

Minutes of a meeting of Llanrug Community Council held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 30 June 2020 via Zoom.

Current: Councillors Phil Roberts, (Chairman), Avril Jones (Vice Chairman), Cemlyn Jones, Hefin Williams, Goronwy Hughes, Haf Williams, Meirwen Lloyd, Richard Robinson, Gwion Llwyd, Iola Parry, Hefin Jones, Beca Brown.

Apologies: Councillors Alan Pritchard, Clifford Williams

Also present: Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones (Cwm y Glo member on Gwynedd Council)

Member of the public: Mr Dafydd Whiteside Thomas

610. To receive a welcome from the Chair

All were welcomed to the meeting. The first council meeting held through Zoom

611. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received as noted above

612. Declaration of personal interest.

These are to be recorded as appropriate

613. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 17 March 2020

The minutes were duly confirmed and signed by the Chairman

614. To receive any comments arising from the minutes.

It was noted that some issues from the meeting minutes of 17 June 2020 were on the agenda for tonight's meeting

615. To confirm the minutes of the annual meeting held on 21 May 2019

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman

616. To approve the extension of the resolution of the annual council meeting on 21 May 2019 for 2020/2021 following this period of crisis.

Resolved: Continue with the same arrangements for 2020/2021 as in 2019 / 2020. Chair, Vice Chair and committee members remain unchanged.

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

Following the lockdown decision, all Council meetings were adjourned. The Cabinet now meets on a regular but virtual basis.

The Planning Committee will resume this Thursday with the first virtual meeting, with at least one other meeting in July.

The Audit and Governance Committee will also resume at the end of July. In the hope that the Pay and Licensing Appeal Committees will also resume. Full Council will not meet until at least October.

As you know the Education department has been working with the schools so that children can return to school just before the Summer holidays. Education minister Kirsty Williams had hoped that the schools would add an extra week at the end of the summer term and have two weeks off in the Autumn. But it has not been possible to reach agreement with the Unions. Gwynedd County Council decided not to open for the fourth week, although some councils decided to do so.

Post 16 education

The council wants to continue to consult on post 16 education in Arfon. I have been promised that the council will evaluate the new approach to online learning that has been going on, as there may be lessons to learn with how to provide post 16 education, after covid-19

Economy

The council has been busy distributing the £ 10k grants to help local businesses through the crisis.

Healthy Living Company

All centers are closed, some buildings possibly opening to help the Health Service. (eg midwives). Many staff on Furlough. Managing Director attends virtual meetings to see when service can restart, but no guidance yet. Many of the coaching staff do online classes, which have proved very popular. Jamie Baulch joins one and answers questions at the end.

Coronavirus

The council has effectively created a new department to support communities through the pandemic. Many council employees have been diverted to this service,

ie translators, the governance team, they all work from home answering the phone and emails.

If anyone has any queries regarding the support available to residents during this time, an email address here is useful: -

[HelpcovidCaer Caernarfon@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:HelpcovidCaerCaernarfon@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)

They administer the isolation or shielding list, as you may have heard, there are mistakes on the list from the government, if you know someone who you think has a medical condition and they are don't receive a packed lunch, it's worth asking, and if they are not on the list you can add them to a Doctor's letter - I've done two so far.

Area Meeting to discuss the regeneration Framework - ie 'Regeneration' is seen as a deliberate effort to improve areas economically, environmentally or socially.

The Chief Executive is keen to discuss and seek the views of Local Members on this. He will be organizing a series of meetings during July - inviting Council Members from the same area. To discuss ideas for developing a regeneration framework; and more to the short term, our experiences during Covid-19, and those issues that we consider need attention in our local communities. on.

Cwm y Glo School Building

For your information the Hall Committee has now sent a letter to the Council stating that they are happy for Menter Fachwen to take over the building as long as community use is still possible.

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 the owner of the field is responsible for this, and the officials have asked them to cut it.

Also when coming out of Cwm y Glo on the side of the skatepark, difficult to see in the direction of Llanrug due to overgrowth, this is the responsibility of the County Council and broken after the application.

Having had some complaints about litter, it seems to have got worse during the Lockdown period.

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

No report available

619. To receive a report from the clerk (already circulated) together with an update and to approve decisions made to date by the pandemic.

To approve;

- Continue the social website accounts of Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor Llanrug under the same existing arrangements if Councilors Beca Brown and Haf Williams are willing to continue as administrators;
- Approve expenditure for adopting a system to digitize cemetery information;
- To approve the continuation of the youth club in September, or whichever is safe to do in accordance with Welsh Government rules;
- To approve grant applications for a scheme of public protection which is considered vulnerable during this pandemic period and to authorize the clerk to make applications as opportunities arise;
- To receive the report of the internal auditor

Resolved: The clerk received the report on activities and decisions taken during the pandemic period and resolved that: -

- Continue the council's Facebook account;
- Put a notice on the Twitter page advising that the council is going to close because there were only a few who followed the advice on it;
- Continue counting 'Nextdoor Llanrug'
- To approve expenditure for the digitization of the cemetery
- To approve the continuation of the current arrangements for the youth club;
- To authorize the clerk to apply for grants for schemes to protect the vulnerable in our community
- The report of the internal auditor was accepted

620. To approve the council's annual return for 2019/2020 so that it can be sent to the external auditor.

Resolved: The annual return was approved and signed by the Chairman

621. Skate park opened

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 Welsh Government was now relaxing rules for the use of skate parks and that they were now open. This is different from equipment on the playing fields as those remain closed. The clerk reported that it was reasonable for the council to prepare notices to put up in the park reminding users of the rules of social distance keeping, the importance of hand washing and the use of disinfecting fluid.

Resolved: The clerk to arrange for the erection of signs informing the importance of complying with Welsh Government rules on the skate park

622. To create a questionnaire to seek the views of those who have Sunday lunch on the plan

The clerk reported that it is important that we receive feedback from those who receive Sunday lunch about the scheme. Although we are aware of the thanks that have been received both verbally and in writing but most recipients will need sound evidence. Many grant application forms ask for measures of how we will measure the success of the project.

Resolved: Create a questionnaire for distribution to Sunday lunch recipients with a view to leaving it with them one week and collecting it the following week.

Before excluding the public from the meeting for the next item, Mr D Whiteside-Thomas had the opportunity to question or comment on what he had heard during the meeting.

He thanked the clerk, the council and the volunteers who were arranging the distribution of lunch and supplies at this time.

The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1 (2) states that "A body may by resolution exclude the public from a meeting (whether in whole or in part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons specified in the decision arising from the nature of that business or the proceedings; and when such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the decision relates. "

623. It is recommended that Councilors Berwyn Parry Jones and Charles Jones if present remain at the meeting.

Resolved: For Councilor Berwyn Parry Jones to remain at the meeting.

624. The council will be aware of the lunch plan and the feedback it has received from the community.

A large number of lunch recipients have expressed their wish to contribute to the council, the service or any other charity.

At present the council has refused to accept any contribution. However the council should decide what to do in the situation. The choice is

- a) Not receive any financial contribution;
- b) Engage with A&M catering company to ask what it wants;
- c) Any receipts going to A&M;
- d) Council to decide on charity

Resolved: Option a, accept no financial contribution from anyone.

Signed:

Chair:

Date: