

**Minutes of a meeting of Llanrug Community Council held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 at Menter Fachwen, Cwm y Glo ,**

**Current:** Councillors Philip Roberts (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice Chair), Goronwy Hughes, Haf Williams, Meirwen Lloyd, Cemlyn Jones, Clifford Williams, Iola Parry, Alan Pritchard, Hefin Jones.

**Apologies:** Councillors Gwion Llwyd, Martin Jones, Richard Robinson,

**Clerk:** Meirion Jones

**Member of the public:** Gemma Jones

**577. To receive a welcome from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially Gemma Jones

**578. To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received as noted above

**579. Declaration of personal interest.**

These are to be found as appropriate

**580. Confirm minutes of meeting 21 January 2020**

The minutes of 21 January 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

**581. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes.**

No matters arising

**582. To set a date and time for a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.**

It was noted that a meeting of the above had not been held for some time.

**Resolved:**

- a) To hold a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee on 27 February 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Memorial Institute.
- b) Co-opted Councillor Iola Parry to the committee

**583 To receive feedback following a public meeting held on Monday, 3rd of February 2020 at Llanrug Primary School to discuss traffic issues in Llanrug.**

It was reported that the public meeting organized by the Community Council had been successful with a very good attendance turned up at the school.

Gemma Jones had the opportunity to report on her feelings about the meeting as well as customers attending her business.

It was noted that the council was in the process of gathering feedback from everyone from the meeting as well as e-mails received, and it would be beneficial for the council to share this.

It was reported that a response had been received from Gwynedd Council on what they intended to do as follows

- Install 20mph “advisory” signs near the Primary School
- Look at the feasibility of a one-way system through Station Road
- View Parking Prohibition Scheme on Station Road
- Parking Enforcement
- Highway Maintenance issues and tree felling
- Work in conjunction with the police to understand the speeding situation.

Gwynedd Council will report back to the community council on the above update

**Resolved:**

- a) Receive the information.
- b) Prepare a summary of comments received for next meeting.
- c) Share the information with the public
- d) Emphasize the role of the community council in this and that it acts as a facilitator
- e) That there is a need to continue to put pressure on Gwynedd Council and ensure that the issue is not swept under the carpet as has happened in the past

**584 To receive a report from Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones on activities during the month at Gwynedd Council**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. However, he had forwarded the following report.

Apologies I cannot be at this month's meeting.

**Welsh Government Budget**

Welsh Government budget announced. Gwynedd Council will receive a 4.6% increase in grant this year. This meant that the council would not have to make as many savings as it expected. However, due to the increased demand on departments, especially Care in the fields of Children and Adults, and also inflation

on pay and other commitments, the tax will have to be raised. The cabinet is expected to recommend an increase of around 4%. It is worth noting that this will be amongst the smallest in North Wales.

### **Cwm y Glo School Building**

I must report that the letters to the Committee had not gone out last month as I had been blinded and reported to you. I'm still trying to get to the bottom of what went wrong. If there is an update before the Committee I will let the Clerk know.

### **Multi-purpose route from Pontrug to Llanrug**

A second meeting of the Seiont Path Group has now been held. Some of the organizers had had a meeting with the county council and had been told that the route is likely to be down the route from Llanrug to Pontrug, then on to Caernarfon. There is no plan already, officers are now waiting to see when they will be able to apply for a grant.

### **Storm Ciara**

I am pleased to report that the water from the Red River will not flood over the "embankment" having recently been raised. There is still a problem though, the water seems to be flowing back down a pipe with a "one way valve". This meant that the rear gardens of a number of properties had been flooded, but had not reached the houses this time. I have asked the council to look again at the valve to make sure it is working properly. The two pipes running below the Dolafon estate were full to the top, yet not flooded this time.

**Resolved:** Received and thanked for the report

### **585. To receive a report from Councillor Charles Jones on activities during the month at Gwynedd Council**

It was reported that Councillor Charles Jones did not have a report and that his health was not very good at present.

**Resolved:** Send word to him on behalf of the community council to wish him a speedy recovery

### **586. To receive a report from the Cemetery Committee**

Councillor Hefin Jones (Chair of the Cemetery Committee) reported that the committee had met and: -

- a) Cemetery Rules

It was noted that the cemetery rules had been updated and that the new rules were much more relevant to current circumstances and to the council's aspirations;

b) Form for right of burial and right to place a memorial

It was reported that forms for the right of burial had been prepared and also a form to allow a memorial to be erected. It was added that this was necessary so that the council had control over who placed memorials in the cemetery and helped to ensure that they were set to a current standard.

c) Fees from 1 April 2020

The new burial fees for 2020/2021 were adopted with effect from 1st April 2020. As follows:

