

**Minutes of a meeting of Llanrug Community Council held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 17 December 2019 at Menter Fachwen, Cwm y Glo.**

**Present:** Councillors Phil Roberts (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice Chair), Goronwy Hughes, Cemlyn Jones, Alan Pritchard, Martin Jones, Beca Brown, Gwion Llwyd.

**Apologies:** Councillors Hefin Jones, Richard Robinson, Iola Parry, Meirwen Lloyd, Haf Williams, Clifford Williams

**Also Present:** Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones (Member for Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council)

**Clerk:** Meirion Jones

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

All were welcomed to the meeting and the Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

**536. To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received as noted above

**537. Declaration of personal interest.**

These are to be recorded as appropriate

**538. Confirmation of meeting minutes 19 November 2019**

The minutes were duly confirmed and signed by the Chairman

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

It was noted that some of the issues were on the agenda for tonight's meeting for discussion

**540. To consider a request for Llanrug Community Council to buy into Gwynedd Council's service to cut grass in front of estates in Llanrug.**

It was noted that a report had already been circulated to members regarding the possibility of the community council purchasing into Gwynedd Council's grass cutting service for grass cutting in front of estates in Llanrug. This arises because the council received a number of complaints about condition before the estate entry. It was further reported that our contractor had been cutting some freelance areas.

The council has received a quote from Gwynedd Council for carrying out the work.

It was asked if it would be possible to add the Dolafon estate to the list.

**Resolved:**

- a) Llanrug community council would buy into Gwynedd Council's grass cutting service for 7 cuts a year (cutting and collection service)
- b) Add the Dolafon Estate to the estate list to cut;
- c) The Clerk to inform Gwynedd Council of the decision

- 541 To consider a complaint received regarding the concrete pillars cut down in the car park. These cause problems for those with walking problems and the council is asked to consider levelling them.**

It was reported that a complaint had been received regarding the condition of spaces in the car park where concrete nails are uncomfortable and making it difficult and dangerous for people with walking problems. They could trip.

**Resolved:** Acknowledge that this could cause problems and ask our contractor if it could ease them

- 542. To receive a report from Councillor Cemlyn Jones on the meeting of the governors of Llanrug Primary School**

No report - no meeting

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

**Draft Budget  
Welsh Government**

Draft budget published by Welsh Government. At present it is not safe how much will be allocated to Local Government. But they seem to be giving Health Authorities even more. £ 150million to the Department for Transport to promote carbonation, which is a new addition.

**Savings**

The council expects a gap of between £ 2million and £ 7million following the final settlement and has decided to budget for a £ 2million gap. This meant 0.78% off each Department's budget. The Departments have made their plans to respond to this. If the gap exceeds £ 2million, then balances and / or Council tax increases will have to be applied.

**Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill 2019**

The cabinet have been considering their response to the consultation on the above today, with little time to respond until 3 January.

The Bill will:

- enables 16- and 17-year olds and foreign nationals living in Wales to vote in council elections
- ensures that councils encourage local people to participate in local government
- ensures that councils are open and transparent
- ensures that councils have the tools and powers to enable them to work well together and with other councils

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

The County Council is still awaiting confirmation that the Community Council is willing to give up the lease.

### **Refuse Collection**

There has been some trouble with moving to the new rota. Missed black bag collections on back road past Bryn Terrace houses. They have arranged to collect them tomorrow, and the next collection will be on December 28, because Christmas is on a Wednesday.

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

This will be part of a larger scheme, a route from Llanberis to Caernarfon, I have met with a council officer in the hope of finding a solution to the whole route. But making the route from Llanrug to Pontrug may happen ahead of the section from Pontrug to Caernarfon. The route will go down the main road from Llanrug to Pontrug.

### **Cwm y Glo Parking**

After a discussion with Councilor Cemlyn Jones, he had a meeting with Council officers to reduce the yellow lines near the playing field to enable more cars to park at that end of the village.

