

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JUNE 2023, VIA ZOOM AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Councillors Meirwen Lloyd (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice-chair), Phillip Roberts, Gwynedd Williams, Berwyn Parry Jones, Richard Robinson, Ann Lawton, Hefin Jones, Beca Brown.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Pritchard, Rhys Parry

CLERK: Meirion Jones

ALSO PRESENT:

Lowri Gwyn from Lingo (Translation Company)

Kirstie Eckford from North Wales Housing Association

Ian Gillespie from North Wales Housing Association

Mari Tudur from Grŵp Cynefin

1164. A welcome from the Chair

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all those present

1165. Apologies

Apologies received as noted above

1166. Declarations of personal interest

These to be declared as appropriate

1167. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair

1168. Any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023

Item 1152 – Reported by Councillor Hefin Jones that the tree in memory of the late Councillor Charles Jones has taken hold and that the graffiti on the bench has been cleaned

1169. To receive a presentation from North Wales Housing Association and Grŵp Cynefin on the Housing Needs Survey for Llanrug

A presentation was received from Mari Tudur, Rural Homes Facilitator on the work that is underway in Llanrug to identify the housing needs of local people.

This will be done by

Sending a letter to each household within the area of the Community Council inviting them to complete an on-line survey – copy of the link below.
<<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wtYyWtrez0uAA1TMIzV4fKUBvLMGYJxDkuH5TPNVdN1UMjRYMURQNFdVVEowWFZVT0tYWUUyNIBZVyQIQCN0PWcu>>

An Open Day has been arranged.

After all the information has been received the information will be combined with the factual information on Gwynedd Council and Tai Teg's Housing Options Register; the information will be included in the Housing Needs Report.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the presentation and information

1170. To receive a report from the Chair of the Cemetery Committee

Reported by Councillor Phillip Roberts, Chair of the Committee that the committee had met on 12 June 2023.

Councillor Phillip Roberts was elected Chair of the Committee for 2023/2024 and Councillor Ann Lawton as Vice-chair. The priorities for 2022 / 2023 were identified and that the committee were able to achieve these. The committee's priorities for 2023 / 2024 were identified as follows.

- Ensure that our application is in for the Cemetery of the Year competition before the end of July.
- Continue with risk assessments.
- Adopt a memorial policy
- Signs on the gate to remind visitors to close the gates
- Plaques to be placed to identify sections of the cemetery

Other matters discussed.

Meet with the contractor that will be cutting the grass in the cemetery in accordance with the conditions of the tender.

Research into the possibility of obtaining a grant by the National Grid

Publish the rules regarding Christmas wreaths and other dates such as Mother's Day, Father's Day etc

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the information

1171. To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the committee that the committee had met and that the following matters were discussed.

- Councillor Avril Jones was elected Chair of the committee for 2023-2024
- Councillor Phillip Roberts was elected Vice-chair for 2023-2024
- The budget was revised but it was resolved not to make any amendments at present as this is only the second month of the current financial year.
- Noted that a budget is already in place for laptops
- The expenditure on the cemetery and playing fields for 2023-2024 was estimated, and it was noted that monies have already been earmarked in the budget for 2023-2024
- Chair and Vice-chair of the committee, to go through the Finance and Governance Toolkit with the clerk to identify which policies are in place, and which policies which are not required.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1172. To receive a report from the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, that the committee had met and that the following matters were discussed

- Councillor Avril Jones was elected Chair of the Committee for 2023-2024
- Councillor Gwynedd Williams was elected Vice-chair of the committee for 2023-2024
- Contact Gwynedd Council to remind them to install a dog poop bin at Y Bwlch, Cwm y Glo
- That we are waiting for a risk assessment of the playing fields to be undertaken and after receiving this assessment, a meeting will be arranged on the playing fields
- Reported that there has been a case of graffiti on a bench at Pwll Moelyn field and that our contractors have cleaned the graffiti
- Contact Gwynedd Council to arrange a meeting regarding traffic issues by Pwll Moelyn playing field
- Buy more Daffodils for the area
- Continue with the arrangements for litter collection
- Arrange a meeting with the Primary School to establish arrangements for the 2023 Christmas Tree
- Arrange defib training
- Walking our public footpaths
- Prepare rules for the playing / skating fields / outside gym

- Look into the possibility of creating digital maps
- Remove the two bins in the skating park and provide a multi-purpose bin and ask Gwynedd Council to empty it.
- To receive an update on the Japanese Knotweed situation

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1173. To receive a report from the Chair of the Food and Well-being Committee

Reported by Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones that there has been some change to those receiving food. Some have pulled out of the scheme stating that they are very grateful for the assistance that the scheme has provided.

We will meet with Gwynedd Council to make a grant application

Continue to buy Eggs and Bread as monies have been earmarked from the current grant.

Meeting to be arranged with Fareshare Merseyside managers to discuss the dispute

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1174. To receive a joint report from Councillor Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, the members for Cwm y Glo and Llanrug on Gwynedd Council

Cabinet Meeting: 13 June

Report by the Planning Department introducing Article 4 instruction which will introduce 3 types of houses, the main home, second home and holiday accommodation. This will mean that planning permission will be required to change a residential house to a second home or holiday lets. The intention is to ensure that no more second home and holiday lets will be permitted in areas where there are already too many. This will come into force in a year's time following consultation.

Report by the Education Department on Gwynedd's response to Welsh Government consultation on a Welsh Language Education Bill. The response has been supportive regarding what Welsh Government are trying to achieve. These are the two main points.

