

## LLANBERIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2023 MEETING

#### 1 WELCOME

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at 7pm in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis. The Chairman, Llinos Haf Pritchard, welcomed the members.

#### 2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

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

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

**Apologies:** Iwan Harding, Louise Price

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, 8th March, 2023 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed and seconded: HLJ / RhaG.

#### 5 MATTERS ARISING

##### 1. Clerk Appointing Panel:

The Chairman reported that the Panel had met with Barry Davies. It was reported that the meeting had been beneficial and the candidate showed a knowledge and understanding of the Council's work as well as the enthusiasm to undertake the position. He also has vast experience of working for Cyngor Gwynedd (CG) in a role with considerable responsibility and he has lived in Llanberis for many years and has been active in working for the community. The Panel's recommendation was to appoint Barry Davies to the position of Clerk. Proposed and seconded: IO / EB.

The decision was made that the Council provided the new Clerk with a laptop and a printer and it was suggested that a finance software should be considered. DT agreed to work with BD for at least a two month transfer period.

##### 2. Nantucha' Boardwalk:

Despite the Clerk writing to a senior CG officer about the seriously dangerous condition of the path, no reply has been received in time for this meeting.

##### 3. Courses for Councillors:

It was reported that a further three councillors, KJ, IO and HS had attended a course organised by One Voice Wales (OVW) and EB had attended a course dealing with community planning organised by Planning Aid Wales. The ladies reported that the course was quite basic with the presenter reading a lot of the material that was already displayed on the screen. Many on the course were new councillors. There was also a complaint that OVW did not offer many courses through the medium of Welsh with only one out of over forty courses available in Welsh in April. It was proposed that the Clerk contacted the organisation with the feedback and to enquire why there were so very few courses available through the medium of Welsh.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that 4 councillors had not attended any courses during the last financial year which ended on the last day of March. This year, every councillor is expected to attend two courses. NJ reported that she and LP hope to attend a course on 'Code of Conduct' before the end of April and EB also reported that he was interested in another course. The Clerk had already sent information by e-mail about the courses available and added that he was willing to contact OVW on members' behalf to organise attendance.

##### 4. Roadworks - National Grid and Morgan Sindall:

The Clerk expressed disappointment that National Grid had not agreed to attend the Council meeting to discuss the local frustration about the roadworks. It appears that the company were not happy since the meeting could be attended by members of the public, despite the Clerk stipulating that they could send a representative to a closed meeting. This was agreed and further invitation to attend the next meeting in May will be extended. Proposed and seconded: KJ / TT.

Several members expressed their dissatisfaction regarding the company's attitude, stating again that the feeling locally is that they are not prepared to listen or face the public. KJ reported that GC had insisted that the work stopped over Easter and this resulted in a fortnight without traffic lights. Discussions are ongoing for similar arrangements during August.

**5. *Cymdeithas Pysgota Seiont, Gwyrfai a Llyfni – weeds in Llyn Padarn:***

The Clerk explained that despite the fact that he had written to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and CG about the invasive plants - *Lagarosiphon major* in Llyn Padarn reported to the Council by the fishing association that he was yet to receive a response about the spread of this plant. NRW did acknowledge the letter and stated that they were making enquiries and would respond in due course.

**6 OTHER MATTERS:**

**1. *Start of Yr Wyddfa Footpath (Maes Derlwyn):***

Cllr. KJ stated that she had contacted CG after being told that someone had fallen because there was a hole by the Cattle Grid.

**2. *Cemetery:***

It was noted that the Cemetery is becoming full and there is an urgent need to consider options for the future. It was agreed to allow time to discuss this at the next meeting. Members were urged to look for possible sites in Llanberis or Nantperis.

**3. *Parc Padarn Questionnaire:***

KJ promised to circulate the Questionnaire and urged every member to complete it so that the managers are well informed about local feelings about the Park.

**4. *Pavement by Bron Eryri, Nantperis:***

It was reported that the trees in the garden of Bron Eryri need to be pruned since they are growing out and obstructing the pavement.