**544. To receive a report from Councilor Charles Jones on activities during the month at Gwynedd Council**

No report available

**545. To comment on the closure of a telephone kiosk adjacent to the 'Spa' shop in Llanrug**

It was reported that BT had been in contact and in the consultation process,

it was planned to close the telephone kiosk near the Spar. Figures received showed the number of calls made was 14 calls from the kiosk during the past 12 months

**Resolved:** The council's decision was not to oppose the closure of the kiosk as statistics were received on the number of calls (14) made from the kiosk over the last 12 months, and the fact that almost everyone today has a mobile phone, the Spar store beside open until 9:00 at night and there were nearby houses, it made it very difficult to defend keeping the kiosk open.

**546. For an update about the youth club**

Councillor Goronwy Hughes reported that there are numbers that are attending the youth club lasts around 30 - 40 and many of the youth enjoy using the snooker room. The Clerk reported that he was at the process of trying to arrange a meeting with officers of the Youth Service on several issues and that this will be arranged in the new year.

**Resolved:** To receive the report

**547. To receive a report of a meeting of the cemetery committee held 4 December 2019**

The Chairman reported that some members of the Cemetery Committee had met in the cemetery for the purpose of carrying out a risk assessment.

The following have been identified as requiring attention.

- a) Signs in Car Park need to be put up.
- b) It was noted that the paths were smooth and clear of any hazards.
- c) It was noted that there was a gap in the fence, and it would be possible for lambs to pass through it into the cemetery.
- d) Some fence poles were identified as loose.
- e) It was recognized that the wall from Churchyard to council cemetery was overgrown and needed cutting.
- f) It was decided not to provide grit because of practical problems with the disposal.

**Resolved:** Receive the report and ask our contractor to carry out the necessary work identified on the risk assessment.

**548. To discuss playground issues**

Councillor Cemlyn Jones reported that a meeting had been held with a representative of GL Jones to progress a request for equipment at Allt Goch playing field, Cwm y Glo. It was noted that the representative wished to send examples.

**Resolved:** To receive and thank you for the report and to set up a meeting with Rhian George of Gwynedd Council.

**549. To receive an update on the tender position for a grass cutting agreement.**

The Clerk reported that the tender had gone out. It was on the council's website, Snowdon Eco, and Caernarfon & Denbigh.

**Resolved:** Receive the information

**550. To receive comments on the council newsletter - to set a timetable**

It was noted that the council had already decided to produce a newsletter for distribution to houses within the council area to inform all the work the community council was doing. Producing a newsletter is one of the steps for the council to gain status with the power of competence. To this end, it would be necessary to have a program on key dates.

**Resolved:**

- a) Any alterations or additions should be sent to the clerk by 4th January 2020;
- b) It is hoped that the newsletter will be shared by Royal Mail around the 2nd of March 2020

**551. Planning Applications**

None

**552. To consider and determine action to be taken in respect of traffic conditions on Station Road, Llanrug, Minffordd Road, Llanrug and any other road causing concern.**

It was noted that a number of complaints had been received regarding the traffic situation on Station Road, Llanrug with cars driving, parking problems which made it difficult for buses to pass.

**Resolved:**

- a) The council recognizes that there are problems on Station Road, along with Minffordd Road and elsewhere.
- b) Organize a public meeting seeking the presence of officers from Gwynedd Council, Police at the meeting

**553. To consider an application and decide on the way forward to deal with the Eisteddfod bid regarding the Llanrug area target for the 2021 Eisteddfod.**

It was reported that a notice had been received from the 2021 Eisteddfod Committee setting a target for the Llanrug area to raise money of £ 5,000.

**Resolved:** For council members to try to contact members of the public who would be interested in setting up a committee and report back to the next meeting.

**554. Councillors email addresses - update**

It was reported that Councillor Cemlyn Jones together with the Clerk had attended a training session for establishing e-mail addresses for members. It was noted that it is essential for members who have an email address to be able to use it as this email address will go out on the newsletter.

**Resolved:** Councillor Cemlyn Jones is happy to hold a session on the 9th of January 2020 to set up the email on devices at 7:00 pm

**555. Proposed Parking Restrictions - Cwm y Glo**

**Resolved:** Receive the information

**There is no issue on the agenda relating to the council's operational matters**

A request has already been made for members to join the Finance Committee. Three names have come forward and it has been agreed to elect all three as members of the Finance Committee.

Councillor Martin Jones  
Councillor Alan Pritchard  
Councillor Gwion Llwyd

The meeting ended at 20:45

Signed:

Chair:

Date: