

Minutes of Llanrug Community Council meeting held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 21 July 2020 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors Phil Roberts (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice Chair), Goronwy Hughes, Cemlyn Jones, Hefin Jones, Meirwen Lloyd, Iola Parry, Haf Williams, Gwion Llwyd, Richard Robinson

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Clifford Williams, Alan Pritchard, Beca Brown

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

Clerk: Meirion Jones

625. To receive a welcome from the Chair

A warm welcome was extended to all and the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance

626. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received as noted above

627. Declaration of personal interest.

The following declarations of personal interest were made, and members did not take part in any discussion or decision.

Item 639 (b) Councillor Meirwen Lloyd

Item 639 (e) Councillors Phil Roberts, Goronwy Hughes and Cemlyn Jones

628. Confirm minutes of meeting 30 June 2020

The minutes were confirmed as correct

629. To receive any comments arising from the minutes.

Cllr Cemlyn Jones reported that the council's Twitter account had now been closed and he was thanked for his work

630. To consider and approve the purchase of tablets for all members due to the implications for members of not being able to participate in a meeting due to lack of equipment and to ensure the security of data owned by the council. (Report on this circulated to members)

Resolved: To proceed with the purchase of tablets for members that would only be used for council work. It was noted that when a member ceases to be a member of the council, the device will then be transferred to a new member.

All members will need to sign that they comply with the council's policy on the use of information technology - this will be arranged by the clerk.

It was noted that Councillor Cemlyn Jones would arrange to set them up for each member and download the appropriate 'apps'

631. To receive a report from the Chair of the Leisure Committee.

Councillor Cemlyn Jones (Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee) reported that the committee had met on the site of a skate park, Cwm y Glo. The issues discussed included: -

- a) Arrangements for reopening the skate park - it was noted that signs had been put up in the park warning users of the rules of keeping social distance, the importance of hand washing and the fact that the equipment is not sterilized.
- b) It was noted that the fence needed to be replaced and arrangements had been made with our contractor to carry out the work.
- c) It was noted that some of the trees in the skate park were growing over the park and across the pavement. It was noted that the work of pruning these trees had been done.
- d) It was reported that several trees between the skate park and the play closures had not been inspected for their safety. This also applies to the trees opposite the skate park. If one of them fell, then it could cause significant damage to property or endanger life;
- e) It was further reported that a risk assessment had been carried out on the closure of Allt Goch play, Cwm y Glo for a second re-opening following Minute-19 and that preparatory work was in hand for creating posters, and closing off some equipment.
- f) Christmas Arrangements 2020. Among the issues discussed was a competition for local decorating businesses and houses and all members are asked to inquire before the August meeting about their ideas and see what the community likes.

Resolved:

- a) The report was accepted, and Councillor Cemlyn Jones was thanked for it
- b) The clerk to contact a tree specialist to carry out a risk assessment and where it is known that the trees are not safe, then to demolish them

632. To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee

Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the Finance Committee reported that they had met and items discussed included: -

- a) Report on the purchase of tablets to members and it was agreed that a budget was available to purchase a tablet. It was noted that keeping

personal and sensitive information on personal devices puts an individual at risk and also the advice

- b) The report of the internal auditor was discussed, and the chair thanked the clerk for his work. One issue highlighted to the council was the lack of a working agreement between the council and the clerk. It was noted in the report that this was in progress. It was reported that because of Minute-19 the clerk's working hours had increased significantly, and Cllr Meirwen Lloyd proposed that recognition be made of this. It was further noted that the clerk's salary needed to be looked at as a whole,
- c) The budget was reviewed but it was felt that no adjustments were to be made as since the start of the financial year there had been little (just the usual) expenditure and the committee would meet again in 3 months' time.
- d) It was discussed that the council now has documents going back many years and is currently kept in the clerk's attic. It was noted that when the rules relax, they will have to go through them and see what needs to be kept and what can be thrown away.

Resolved:

- a) That the finance committee approves the purchase of tablets if the council chooses.
- b) That the clerk's pay issues are resolved by September or October at the latest and that remuneration for the additional work be agreed
- c) Revisit the budget of the next finance committee meeting.
- d) When circumstances allow to go through the documents at the Memorial Institute.

The report was received and thanked

633. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee

Councillor Hefin Jones, Chair of the Cemetery Committee reported that the committee had met twice. Among the topics discussed were.

- a) Have carried out a risk assessment on the cemetery, by following the usual routine of walking around and identifying any defects or concerns.
- b) It was noted that several headstones had been lying for some time and that something needed to be tidied up - these had been down since some lunchtime carrying out the work identified last year.
- c) It was noted that an additional water tank was needed as the current one was running out in dry weather and may reduce the plastic bottles left in the cemetery.
- d) It was reported that arrangements had been made to dedicate land at the cemetery at 6:00 on Thursday 23 July 2020 through Reverend Marcus Robinson
- e) Concern was expressed about the condition of the road towards the cemetery.

