

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MAY 2024, VIA ZOOM AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors Rhys Parry (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice-chair), Alan Pritchard, Berwyn Parry Jones, Gwynedd Williams, Ann Lawton, Hefin Jones.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Philip Roberts, Richard Robinson

Clerk: Meirion Jones

1307. A welcome by the Chair

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all those present.

1308. Apologies

Apologies received as noted above.

1309. Declarations of personal interest.

1322 (d)

Councillor Rhys Parry declared a personal interest which could be considered as a prejudicial interest, which if a member of the public would be aware of the relevant facts, would regard as to be so significant as to be likely to prejudice the member's view of the public interest.

He did not take part in the discussion or the decision.

1310. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2024

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

1311. Any matters arising from the minutes

None

1312. To receive a report by the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, chair of the committee, that the committee had not met since 4 April; only that the report of the internal auditor had been received.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report.

1313. To receive a joint report by Councillors Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, the members for Llanrug and Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council

Council

Cuts – several meetings have been held regarding the financial challenges and how we will address these in the coming years. We will need to look carefully at our provision and there is no doubt that tough decisions will need to be made. We have a government in London which are now saying that they have no intention of funding local government – hopefully, that will change if there is a change of government in the autumn.

Full council:

Beca Roberts was elected as Chair and Ioan Thomas as Vice-chair.

These are the proposals that were endorsed -

Proposal to protect the Cambrian Railway Service

Proposal to press the Welsh Government regarding a property act.

Proposal to press for an inquiry to the decision to close the air ambulance centres at Dinas Dinlla and Welshpool.

Beca attended a meeting with the new education Minister, Lynne Neagle, in Cardiff. They had a discussion regarding the demographic challenges in Gwynedd as the population is decreasing and less children.

Both of us recently attended a meeting with the third sector, where there was a discussion about a new website which will improve community engagement and share information about events.

We recently had an update about the work of the National Grid by Council officers. The main message was that the National Grid was complaining that the Council insists that traffic lights are taken down during the holidays. It was decided that local Councillors should attend a joint meeting with Gwynedd officers, the National Grid and Morgan Sindall, the contractor.

Training was given to help people regarding cost of living, and information on the support services available have been distributed with the food packages.

Local

We had a harp concert with Veronika Lemishenko – great to see the support – the Institute was full – a respectable sum of £530 was raised which will be given to the Veronika Lemishenko Charity Foundation. This is going towards helping people in Ukraine who are suffering from the effects of the war.

A Lleisiau Llawn concert was held, the last of the events arranged via a grant by Mantell Gwynedd. This was also a success with the Institute full once again. Much appreciation and various audiences have benefited.

The following events were held: -

Annette Bryn Parri and Bedwyr Parri

Hawys Parri and Caleb Jones

Ragarug

Veronika Lemishenko

Lleisiau Llawen

Refreshments were provided at all the events by cegin fach Emma or Cae Gwyn catering – both local companies in Llanrug.

1314. To receive a report by the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the committee reported that the committee had not met recently. The following activities are being progressed.

- the work of renewing the fence at Pwll Moelyn playing field has been done.
- the work at Cwm y Glo skating park has commenced.
- a complaint has been received about Japanese Knotweed at Cwm y Glo.
- work has commenced on creating rules for the playing fields.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1315. To receive a report by the Chair of the Food and Well-being Committee

Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones, Chair of the committee, reported that we had a site visit by the community officer for Fareshare. The purpose of the visit was to make sure that the scheme is operating in accordance with the requirements of Fareshare and they were satisfied that everything was in proper order.

Reported that the number receiving food packages are fairly stable.

Noted that there is a need to apply for grants from other sources to add to the supply received by Fareshare. There are only enough monies in the budget until end of July if we are to continue providing eggs and bread.

Reported that we are members of Fareshare until end of March 2025

That the room used to store food, has been cleared.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1316. To receive a report by the Chair of the Cemetery Committee

Councillor Hefin Jones (Vice-chair of the committee) in the absence of the chair reported on the following.

Following a meeting of the Cemetery's sub-committee at the Cemetery, on Tuesday, 7.5.25, the work identified at the cemetery during the site meeting:

New signs about parking on the grass in wet weather.

Implement the new recycling measures introduced by the Welsh Government with the possibility of removing bins from the cemetery if the arrangement is not working.

Fix the green fence by blocks E & F.

Keep an eye on the stone wall by the roadside leading to the cemetery. This following a report that cows in the field are applying pressure to the wall.

Keep an eye on the condition of the memorial benches at the cemetery and contact families if maintenance work is required.

Monitor the health and safety work of memorials (the work to be completed by 21.5.24). Update: The Clerk has followed this up with Roberts & Owen on 17.5.24. Work has commenced. The weather has been against us on the days that work has been designated to the cemetery. Also, special bolts are required for some of the memorials, and those have been unavailable. The Clerk has emphasised the importance of completing the work as we are undertaking a risk assessment of the memorials, in June.