- clear and firm focus on the language outcomes for pupils and this should be the main principle of the proposals for the Bill.
- By 2050 every pupil who leave statutory education can speak Welsh confidently.

Report by the Housing Department which provided an update on the Housing Action Plan – this was created when the council tax was raised 50% in the first

instance, and then raised to 100%. This has given the opportunity to create some more schemes, but not as much as there would have been, because the cost of products has increased so much, which means that the costs of some pipeline schemes has increased substantially. Of course, the premium has gone up 150% by now, but the last increase has gone towards additional costs of homelessness. A very difficult situation with costs increasing to approximately £3 million a year. A sad statistic is that someone declares themselves homeless every hour and a half in Gwynedd.

General

Problems have been in the area with waste and recycling collections often being missed. I have met with officers and the main issue is sickness in the workforce and some machines breaking down, adding to the issues. They have plans in place and hopefully these problems will be resolved in the next month or two.

I have attended, and spoken, to Gwynedd licensing sub-committee regarding Bryn Teg Holiday Park to extend their licence. Has turned out better than I expected. They have revoked their application for wrestling and boxing, and they have offered to revoke outside entertainment from the licence. They have also agreed to tighter conditions. This is an improved licence from the resident's perspective compared to the previous licence.

Beca, I and all other members of the cabinet have attended Carbon Literacy Training, as part of the council's decision to become net zero by 2030.

Beca has been on a visit to Tyddyn Teg and Ysgol Brynrefail with Hywel Williams. The school has had a grant to develop the connection for the crew at Tyddyn Teg attends the school to educate pupils on how to grow produce etc. There is a path from Tyddyn Teg to the school; however, work is required to clear the path. Beca will be working with Sasha, the councillor for Bethel to try and clear the path, so that pupils can walk between the two, rather than using the minibus which is the current mode of transport.

Beca has been volunteering at the trwsio café at the Institute on a Saturday, the café has been a huge success with several attending to repair various equipment. There were stalls for repairing bikes, electrical goods, and mending clothes.

Dyfi Biosphere Partnership

I attended my first meeting of the Dyfi Biosphere Partnership. Dyfi Biosphere was established in 2009 as part of UNESCO biospheres family, the only one in Wales. The idea is to build a regenerative decarbonised economy.

The problem is that there is no financial assistance with the project. There are several small projects within the area. A meeting has been held with Julie James, to try and ensure some form of financial commitment to support

larger projects. All those present felt that they had a fair hearing. We will see what will come.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1175. Planning Applications – for more details of the applications, follow the link below to search for the application using ‘Reference Number’
<https://amg.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/planning/index.html?fa=search>

a) **Reference Number:** C23/0370/23/RA
Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition(s)
Proposal: Amend condition 2 of Planning permission C21/0270/239/DT to reduce the size of the one storey extension in accordance with the revised plans.
Applicant: Lyndsey and Gavin Thomas a Parry
Agent: Maredudd ab Iestyn (Maredudd ab Iestyn RIBA)
Address: 1, Tai Hermon, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4PE
Grid Reference: 252990.78, 363384.93
Ward: Llanrug
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: To support the application

b) **Reference Number:** C23/0136/23/TC
Application Type: Lawful Development Certificate
Proposal: Continuing use of land without complying with Conditions 3 and Condition 4 of planning permission reference 3/23/174C. Condition 3 to the 1981 permission states that ‘No more than 20 touring caravans shall be sited on the area edged red on the submitted plan dated 31st March 1981’. Condition 4 states that ‘The site hereby approved shall only be used for accommodating caravans from 1st March to 31st October in any year’. These conditions have been routinely breached since 1981 with a maximum of 25 caravans sited on the land at all times of the year.
Applicant: Mr Anthony Vaughan Jones
Agent: Mr Gareth Rennie (Hafod Planning Consultants)
Address: Twll Y Clawdd Caravan Park, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2AZ
Grid Reference: 253145.79, 363586.6
Ward: Llanrug
Parish / Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No comment

c) **Reference Number:** C23/0423/23/LL
Application Type: Full Planning
Proposal: Construction of a 2-storey gable extension and porch. Internal renovation of existing house. Demolish existing porch and lean-to store. Construction of a Garden Office.

Applicant: Tim & Paula Leather & Williams
Agent: Mr Jonathan Huthwaite (Evergreen Architects)
Address: Erw Fair, Cwm Y Glo, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4DU
Grid Reference: 254704.43, 362607.84
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: To support the application but ensure that the use continues as a Garden Office and not turned into an annex for holiday let

- d) **Reference Number:** C23/0394/23/RA
Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition(s)
Proposal: Discharge condition (external appearance) on consent ref C21/1132/DT.
Applicant: Mr Thomas Williams
Address: Pen Y Graig Lôn Ceunant, Ceunant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4SA
Grid Reference: 253086.73, 361239.85
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objection

- e) **Reference Number:** C23/0359/23/AC
Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition(s)
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (plans) and condition 5 (bat roosting building) on planning permission C22/1140/23/DT in order to change the design of the bat roosting building.
Applicant: Mr Mads Huuse
Agent: Mr Geraint Efans (Geraint Efans Pensaer)
Address: Awel Y Mynydd, Ceunant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4RY
Grid Reference: 253371.78, 361284.45
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No comment

The meeting closed at 21:05

Signed

Chair:

Date: 18 July 2023