

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2024, AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM.

PRESENT: Councillors Avril Jones (Chair), Richard Robinson, Hefin Jones, Philip Roberts, Gwynedd Williams, Alan Pritchard, Ann Lawton, Berwyn Parry Jones, Rhys Parry

APOLOGIES: Councillors Beca Brown, Meirwen Lloyd

CLERK: Meirion Jones

1249 A welcome from the Chair

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all those present.

1250. Apologies.

Apologies received as noted above.

1251. Declarations of personal.

These to be declared as appropriate.

1252. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2023

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

1253. Any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2023

An application for a bus shelter by Glyntwrog – to refer the matter to the Leisure Committee

1254. To receive a joint report by Councillors Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, the members for Llanrug and Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council

It has been a quiet month at the Council due to the Christmas holidays.

At the ward, the YGC department has placed cameras underground by the footpath to Glanffynnon from Ffordd Llanberis. This has been done, following correspondence over a lengthy period regarding flood issues at the bottom of Glanffynnon. My understanding is that works is required on one of the culverts. The cameras will be able to show exactly what is needed.

Yesterday, a planning application to build two houses and an adapted bungalow by Glyntwrog was approved unanimously by the Planning Committee.

It was great to see that everyone had enjoyed the event held at the Institute before Christmas. Thanks to Bedwyr Parri, Annette Bryn Parri and Cegin Fach Emma for their work.

I will be arranging a similar event on the theme of love to coincide with Valentine's Day celebrations at 11am, 17 February.

I am also arranging an event with Ysgol Brynrefail – again at the Institute where children competing at the Urdd Eisteddfod will be given the opportunity to perform their pieces.

With thanks to Mantell Gwynedd and their partners for their sponsorship via the Loneliness and Social Isolation Grant.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report.

1255. To receive a report by the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the committee that they had met before this meeting to set the precept for 2024 / 2025.

It was also reported that following a meeting between the Chair, Vice-chair, and the Clerk, that the clerk had requested an increase to his monthly allowance to take account the use of his room and travel within the area. This allowance has not been increased since he commenced in the post.

Resolved:

To set a precept of £85,000 for 2024 / 2025
To increase the allowance in accordance with the Finance Committee's recommendation.

1256. To receive a report by the Chair of the Health and Safety Committee

Reported by Councillor Philip Roberts that the committee had met for the first time on 8 January 2023. The following matters were discussed:

Councillor Philip Roberts was elected as Chair and Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones as the Vice-chair until the date of the Council's annual meeting which will be held in May.

The purpose of the meeting was to:

1. Establish Health and Safety arrangements for the council's elected members, its Contractors, staff, and volunteers.

2. Establish a schedule to undertake risk assessments for various activities.

Following discussions, it was resolved to undertake the work of creating a risk assessment for lone working, and then create a risk assessment for the Food Distribution scheme, the Gym (Cwm y Glo), working in adverse weather conditions and a risk assessment to deal with vexatious members of the public.

The Health and Safety Committee will meet next Tuesday, 6 February at 6.30pm via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the risk assessment for lone working.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1257. To receive a report by the Chair of the Cemetery Committee

Reported by Councillor Philip Roberts that the committee had met on 8 January 2024. The following matters were discussed.

- a) Writing and publishing FAQ's regarding grass cutting – to be placed on the Council's website; an agreement on the contents – draft to follow.

Risk assessments – a date has now been set, an urgent meeting of the sub-committee to be held on how to finance the work.

Waiting for the contractor's response to discuss an incident at the cemetery in December. No further comments received by the complainant.

5% Increase in fees for 2024/5.

Concern regarding the condition of the road to the cemetery (from the main road to the church).

The annual priorities for 2023/24, siting signs and plaques, creating a Memorials policy for the cemetery had been or nearly achieved.

The committee has identified its priorities for 2024-25 as follows.

- a) Continue to undertake risk assessments of the memorials at the cemetery (annual task)
- b) Continue to compete in the Cemetery of the Year competition (annual target)
- c) Continue to monitor how much space is at the cemetery (annual task).
- ch) Green and biodiversity polices specifically for the cemetery.
- d) Review the cemetery's rules (annual target)
- dd) Build a wall and fence at the cemetery and create additional space by reducing the size of the car park (24/25 onwards).

Long term planning (see dd, priorities): the cemetery's wall; waiting for an estimation of the costs involved with the work required on the wall following a meeting with a possible contractor, 9.1.24.

Next meeting of the sub-committee to be held on 25/1/24 at 6.00pm on-line. The main item is to review health and safety expenditure for 23/24.

The next formal meeting of the sub-committee is to be held on 9/4/24 at 6.30pm – the main item is to review the cemetery's rules.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report.

1258. To receive a report by the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Reported that the committee had not met since the last full meeting of the council. Reported that the committee is meeting on 25 January 2024.

It was further reported that the cost of repairing the fence at Pwll Moelyn playing field has been received.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1259. 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 they had met before Christmas to discuss the application for a grant from the discretionary fund. The committee had received positive feedback for the contribution especially since it was granted before Christmas.

Reported that the arrangement for distributing food continues and the number receiving food packages is stable.

A meeting to be arranged soon to discuss the arrangements regarding the food bank scheme's budget.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report.

1260. To approve the precept for 2024 / 2025

Resolved: The precept for 2024 / 2025 is £85,000

1261. 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:** C23/0987/23/CC

Application Type: Work on protected trees

Proposal: Work to trees which is the subject of a tree protection order.

Applicant: Park Holidays (Park Holidays UK Ltd)

Agent: Phil Brophy (Barrell Treecare)

Address: Bryn Teg Caravan Park, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55
4RF

Grid Reference: 254407.76, 362238.35

Ward: Cwm y Glo

Community: Llanrug

Councillor Ann Lawton declared a personal interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion.

Resolved: No objections but to ensure that trees are planted in their place

The meeting closed at 19:35

Signed:

Chair:

Date: 20 February 2024