

Minutes of the meeting of Llanrug Community Council held on Tuesday, 17 October 2023 at 19:00 via Zoom.

PRESENT: Councillors Meirwen Lloyd (Chair), Philip Roberts, Gwynedd Williams, Hefin Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Ann Lawton, Beca Brown, Rhys Parry

APOLOGIES: Councillors Avril Jones, Alan Pritchard, Richard Robinson

CLERK: Meirion Jones

Translator: Lowri Gwyn from Lingo (translator)

Members of the Public: Ms Gemma Jones (petition organiser on behalf of Ysgol Gynradd Llanrug and Mrs Mared Roberts (on behalf of Ysgol Gynradd Llanrug's Board of Governors). Several members of the public were also present.

1207. A welcome from the Chair

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all those present and she explained the arrangements for members of the public who wished to speak during the meeting.

1208. Apologies

Apologies received as noted above

1209. Declarations of personal interest

These to be declared as appropriate

1210. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023

The minutes were confirmed as correct and were signed by the Chair

1211. Any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023

Reported on the condition of the wall opposite to Ysgol Brynrefail and Councillor Beca Brown stated that she had reported this on several occasions to Cyngor Gwynedd and had sent photographs but no response.

1212. That Llanrug Community Council objects to any alleged intention by Cyngor Gwynedd to sell three quarters of the land located adjacent to Ysgol Gynradd Llanrug to build two houses. (Councillor Rhys Parry)

Resolved: That Llanrug Community Council supports the above and objects any intention to build houses on the site, and that the land is returned to the Education Department for the school to use.

Before coming to this decision, a vote was taken, and the result was as follows

Supporting the proposal 6
Abstain 2

- 1213. That Llanrug Community Council supports any petition in circulation which objects to the selling of a plot of land located adjacent to Ysgol Gynradd Llanrug. (Councillor Rhys Parry).**

Resolved: That Llanrug Community Council supports any petition in circulation which objects to any intention by Cyngor Gwynedd to build houses on the site and that the land is returned to the Education Department for the school to use.

- 1214. To receive a report by the Chair of the Cemetery Committee.**

Councillor Philip Roberts, Chair of the Cemetery Committee reported.

Cemetery of the Year Entry – successful, prize money. Need to arrange a photo session.

Signs for the gates to the cemetery (ordered)

Memorials policy adopted; copy available.

Confirmation that no RAAC is present in the cemetery's shed: thanks to Berwyn P Jones for his assistance.

Next meeting of the sub-committee: 14.11.23 (5.30 p.m. on-line)

Items on the agenda:

A meeting with the grass cutting contractor to discuss a complaint re the grass cutting that took place at the cemetery on 11.9.23.

Write and publish FAQs re grass cutting – to place on the council's website.

Green actions: research into purchasing a brown bin for the cemetery and steps to promote the use of non-plastic, sustainable flowers.

Long term planning: need an estimation of the cost of the work required on the walls and fences of the cemetery.

Risk assessments

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report.

- 1215. To receive a report by the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee**

In the absence of the committee's chair, a report was provided by Councillor Gwynedd Williams (Vice-chair of the committee)

Note that the litter collection dates have been placed on the council's Facebook page.

A meeting of the committee has been arranged for 24th October 2023 at 6:00 at

That Menter Fachwen have been planting Daffodils around the area.

That a member of Menter Fachwen staff has been to see the tree in Cwm-y-Glo in memory of the late Councillor Brian Jones and has confirmed that the tree is okay.

Reported that urgent work is required on the fence at Nant y Glyn playing field.

Need to restore a piece of the new fence at Pwll Moelyn

For Remembrance Sunday's wreath, and to conform with the council's policy on reducing the use of plastic, it was agreed to buy a wreath this year. But after using it, to keep it safe for next year and then to pay the fee for the wreath.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1216. To receive a report by the Chair of the Food and Well-being Committee

Reported by Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones, Chair of the Committee

That our application for grant from Cist Gwynedd has been successful for the maximum amount, which is £3,000.

It will be possible for us to provide bread and eggs until the end of January 2024

That the profit from the concert held on Saturday is given to the food scheme

Reported that the number receiving food packages is steady; there hasn't been much change from those that receive a package on a weekly basis.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1217. To receive a report by the council's representative on Ysgol Gynradd Llanrug's Board of Governors

Reported by Councillor Philip Roberts, the council's representative on the school's board of governors.

Attended $\frac{3}{4}$ of meetings held during 22-23 and attended two on-line training. Session (Induction, Curriculum for Wales).

Attended the first meeting of the new school year in September – a meeting which stated the priorities, schemes, election of members to specific committees, adoption of policies etc.

I will be attending three training sessions in 23/4 – effective self-evaluation, the governing body as a Critical Friend, update on the Curriculum for Wales. Matters that have been discussed: the school's capacity; staff training (especially well-being, children's safety) preparing for Estyn; the school's environment that is parking, pavements, Tŷ'r Ysgol (School House); aspects of the new curriculum.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1218. To receive the joint report of Councillor Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, members for Cwm-y-Glo and Llanrug on Cyngor Gwynedd

Cabinet Meeting

Discussed the response of Cyngor Gwynedd to the Consultation of the Fire Service. A comprehensive answer but emphasising that option 3 was not favoured. The Council Flexible working scheme has been agreed. From now on, everyone who is working flexible is expected to attend the office at least twice a week.

General

Both of us has attended training: -

1. Cabinet Development Day – working as a team.

The Education Department has had an Estyn inspection. An excellent result. They recognised the Education's Department and the Council commitment to the Welsh language. Some recommendations proposed as well.

Gwynedd's Language Strategy has also been out for consultation. Lots of comments – positive on the whole. No comments that would involve any change to the Strategy. A report to adopt the strategy will be submitted to the Cabinet soon.

Report on public toilets has been submitted to the Scrutiny Committee for comments. Lots of comments re charging for the use of toilets, and if charging, how much should the charge be. Also, a discussion re using a debit card as well as cash. It's possible to trial this on a limited number of toilets. It became apparent that more publicity is required that community toilets are also available in Gwynedd. This means that businesses are being paid to allow members of the public to use their toilets. The comments will be reported back and included in the final report to the Cabinet, towards the end of the year.

The process of reviewing the Local Development Plan has commenced. It will take approx. three and a half years to complete. As part of this, the Annual Monitoring Report has been continued and approved by the Cabinet. This is now out for consultation before being submitted to the Welsh Government. There is an opportunity for the Community Council to respond to the consultation as well. It's true to say that Community Councils' input is required along the way.

The process of identifying savings has commenced. Councillors are all given the choice of what they would cut or save. The Council will not know how much money councils will be given by the Welsh Government until the last working day before Christmas. Therefore, there will be work to be done in January and February to complete budgets to submit to the Full Council in March. The report will be prepared for the Cabinet, and the Cabinet will recommend the budget to the Full Council in March.

Attended the Fairbourne Project Board. Lots of discussion on how to progress the project. Workshops are being arranged to discuss ideas on the way forward.

Beca and I have been part of several discussions on the future of the land at Tŷ'r Ysgol (School House). And this of course has been discussed by the Council earlier tonight.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

- 1219. 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>

None

Signed:

Chair:

Date: 20 November 2023