Via various media, advertise the risk assessment work which is to be undertaken at the cemetery during June (already on Facebook, 18.5.24).

Place a warning on the gable end of the entrance to the cemetery's hut (this has been done on 17.5.24)

It was also resolved to discuss the process of digging new graves at the next meeting (agenda item).

The Council has also received 2 quotes for the estimated cost of the significant work to repair the cemetery wall.

Grass cutting at the cemetery: 17.5.24.

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1317. To receive a report by the Chair of the Health and Safety Committee

Reported on the following by Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones (Vice-chair of the committee) in the absence of the chair.

- Lone working risk assessments and threatening / violent / vexatious individuals have been completed and approved by the Health and Safety Committee. Each committee has had a copy of this to discuss.
- The risk assessments for "Using vehicles for council business" has been discussed at the Health and Safety Sub-committee on 8.5.24.

Resolved that members should fill in a form stating that they have the appropriate Insurance to do this.

- Risk assessments to be discussed in the future: Manual handling, the Car park, Food Scheme, Adverse weather.

Resolved: To receive and express gratitude for the report

1318. To receive a report on the latest situation regarding the School House, Llanrug (Councillor Rhys Parry)

Reported by Councillor Rhys Parry on the latest situation regarding the School House

That the school needs to update its business plan

Received a response by the Planning Department

The use of the house would enrich the education provided by the school.

The school feel that they are caught between the Property Department and the Education Department

Resolved: To accept and express thanks for the report

1319. That the council is considering providing a defibrillator in the Pontrug area and are considering a suitable location.

Reported by the clerk that there is demand for a defibrillator in the Pontrug area. There is not a defibrillator at the location and the individual who required assistance had to travel to Llanrug and back to access. Even though this is not far to travel, seconds can impact the health of the patient. The council are asked to purchase a defibrillator for the Pontrug area. This would then add and ensure that Llanrug community council have provided a defibrillator. For information, a defibrillator is available at these locations, Tŷ'n y Coed Caravan Park (at the laundry room), the Wall at Premier, Llanrug, Ysgol Uwchradd Brynrefail, the Institute, Glyntwrog, Y Frican Cwm y Glo, London Garage Cwm y Glo a Bryn y Maen, Ceunant. These are all fixed outside and are available 24 hours a day.

Resolved: To hold a meeting with Council officers to decide on a suitable location and then proceed to install a defibrillator at that location.

1320. Request by Nefyn Town Council as follows (item 1320a)

“Nefyn Town Council has written a letter to Dyfrig Siencyn following reading an article in the Cambrian News regarding Gwynedd Council’s intention to spend £1 million over the next two years on 67 electric cars.

We kindly ask for your support with this issue by sending a letter to Dyfrig Siencyn objecting the proposal.

I attach a copy of the letter which has been sent by Nefyn Town Council and you are welcome to use and note the name of your Council at the bottom.”

The response of Gwynedd Council to Nefyn Town Council is attached (item 1320b)

Resolved: Not to do anything with the request by Nefyn Town Council as a response has since been received by Gwynedd Council

1321. Any feedback / development from the newsletter

Reported that every property within the area has received the newsletter on the work of the council. Providing a newsletter is a statutory requirement.

The members have not received much response to the newsletter; some have said that they were not aware of all the work that the council does.

Resolved: Following a request in the newsletter for more councillors and volunteers for the food scheme, to advertise again on ‘Facebook and on the council’s website.

1322. 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:** C24/0321/23/DT
Application Type: Householder Planning
Proposal: Single storey extension to side of dwelling.
Applicant: Tesni Jones Evans
Agent: Mr Eric Hughes
Address: Gwelfryn, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4AW
Ward: Llanrug
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objections

- b) **Reference Number:** C24/0343/23/LL
Application Type: Full Planning
Proposal: Demolition of sun lounge and erection of garden room on the same site
Applicant: Dr Delyth W Thomas
Address: Tan Y Cae, Ceunant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4RR
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objections

- c) **Reference Number:** C21/0564/23/LL
Application Type: Full Planning
Proposal: Application for the erection of 3 affordable residential units (two dwellings and a bungalow).

Applicant: Morris (Morris Build for Life)
Agent: Mark Davies (Cambrian Planning and Development Ltd)
Address: Tir Ger Glyntwrog Inn, Llanrug, Caernarfon, LL55 4AN
Grid Reference: 254145.24, 363237.3
Ward: Llanrug
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: Uncertainty about the application – what has changed? Unable to express an opinion at present. Contact Gwynedd Council to ask.

- d) **Reference Number:** C24/0285/23/LL
Application Type: Full Planning
Proposal: Erection of dwelling and associated development
Applicant: Dave Buckley (DB Construction Ltd)
Agent: Mr Neil Foxall (NJPlanning Ltd)
Address: Cae Glas, Ceunant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4RT
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Community: Llanrug

Resolved: To object on the basis that the development is too big and that the road leading to the building is unsuitable.

The meeting closed at 20:25

Signed:

Chair:

Date: 18 June 2024