

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 16 APRIL 2024, VIA ZOOM AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Councillors Meirwen Lloyd (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice-chair), Alan Pritchard, Philip Roberts, Gwynedd Williams, Hefin Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Ann Lawton

APOLOGIES: Councillors Rhys Parry, Beca Brown

CLERK: Meirion Jones

1292. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all those present and the Chair thanked everyone for attending. The Chair was welcomed back to the council following absence.

1293. Apologies

Apologies received as noted above

1294. Declarations of personal interest

These to be recorded as appropriate.

1295. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2024

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

1296. Any matters arising from the minutes

Some of the items are on the agenda tonight.

1297. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2024

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

1298. To consider whether Llanrug Community Council should express an initial interest in taking the strip of land by Lon Groes following a meeting held on 25 March 2024.

Referred to a meeting held with the Institute's officers. Following this meeting, it was resolved to include this specific item on the agenda of the next meeting of the council.

The Councillors discussed the proposed development and its use. The Council was required to consider whether to express an initial interest in purchasing the land.

Resolved:

- a) Not to express an interest in purchasing the land for the following reasons
 - I. Uncertainty about the cost of the land
 - II. The project would be too big for the community council to cope with
 - III. The community council would have to borrow a significant sum of money, not only to purchase the land but also to develop it after purchasing. This would mean that the council would be required to borrow the money and would result in a significant increase in the council tax to re-pay the loan and interest.
 - IV. The council is interested in what will happen to the land, for the benefit of the community.

1299. To receive a report by the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee

Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the committee reported that they had met on 4 April 2024. The following matters were discussed.

- a) receive the 2023/2024 accounts.
- b) review the budget for 2024/2025.
- c) need to re-visit the financial arrangement / risk assessment (waiting for NALC and SLCC to bring out a new template)

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1300. To approve the annual return and for the Chair to sign

The annual return was approved, and the Chair duly signed the form.

1301. To receive a joint report by Councillors Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, the members for Llanrug and Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council

A quiet time at the council due to the easter holidays.

Cabinet Meeting

No meeting of the Cabinet since the last meeting

Planning Policy Working Group

We had an update on the progress regarding the work of drafting the Local Development Plan. The next step is to ask for land submissions to be used for development. The period for submitting applications will open in May. After receiving submissions, officers from the planning policy unit will filter the applications to remove those that would be impossible to realise. Following this process, consultation will be held with all. This will, of course, include Community Councils. It is imperative for us to respond with any comments.

Future Financial Situation

It is likely that the situation will be as challenging or even worse next year. The work of finding savings is starting again. It should be completed by the Autumn. And then see, what is the settlement.

Locally

Yellow lines have been re painted at Cwm y Glo.

Beca is arranging two events at the Institute, one on Saturday, 27th at 12:00pm, a concert by the world-renowned harpist Veronica Lemishenko. She and her family have fled from Ukraine and have settled in Llanrug. The concert is to express thanks to Llanrug residents for the welcome they have had here. All welcome, light refreshments will be provided.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1302. To receive a report by the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the committee that the committee had not met since the last meeting of the council. However, the work of repairing part of the fence at Pwll Moelyn should be completed by the end of the week.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1303. 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 the committee had met on 26 April. The following matters were discussed.

- a) Agreement with Fareshare has been agreed and paid for another year from 1 April 2024.
- b) There is enough money in the budget to pay for eggs and bread for approximately 3 ½ months. It is hoped that we can take advantage of grant opportunities.
- c) Agreed to consider joining Mantell Gwynedd. The clerk to enquire and arrange. Reported that the membership fee is £10. It would be good to join for a year.
- d) Noted that one application has been received for the discretionary grant for individuals. How to promote the scheme was discussed and it was agreed to send a letter to everyone who receives a food package, advertise on our website and Facebook, and send a letter to schools.
- e) Remind to fill in the lone working risk assessment.
- f) Remind some members to complete the food hygiene course.
- g) Noted that a representative of Fareshare will be coming along for an annual visit on 19 April.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1304. To receive a report by the Chair of the Cemetery Committee

Reported by Councillor Philip Roberts, Chair of the committee that the committee had met, and the following matters were discussed:

1. After the tendering process has ended Roberts and Owen Ltd, Penygroes, have accepted the offer to undertake the work of treating 20 unsafe memorials at the cemetery by 21 May.
2. Other work to the cemetery: new parking signs regarding parking on the grass in wet weather, respecting the cemetery and report damage; implement the new recycling measures introduced by the Welsh Government. Repair a fence by block E & F.
3. Meeting of the Cemetery Sub-committee ,9.4.24. – reviewed the rules of the cemetery and confirmed for 24/25; decisions on how to implement the new recycling measures introduced by the Welsh Government in a reasonable and practical way, i.e. keep the general waste bin, the green/plants (brown) waste bin, an opportunity to recycle plastic and visitors to take all other waste home; received a question and answer document regarding grass cutting which will be shared with the public.
4. Next meeting of the sub-committee: site visit to consider tidying and recycling work. Meeting to be held on 7.5.24. at 6pm.
5. For the record: priorities for 23/24 have been completed (except for adopting the green and biodiversity policies of the Council); priorities for 24/25 issued and accepted at a meeting of the full Council on 16 January 2024

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report.

1305. To receive a report by the Chair of the Health and Safety Committee

Reported by Councillor Philip Roberts, Chair of the committee on the following: -

- 1) Leisure and Food Committee have considered the lone working risk assessment.
- 2) Cemetery Committee: will respond to the complaint regarding parking on grass during adverse weather by creating signs to warn visitors of this.
- 3) 2 vexatious complaints have been received end of March.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report.

1306. 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:** C24/0266/23/AC
Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition(s)

Proposal: Amend condition 2 and 3 of original planning permission
C21/1132/23/DT..

Applicant: Mr Thomas Williams

Address: Pen Y Graig Lôn Ceunant, Ceunant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd,
LL55 4SA

Grid Reference: 253086.85, 361239.8

Ward: Cwm y Glo

Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objections

The meeting closed at 20:35

Signed:

Chair:

Date: