

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2023, AT 6:00PM VIA ZOOM.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Rhys Parry

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Five members of the public present

TRANSLATOR: Lowri Gwyn from Lingo Cyf

CLERK: Meirion Jones

1220. A welcome from the Chair

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all those present and thanked everyone for attending.

1221. Apologies.

Apologies received as noted above.

1222. Declarations of personal interest.

These to be declared as appropriate.

1223. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023

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

1224. Any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023.

The condition of a wall by Ysgol Brynrefail

Councillor Beca Brown confirmed that she had been in touch with Gwynedd Council many times regarding this issue but to date no update has been received.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the update

1225. To receive a report by the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee

1) Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee had met on 24 October 2023. The committee had not met since May. The budget and expenditure were discussed and adjusted as deemed appropriate by the committee. The budget will need to be

considered again after Christmas because it will then be time to submit our precept for 2024/2025.

- 2) The committee approved expenditure of £7k to provide a proper floor for the gym at Cwm y Glo. Providing this floor would increase the use of the gym. It will also make right the failings identified in the risk assessment. The Council is asked to approve the expenditure.
- 3) Reported that the financial regulations need to be looked at. They have not revised for some time now and they need to be revised in view of changes in banking arrangements and expenditure. It should be noted that several small businesses do not accept cheques. It is essential that the council secures value for money when buying services or goods. This means that a debit card is required to take advantage of the best prices on the internet.
- 4) Reported that an inspection needs to be done on what information is on our website and some contents needs to be taken off and other information added. These include minutes but not limited to committee minutes and details of how to contact and hire the Institute for example.
- 5) A discussion followed on the costs of the youth club. It was reported that monies had been allocated in the budget for the costs of the club.
- 6) It was noted that council had already adopted a grant discretionary policy. However, the grant has not been advertised to date. It was suggested that it would be possible to advertise the scheme now ahead of winter.

Resolved:

- 1) Accept and express thanks for the report.
- 2) Approve the expenditure on the outside gym, Cwm y Glo.
- 3) The Clerk to prepare a policy to reflect the new financial arrangements and to circulate the draft policy with the Chair and Vice-chair of the committee.
- 4) The Clerk, together with the Chair and Vice-chair to meet to look at the contents of the website.
- 5) To accept the information.
- 6) Agreed to advertise the policy.

To accept and express thanks for the reports.

1226. To receive the report by the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee that the committee has not met since the last full meeting of the council.

However, the following was noted: -

- a) No dates set for collecting litter at present. Scheme to start again in March and look at changing the arrangements.

- b) Provide details and information of the dates of litter collection in the newsletter.
- c) That the rota for inspecting the gym has been drafted
- d) Playing fields – reported that our contractor continues with the work on the playing fields and has collected several bags of litter from Nant y Glyn field, including broken bottles.
- e) Already discussed siting a floor for the gym - to progress with the work
- f) A meeting was held with the families of the late Charles Jones and Brian Jones. The families are extremely grateful to the council for providing the tress in memory of them.
- g) Christmas trees have been ordered and Gwynedd Council will be siting them and will also undertake the electrical work.
- h) Christmas Competition 2023 – The competition will run between 1 – 10 December with the competition to be judged during w/c 11 December – agreed on 14 December and the following to judge-

Councillors Meirwen Lloyd, Beca Brown, Avril Jones, Ann Lawton

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1227. To receive a report by the Chair of the Cemetery Committee.

Councillor Philip Roberts, Chair of the Cemetery Committee reported on the following.

Cemetery of the Year – Publicity (photo session has taken place, 11.11.23)

Meeting of the committee held: 14.11.23 –

Discussed / Decisions

Write and publish FAQs regarding grass cutting. These to be placed on the council's website by the meeting of the full council in January 2024.

Green activity: continue to look into purchasing a brown bin for the cemetery and steps to promote the use of sustainable, non-plastic flowers. Need to decide on an independent Green policy for the cemetery thereafter.

Short term actions:

Cleaning the footpath, publish the rules regarding wreaths at Christmas.

Long term planning – an estimation of the costs of the work on the cemetery's walls and fences is required and creating space by reducing the car park.

Risk assessment before 31.3.24 and notification beforehand.

A liaison meeting with the grass cutting contractor to discuss a complaint regarding the grass cutting at the cemetery during September (18.11.23) – the methods and costs of grass cutting were discussed, an additional grass cutting to take place in November, footpaths work. Information now available to respond to complaints.

Next meeting of the sub-committee, 8/1/24 at 6.30pm on-line; the main item will be priorities for 24/25.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report.