Resolved:

- a) Seek opinion and price from a company to carry out the work on the headstones
- b) Inform our contractor to carry out the work
- c) Contact Gwynedd Council about the condition of the road
- d) If possible, for those who can come to the cemetery by 5:45 pm on Thursday for the consecration

The report was thanked and accepted

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

Council Administration

For your information approximately 1500 staff work from home, 1600 work in the field and only 125 work in the offices.

The Environment Department is leading on the Testing, Tracking and Safeguarding (POD) regime the Welsh government has earmarked £ 11m for the region to employ individuals to work in the field, rather than relying on moving staff from other Council departments .

Overall of the 92 services that directly affect residents, around 45% effectively provide the usual service; with a further 20% providing most of the usual service but missing some important elements. About 35% of the services are then in the category where they do not provide anything close to the usual service.

The council's committees are starting back virtual with the Planning Committee now having 2 meetings. Licensing Committee also met, Audit and Governance Committee meeting next week, and joint Planning Policy Committee with Anglesey meeting next week. The Scrutiny Committees will not meet until the Autumn and the Full Council

The opening of the schools has been successful, and it is hoped to open full time in September.

Births need to be registered face-to-face with a parent, this has not been possible over the lock-up period, which means a backlog of over 500 births needs to be registered.

Economy

Economic Development - Discussions with Gwynedd businesses are ongoing, and many employers' situation is very fragile. A high percentage of Gwynedd's workforce is on the move, 13,300, which is 28.6% of the workforce and therefore there is concern about the future of these jobs if the program ends before the

restrictions on business are lifted. There is also concern that micro businesses will not be able to benefit from Economic Resilience Fund support when it reopens.

Hedge cutting

Complaints about the need to cut back trees near the bus stop across the road to Dolafon, as they are difficult to see when looking up to Llanrug when crossing. As I understand it the owner of the field is responsible for this, and council officials have asked them to cut it.

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

No report available.

636. To consider a request for a financial contribution from Marie Curie

Resolved: Donate £ 250 for the charity

637. To decide whether to make arrangements to open the skate park and to consider what action to take when opening the play equipment when circumstances permit.

It was reported that the skate park was open and that signs had already been put up warning users that the equipment had not been sterilized and the importance of maintaining social distance.

Resolved: To receive the report and put up signs on the playing fields.

638. To consider a request from Llandwrog Community Council for grass cutting (copy with agenda)

It was reported that the council had bought into Gwynedd Council's grass cutting service for the front of the estates. At present there was no room to comment on the email as no complaints had been received to date. It was reported that the fee when asking Gwynedd Council to carry out the work was cheaper than the price received from a private contractor.

Resolved: To receive the report and unable to comment on the matter at present

639. Planning Applications - for more details on these applications, follow the link here where the application can be searched by quoting 'Application number'.

<https://amg.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/planning/index.html?fa=search>

- a) **Application Number:** C20 / 0492/23 / DT
Application Type: Householder Application

Intention: Conversion of existing garage into sub-scale annexe to house known as Tyddyn Garreg.

Applicant: Mr C Griffiths

Address: Tyddyn Garreg Station Road, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4BD

Ward: Llanrug

Community: Llanrug

Resolved: To support the application subject to conditions being adhered to.

b) Application Number: C20 / 0493/23 / DT

Application Type: Householder Application

Intention: Householder application for erection of single storey extension and front porch

Applicant: Miss Sonia Lyn Hughes

Address: 2 Bryn Moelyn, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4PH

Ward: Llanrug

Community: Llanrug

Resolved: To support the application

c) Application Number: C20 / 0467/23 / UK

Application Type: Consent for details withheld by condition

Intention: To discharge condition no. 3 (natural slate) and 4 (external materials) from planning permission C20 / 0180/23 / LL /.

Applicant: Mr Owain Williams

Address: Bryn Gwyn Mawr, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4RG

Ward: Cwm y Glo

Community: Llanrug

Resolved: Object to the application and ensure that the original conditions are maintained.

d) Application Number: C20 / 0445/23 / AC

Application Type: Cancellation / Variation of Condition (s)

Intention: Amend condition 2 of planning permission C18 / 0990/23 / LL to allow an amended plan for alterations and extensions to the existing house

Applicant: Mr Aled Roberts

Address: Crigyll, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4AE

Ward: Llanrug

Community: Llanrug

Resolved: Support the application

e) Application Number: C20 / 0426/23 / DT

Application Type: Householder Application

Intention: Application for demolition of existing greenhouse and erection of single storey rear extension

Applicant: Mr Iddon Williams

Address: Near Y Nant, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4SE

Ward: Llanrug

Community: Llanrug

Resolved: Support the application

640. To view the North Wales Police review of changes to Road Legislation - a survey can be completed by following this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Healthwayways>

It was reported that a survey was being undertaken by the North Wales Police Authority and everyone was encouraged to complete the survey.

641. To receive information on a special meeting held on 13 July (response to Gwynedd Council attached)

It was reported that a response had been received from Gwynedd Council which had already been circulated to members.

The meeting ended at 20:50

Signed

Chair:

Date: