

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 19:00 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS MEIRWEN LLOYD CHAIR, AVRIL JONES VICE-CHAIR, ALAN PRITCHARD, GWYNEDD WILLIAMS, HEFIN JONES, ANN LAWTON, RHYS PARRY, BECA BROWN, BERWYN PARRY JONES, RICHARD Robinson

APOLOGIES: COUNCILLOR PHILIP ROBERTS, CLERK MEIRION JONES (BOTH REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL AT THE CEMETERY OF THE YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PRESENT

1197 A WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

The CHAIR extended a warm welcome to all those present, and she thanked the members for their attendance. She also thanked Berwyn for arranging the Zoom. and to Councillor Avril Jones for taking the minutes

1198 APOLOGIES

Apologies received as noted above

1199 DELCARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

These to be declared as appropriate.

1200 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2023

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

1201 ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2023

Hefin asked if the Council would provide a press release stating that the Council supports Cymdeithas yr Iaith. The Chair to ask the Clerk where we as a Council stand on this.

1202 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Chair was not present as he was attending the Cemetery of the Year Awards Ceremony with the Clerk on behalf of the council, a pleasure to hear that the cemetery had received a money prize. The Chair of the committee and the committee were congratulated for their hard work. Reported by the Vice-chair of the cemetery committee to the Council.

Hefin asked Councillor Richard Robinson to provide a brown bin for the cemetery's organic waste and how much would it cost and to state in large print which bin to place

waste. Also, how to get people who attend the cemetery, not to use plastic flowers, the council to look into where non-plastic flowers are sold which are suitable for cemetery use and to inform the public.

Meirwen said that a complaint had been received following the last grass cutting of the cemetery, need to arrange a meeting with the contractor as soon as possible to go through the tender regarding what is used to blow the grass from the gravestones.

Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones had been to see the cemetery hut to assess whether RACC was present – confirmed that no RACC was present.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1203. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

No committee to date, need to arrange a meeting soon. Councillor Avril Jones to arrange dates for the committee in the next two weeks.

Waiting for Menter Fachwen to contact regarding the memorial tree at cwm-y-Glo's skating park.

The plaques in memory of both councillors have been fixed on the benches.

Received a list of places to plant daffodils by Councillor Meirwen Lloyd to forward to Menter. Councillor Avril Jones to action, this week.

Risk assessment has been undertaken on the Council's playing fields. Councillors Meirwen Lloyd, Gwynedd Williams, Avril Jones and the repairs contractor have been around on 4th September. Discussed and made a list of things to do.

URGENT WORK New Fence for Pwll Moelyn; asked Brunswick Caernarfon for a quote; need to do this urgently.

Nant y Glyn Field – the fence surrounding the field has fallen and the barbed wire is hidden as grass has overgrown.

Behind the goal in the further corner there is a steep slope and grass waste is being placed there which makes the place dangerous. Need a fence to make safe to fetch the ball.

RESOLVED: To accept and express thanks for the report

1204 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BECA BROWN FOR AUGUST.

Ward

Attended a meeting with Tyddyn Teg to create a safe path from Ysgol Brynrefail to Tyddyn Teg, where school pupils have an allotment. At present, a minibus takes them

there which is silly when considering they could walk there, which would be much more enjoyable and environmentally friendly.

A successful Camau Cerdd session was held at the Institute and there are plans to arrange other similar sessions and co-operate on music sessions for the elderly.

Attended a meeting with the council's grant officer to look into the possibilities regarding establishing a hub in Llanrug, like the one at Bethel and to look into what other grants are available that could be beneficial to the village.

The bus post which is by the front of the primary school will be moved as it is a nuisance for the youngest children.

Two lights on Crawiau road have been removed. The street is now dark at night for pedestrians. Work has been scheduled to fix this next month.

The hedge by the entrance to Nant y Glyn by the main road will be cut.

The Estyn report by the education department will be published on Thursday, with all the education's department offer to be under the spotlight.

RAAC inspections have been undertaken on our buildings with priority given to our schools. To date no major concerns have been raised.

Attended a book launch on child poverty and how poverty creates obstacles between children and their education.

A number of local people have been working on solutions that could work across the county to support children of disadvantaged backgrounds.

A briefing session was held by the police and crime commissioner for councillors discussing safety in communities and the safety of councillors. There was an opportunity to ask questions.

Several meetings have been held on the future of the fire service. Today, the cabinet response was passed which was to object proposal 3, in accordance with the advice of the chief fire officer. Noted also, that the unions had proposed two other options, to be considered separately to the consultation and we would like to hear more about these options.

A hybrid work scheme is before the cabinet and the workforce will return for at least 2 days of the week to strike a balance between working at home and maintaining a service which is more like that in place before Covid.

The education and economy scrutiny committee has looked into several fields and a long discussion ensued on absences and exclusions which have increased since Covid. The issue is everywhere. However, it is a major concern, and a piece of work has been commissioned to look into what can be done on a county level to tackle the issue.

Prosiect 15 – this scheme was extremely busy at the eisteddfod, and a former Brynrefail pupil was one of those working with us over the summer, providing interesting and current contents in Welsh for this scheme on Welsh inspirational voices. Hopefully, Brynrefail will be contributing soon to the scheme.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report.

1205 Everyone agreed to authorise the clerk to apply for a grant towards the Fareshare membership fee.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C/23/0699/23/DT no objections

C/23/0633/23/DT no objections

C/23/0610/23/DT no objections

C/23/0620/23/DT not discussed since Cyngor Gwynedd had decided before the meeting of the Community Council

The meeting closed at 20:20

Signed:

Chair:

Date: 17 October 2023