1228. To receive a report by the Chair of the Food and Well-being Committee

Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones, Chair of the food and Well-being Committee reported on the following.

That they had been able to share and distribute 3 boxes of books for adults

That the discretionary grant forms will be shared with everyone next Friday evening

That the council has received the maximum grant available, £3000 for the food bank scheme.

A note to be included in the food packages stating that no eggs are available for a week.

Resolved: To accept and express gratitude for the report.

1229. To receive a report by the council's representative on the Board of Governors of Ysgol Gynradd Llanrug

Councillor Philip Roberts, the council's representative on the Board of Governors reported on the following:

Estyn Inspectors are visiting the school between 20-24 November.

Governors have had the opportunity to contribute to the process by completing an on-line questionnaire before the inspection.

Informal feedback to staff will be provided at the end of the visit and the official report will be published on Estyn's website in February.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report.

1230. To receive a joint report by Councillors Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, the members for Llanrug and Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council.

Reported by Councillor Beca Brown

Local

Several meetings have taken place regarding the land and the Tŷ'r Ysgol (School House), including visits with the school and council meetings.

A meeting with the council grants officer has taken place to consider community options.

Thanks to everyone who supported the evening at Penbont which raised money for the Food bank scheme.

Excellent being able to distribute books to children with the food, thanks to the grant by the Books Council. It is especially important that every child has access to books and given the opportunity to develop into confident readers.

Thanks to the team at Gwynedd Council for repairing the road by Bro Rhythallt and Penbont inn.

Thanks to Tidying Team for attending so quickly to the call to clear weeds from the pavement at the top of Station Road.

Thanks to a loneliness grant from Gwynedd Council and third sector organisations, afternoon tea and entertainment sessions will be held at the Institute, and the first to take place on 15 December.

Council

A challenging period of preparing for setting the budget. Money is tight for local authorities everywhere and councillors face tough decisions.

An education strategy is in the pipeline which will provide direction for the next years in Gwynedd.

A new digital scheme is in the pipeline which will look at issues such as the customer's contact with the council.

A working group is starting to look at the new Local Development Plan and has set a schedule for the work.

Various training provided, including County Lines and Cyber Security.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report.

1231. Request for financial assistance – Llewod Llanrug

A request has been received by Llewod Llanrug for financial assistance.

Resolved: To contribute £800 towards Llewod Llanrug

1232. 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:** C23/0863/23/DT
Application Type: Householder Planning
Proposal: First floor extension to side of dwelling.
Applicant: Mr Adam Harman

Agent: Mr Eric Hughes
Address: Llwyn Onn, Cwm Y Glo, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4DD
Grid Reference: 255118.66, 362729
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objections

- b) **Reference Number:** C23/0852/23/TC
Application Type: Lawful Development Certificate
Proposal: The proposed siting of 323 holiday caravans/lodges across Brynteg Holiday Park, to include western former golf course area (area hatched green).
Applicant Mr M Purdom (Park Holidays UK Limited)
Agent: Mr David Middleton (Savills (UK) Limited)
Address: Bryn Teg Caravan Park, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4RF
Grid Reference: 254406.79, 362241.63
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: To object due to concerns regarding the siting of more caravans on the site.

- c) **Reference Number:** C23/0836/23/DT
Application Type: Full Planning
Proposal: Proposed refurbishment work and new roof to existing garage and store.
Applicant: (Spraycon)
Agent: Mr Don Westley
Address: Bryn Awel, Llanrug, LL55 4AG
Grid Reference: 254095.78, 363687.82
Ward: Llanrug
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objections but share the concerns of Welsh Water. It is hoped that these will be mitigated.

- d) **Reference Number:** C23/0814/23/AC
Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition(s)
Proposal: Application to amend condition 4 to erect a first floor extension above utility room - revised plans.
Applicant: Mr Daniel Yates
Address: Bwlch Cottage Lôn Bwlch, Cwm Y Glo, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4ED
Grid Reference: 254932.05, 362266.44
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objections

- 1233. To receive an update on the situation regarding Tŷ'r Ysgol (School House), Llanrug following the council's resolution at its meeting on 17 October 2023 (item 1212) and to ascertain the need for a public meeting.**

Reported by the Chair in the absence of Councillor Rhys Parry, that a request has been received for a public meeting.

Reported that there are approximately 1,000 names on the petition and no feedback from Gwynedd Council. A member of the public asked how the petition should be presented to Gwynedd Council. Advice was given on how to do this.

Resolved:

- a) Not to arrange a public meeting at present and wait to see the response to the petition.
- b) Councillor Beca Brown confirmed that the scheme is currently on hold.

The meeting closed at 20:20

Signed:

Chair:

Date: 19 December 2023