**Open a new grave**

to one who has lived in the community for five years before the date of death £ 300

for one who has not lived in the community for five years before the date of death £ 600

**The re-opening of a grave**

to one who has lived in the community for five years before the date of death £250

for one who has not lived in the community for five years before the date of death £ 500

**Burial of Dust**

to one who has lived in the community for five years before the date of death £200

for one who has not lived in the community for five years before the date of death £ 400

**Re-open dust plot**

to one who has lived in the community for five years before the date of death £ 150

for one who has not lived in the community for five years before the date of death £ 300

Research fee (everyone)

£ 50

- d) It was reported that work had begun to erect the headstones which had been placed to rest following a health and safety inspection
- e) It was asked what the program was for repairing the wall on the way to the cemetery and also what was the latest for the Churchyard.
- f) It was explained that inquiries had been made for the dedication of land in the cemetery
- g) It was asked if it would be possible to cut grass before Palm Sunday (weather permitting)

**Resolved:** To receive and thank you for the report and the above were adopted. In terms of (e), the Clerk to send an e-mail for a date when works to the wall will be carried out and also on the Churchyard

**587. For an update on the situation of a youth club**

It was reported that a meeting had been held between the Chairman, Councilor Goronwy Hughes, the Clerk and an officer from Gwynedd Council to discuss the staffing issues of the club.

**588. To receive an update on the council newsletter**

A copy of the newsletter was distributed to members for information. It was noted that minor changes were required and these would be made by Wednesday and then to the print room.

**Resolved:** Receive the information

**589. Planning Applications**

- a) **Application Number:** C19 / 0975/23 / LL

**Application Type:** Full Application

**Intention:** Use of land for the siting of a mobile catering unit for the sale of hot food (A3 use)

**Applicant:** Miss Emma Parry (Emma's Little Kitchen)

**Location:** 1, Tai Arfon, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2AZ

**Ward:** Llanrug

**Community:** Llanrug

**Resolved:** No objection, provided the application complies with any conditions imposed by Gwynedd Council's Highways Department.

b) **Application Number:** C20 / 0097/23 / LL

**Application Type:** Full Application

**Intention:** Erection of two storey dwelling and access (amended plan to the application approved under C13 / 0763/23 / LL)

**Agent:** Dawn Minshall (Custom Design Projects)

**Applicant:** Craig Ledwards

**Location:** Plot 2, Former Hafod Garage Site, Llanrug,, Caernarfon, LL55 4AN

**Ward:** Llanrug

**Community:** Llanrug

Councillors Philip Roberts and Goronwy Hughes declared an interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion

**Resolved:** No Objection

590. **Grant Application - Caernarfon Swimming Club**

An application for a financial contribution was received from Caernarfon Swimming Club for 3 of its members who were attending a swimming camp in Lanzarote.

**Resolved:** This application was discussed at length and as it did not fit within the Council's current policy it was not possible to contribute.

591. **To consider any comments on a Parking Places Order**

**Resolved:** No objection

592. **To receive an update on the problem of 'liquid' in plastic bottles around the area**

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Gwynedd Council regarding the problem of bottled liquor on the Llanrug and Cwm y Glo lines. This does not appear to be a problem confined to this area. Gwynedd Council's Environment department is looking into this as is the street enforcement department

The person responsible is probably suffering from bulimia nervosa and will throw the bottles on the floor in the areas where he is going to run

The advice at present is for anyone who comes across these bottles to report them to Gwynedd Council immediately.

Any bottles can be reported via the clerk.

**Resolved:** To receive the report

**593. To receive an update on the grass cutting tender, playgrounds, cemetery and public footpaths**

It was reported that the tenders had been completed and all had been notified. The previous procedure continues ~

Playgrounds and Skate Park - Mr Patrick McGuinness

The Cemetery - Mr Wyn Lewis

Public Footpaths - Mr Huw Owen

**Resolved:** Receive the information

**594. Council banking arrangements - update on opening a second account and to authorize the Finance Committee to look into changing the council's bankers**

The clerk reported that the council had learned last September that an additional bank account had been opened for money to be distributed as a result of the council's discretionary grant scheme. A letter of complaint had gone to HSBC and although the bank acknowledged their fault and awarded the council £ 100 compensation, the letter did not mention how or when the account would be open. Another letter was sent to the bank to complain and yet it was acknowledged by the bank that they were at fault and gave the council another £ 100. The caller said he now needed a new application to open an account because it wasn't in the same name as the original one.

Due to the lack of response from HSBC and the difficulty of opening the account, the council is being asked to authorize the finance committee to look into moving the council's banking arrangements from HSBC.

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee to look into the possibility of moving a bank together with the council's banking arrangements taking into account their convenience etc.

The meeting ended at 21:10

Signed:

Chair:

Date: 17 March 2020