

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 18 JUNE 2024, VIA ZOOM AT 7:00PM.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Avril Jones (Chair), Philip Roberts, Berwyn Parry Jones, Gwynedd Williams, Ann Lawton, Beca Brown.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Rhys Parry, Hefin Jones, Richard Robinson, Cemlyn Jones, Alan Pritchard

**CLERK:** Meirion Jones

**1323. Welcome by the Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Rhys Parry, Councillor Avril Jones, Vice-chair of the council, took the chair.

She extended a warm welcome to all those present. The Chair opened the meeting by congratulating and expressing thanks to Councillor Rhys Parry for taking the role of Chair. She also thanked Councillor Cemlyn Jones for rejoining the council.

**1324. Apologies**

Apologies received as noted above.

**1325. Declarations of personal interest**

These to be declared as appropriate.

**1326. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2024**

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

**1327. Any matters arising from the minutes**

None.

**1328. To receive a joint report by Councillors Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, the members for Llanrug and Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council**

Setting up Partneriaeth Dyffryn Peris

Beca and I recently attended a meeting to set up Partneriaeth Dyffryn Peris, to help with the grant application by providing more details. It is a pleasure to report that the application was successful, and that a sum of money has been granted to fund a room at Caban for approximately 6 months, and enough to employ someone to set up the Partnership with a constitution etc.

Flood Prevention Scheme Hiraef, Bangor

Official opening with Huw Irranca Davies, creating a “retaining wall” and a bike path across the prom.

#### NMWTRA Interviews

Interviewed for the Chief Executive post of NMWTRA (North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency). This agency is responsible, on behalf of the Welsh Government, for the highways along north and mid Wales (e.g. A55, A5, A487, A470). Gwynedd Council is hosting the agency on behalf of the 8 Councils in north and mid Wales. We were fortunate to appoint an internal candidate.

#### Assets Scheme

The Council assets scheme was submitted to the Cabinet for approval, a 10-year scheme. Again, it demonstrates the difficult financial situation. There were bids for £75 million of essential work, but only £49 million available. Therefore, we had to choose – a challenging task. P.S. The full Council approved the scheme at its meeting on 11 July.

#### Flood Prevention Strategy

The flood management Strategy was submitted to the Cabinet following a public consultation. Sadly, only 77 responded to the consultation. The Cabinet has received the strategy, and it will now be submitted to the Welsh Government for approval.

#### Ardal Ni Meeting

Beca and I attended a meeting of organisations that come under Ardal Ni, to receive an update on the progress of schemes run by the Council. From the meeting, it was proposed that various groups should work together.

#### Locally

Not much to report regarding Ysgol Cwm. I have had a constructive meeting with a Council Officer, and the new Chief Executive of Menter Fachwen, and it is intended to apply for an initial grant to ask residents about their thoughts on the future use of the building. The grant may be submitted to National Power.

I have received complaints by residents about the grass on the roundabout at Cwm. I have reported this as an urgent matter and received confirmation by officers that they have asked the contractor to undertake the work.

Beca will again be arranging 2 days to swap school clothes before the start of the autumn school term.

It would be good to promote these days as “call-in” sessions and offer refreshments. If you can, please help on these days if possible. Dates of the sessions will be shared later.

**Resolved:** To receive and express thanks for the report

**1329. To receive an update on matters involving Leisure and Amenities**

Councillor Avril Jones reported that the committee had not met since the last meeting of the council. The following have taken place.

The location for the defibrillator has been decided, the equipment has arrived, and arrangements are underway to install the equipment. Resolved to locate the defibrillator by Pontrug junction. Arrangements are underway to arrange training sessions. The intention is to hold a session in the afternoon, and another in the evening.

Reported that Japanese Knotweed has returned to a location at Cwm y Glo. It has been referred to a specialist.

Reported that the work identified at the skating park following the risk assessment has been undertaken.

Noted that a new tree is required at Cwm y Glo in memory of the late Councillor Brian Jones. It was also suggested that a rose bush should be purchased as a present to former Councillor Meirwen Lloyd following her recent retirement from the council.

The date of the next meeting of the committee confirmed as 2 July 2024 at 18:00 (location to be confirmed).

**Resolved:** To receive and express thanks for the report and proceed to purchase a new tree in memory of the late Councillor Brian Jones and to purchase a rose bush for the former Councillor Meirwen Lloyd.

**1330. To receive an update on matters involving the Food and Well-being Committee**

Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones, Chair of the Committee reported that one new family have been added to the list.

Reported that grant applications can now be submitted to Cist Gwynedd. However, an explanation is required whether the supply of bread and eggs are within the category of capital expenditure. If it does, it is possible to receive a grant of up to £5,000 or if it is considered as revenue expenditure, the grant would be £2,000. The clerk has contacted Cist Gwynedd for clarification and is waiting for a response.

It was asked whether it would be possible to advertise for volunteers to volunteer with the food bank scheme on Fridays. Help is required in the morning between 11:00 and 12:30 to sort the food. Assistance would also be helpful in the afternoon to distribute the food packages.

**Resolved:** To receive and express thanks for the report and to advertise for volunteers on the council's Facebook account and on our website.

**1331. To receive an update on matters involving the Cemetery**

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

Points raised by the ICCM officer following the risk assessment of the cemetery, week commencing 10 June.

- 1) Surprised that so many memorials had been repaired since the last risk assessment.
- 2) That the work of the individual who fixed the stakes and tap is to a good standard. The tap now needs to be re installed. It has fallen over time.
- 3) It is obvious that the stakes have been taken out and thrown.
- 4) Good repair work by Roberts & Owen who repaired dangerous memorials. More than 20 memorials may have been completed by the contractors (the figure in the council's agreement).
- 5) The Council to ensure that everyone who works in the cemetery sends their risk assessment 'safe systems of work' and a copy of their liability Insurance to the Council.
- 6) Strongly suggested that the process of digging new graves should be managed internally as there is no control with the current process.
- 7) Regarding the memorials that have not received the required attention/work since the last inspection, it was suggested that the Council should thank everyone who has undertaken work and who have assisted to make the cemetery safe for all.

b) Next meeting of the Sub-committee: 25.6.24 (via Zoom)

**Resolved:** To receive and express thanks for the report

**1332. 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:** C24/0400/23/DT  
**Application Type:** Householder Planning  
**Proposal:** Demolish existing conservatory. Erect two-storey extension to the rear of the property and single storey porch to the front of the dwelling.  
**Applicant:** Brython Hywel Sara Jones  
**Agent:** Mr H Gareth Jones (BDS Gwynedd)  
**Address:** Dwyros Ffordd Glanffynnon, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4PP  
**Ward:** Llanrug  
**Community:** Llanrug

**Resolved:** To support the application

The meeting closed at 19:45

Signed:

Chair:

Date: