

### **8. Small Grants:**

The Clerk had circulated details and forms to members and noted that the closing date is the afternoon of Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

## **7 PLANNING:**

### **GWYNEDD COUNCIL:**

Members had received notice of the following applications:

**1 • C22/0239/15/LL** – Electric Mountain Visitor Centre – demolition of most of the Electric Mountain Visitor Centre (apart from the existing electricity sub-station), change of use of the site to an area of grassland, re-locating of lights and installation of car charging points in the car park and associated landscaping.

**Comments:** This plan is a vast improvement on the previous plan submitted. Whilst expressing regrets that the company is not going to repair and retain the building, there were no objections.

**2 • C22/1128/15/LL** - Storfa Glyn Rhonwy, Stâd Glyn Rhonwy, Llanberis – *Full planning permission for a temporary canteen at Siemens, Llanberis.*

**Comments:** No comments

**ENPA:**

**3 • NP3/15/202C** - Blaen y Nant, Nantperis – *Retrospective planning application for an outside building including workshop, store and office.*

**Comments:** As stated in the description, this has already been erected and the application is retrospective. This is the building that this council wrote to the Park Authority about last March asking if a planning application had been submitted but nor received by the Council. The response received back then was that the owner didn't need to make an application since there has been discussions between him and officer/s from the Authority. Despite the fact that the Clerk insisted that this couldn't be right and the officers promising to visit the site, it took several months for this to happen and for the application to be submitted. This Council is very disappointed with the response and the time that it took particularly because the site is in a unique position on the Pass, one of Eryri's most magnificent areas. Now with the building finished it has to be acknowledged that its construction sits well within the environment and there are no objections. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive of SNPA asking why there had been such confusion regarding this case.

Proposed and seconded: KMJ / KJ

**8 FINANCE:**

**1) In the Bank on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

**Current Account:** £53,916.74      **Deposit Account:** £66.60

**2) Payments confirmed:**

**TOTAL ... .. £5,640.90**

**3) Received between 29/10/2022 and 28/11/2022:**

**TOTAL ... .. £594.94**

Proposed and seconded: RhaG / IH

**9 OTHER REPORTS:**

**1. Cemetery:**

The Clerk reported that it was time to look at the condition of the headstones in the cemetery and asked for volunteers.

**10 NEXT MEETING:**

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7.00pm in Y Ganolfan.

**Signed as a true record:**

Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard

Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 11 January, 2023