**5. *Income from Car Parks:***

According to a GC officer, the income expected from the Council car parks is expected to be over £8,600 (that is, 10% of the total, less costs). More than half of this will be taken by the contribution to keeping the three toilets open throughout the year. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding which car parks this contribution to the Community Council is coming from.

**7 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. *GC- Tîm Tacluso:***

Recently, GC organised teams to tidy up areas, but only the local Councillor is permitted to ask for their help. Initially, the impression was that community councils as well as the local Councillor could alert them to areas needing attention or where rubbish had accumulated, but it seems that this is not the case. Any concerns should be reported to KJ the local County Councillor who will then decide if the Tîm Tacluso should be called out.

**2. *Eryri National Park Authority:***

Request for three officers to attend the Council to discuss several items e.g., Cronfa Gymunedol Eryri, well-being in the community and the voluntary plan 'Caru Eryri'. It was agreed to invite them to the meeting in June [ Date: 14.06.23].

**3. *Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team:***

Invitation from the chairman of Ymddiriedolwyr Elusen Tîm Achub Mynydd Llanberis to visit their premises in Nantperis. Whilst they appreciated the invitation, members did not feel that it was relevant to their role as councillors. Naturally, members are aware of the work being carried out by the organisation. A complaint had been received that at least one of their vehicles were seen travelling at high speed along Victoria Terrace. Aware that the team was responding to an emergency, it should be noted that the few seconds gained by speeding would be of little consequence if an accident caused a second emergency.

**4. *Repair Cafe:***

Letter received stating that a Repair Café is to be established where volunteers will be willing to repair equipment. The letter contained a poster and an appeal for volunteers for the café which will be in Llanrug. The aim is to save money and reduce waste. A public meeting will be held in the Neuadd Goffa Llanrug between 10 and 1 on June 17th. Further details available from Lowri Hedd Vaughan. E-mail: [lowri@deg.cymru](mailto:lowri@deg.cymru) or 07850 352 478

**5. *Dyffryn Peris Community Climate Action Plan :***

The plan has just been launched by GwyrddNi volunteers and suggests ways of responding to the climate crisis. Copies are available from Lowri , e-mail above. She also requested to attend the Council to discuss the latest developments that she has been involved with. This will be arranged soon.

## **6. Trafnidiaeth Cymru: (Transport for Wales)**

Letter from a TC officer stating that he was working with CG regarding transportation in Llanberis and how to resolve the current problems. There are some embryonic ideas and he would like to discuss the issue with the Council. KJ, EB and the Clerk had already met the officer and heard some of the ideas, but it was felt that the ideas should be developed further before inviting the officer to a meeting.

## **8 PLANNING:**

**CG:**

**C23/0167/15/DT – Extension to the rear - Padarn View, Llanberis**

No objections

- **Declaration of interest- NJ**

## **9 FOOTPATHS / CEMETERY:**

Following complaints about goats eating the flowers in the Cemetery the Clerk had arranged for fencing in the corner where they were probably getting in. The spring on the gate was repaired and the bench has been cleaned and treated after somebody had painted it. It was suggested that a new sign was needed to remind visitors to put dead flowers in the bin and to close the gate.

## **10 FINANCE:**

### **1) In the Bank on the 28th March, 2023**

**Current Account:** £19,517.70

**Deposit Account:** £66.81

### **2) In the Bank on the 31st March, 2023 (end of financial year)**

**Current Account:** £19,500.96

**Deposit Account:** £66.81

### **3) Payments confirmed:**

**TOTAL ... .. £1,768.20**

### **4) Received between 29/02/2023 and 28/03/2023:**

**TOTAL ... .. £1,695.00**

Proposed and seconded: IO / KJ.

## **11 OTHER REPORTS:**

### **1. Grwp Adfywio:**

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of Grwp Adfywio Llanberis. Items discussed included Transportation, Parc Padarn, Museum, Events, World Heritage Status.

## **12 NEXT MEETING:**

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at 7.00pm in Y Ganolfan.

**Signed as a true record:** Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard      Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 10th May, 2023 **3/3**