

Cyngor Cymuned Llangelynnin Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council – 09.10.24 - 7.00pm at Y Ganolfan

Present: David Griffiths (DG) (Chair), Huw Davies (HD), Keith Carroll (KC), Jen Warne (JW), Nikki Roberts (NR), Jane Lawrence (JL), Meg Griffiths (MG), Louise Hughes (County Councillor), and Jane Jenkins (JJ)(Clerk)

1. **Apologies Received:** Geraint Edwards (GE), Ian Williams (IW).
No apologies from Geraint Micah (GM)

2. **Chairperson's Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to all to the meeting.

2.1 **Registration of Interest:** None.

2.2 **Meeting with Chris Lawrence, First Responders (CL)** – CL had been invited to the meeting as there was still some uncertainty around the defibrillators and what was required of the Community Council. CL advised that all our defibrillators are on the circuit and are checked every six weeks by himself. The circuit is then updated with date and time they were checked so that the Ambulance Service knows they are working etc. The Council's responsibility is solely supplying pads, batteries etc when they are required. DG raised the issue that we do not keep signed cheques and despite having monthly meetings for most of the year, if a defibrillator is used right after a meeting and replacement pads are required it cannot be dealt with until the next meeting, which simply doesn't work. A proposal was therefore put to CL that although he continues to notify the Community Council of out of date/used pads etc he has our authority to purchase replacements and fit them and then issue the Community Council with an invoice. JJ explained their invoice would have to be for the total amount and not be broken down to show VAT as they are not VAT registered and therefore cannot include VAT on any invoice. The Council all agreed that as the purchases are minimal, they would be prepared to forego a reclaim of the VAT element. CL was happy to work on this basis as it meant lengthy delays could be avoided and meant the defibrillators were always in working condition. He will arrange for replacement pads for the Rhoslefain defibrillator and notify JJ when they had been purchased and fitted. JJ will confirm in writing what has been agreed. CL also advised that the First Responders had been fundraising and were looking to make a donation to the Community Council towards the upkeep of the Defibrillators.

3. **Approval of previous minutes – 25/09/24:** HD noted that in the minutes at point 4(d) the word "not" had been left out from the sentence between the words had and urgent. Subject to amendment the Minutes were agreed as a true account.

Proposed – HD **Second** – KC **Signed** – DG.

4. **Matters arising from the previous meetings – 25/09/24:**

- a) **Ash Tree in Playpark** – JJ confirming that six companies had been asked to quote but that only one, Dyfi Tree Care had responded. HD advised that he had met with James (Dyfi Tree Care) on Friday 4th to look at the tree and James had recommended that the ivy be removed, the tree be pollard back to good wood removing all leafing branches and maintain a structure that is much less of a danger and will give the tree a chance to recover, and that dead branches are removed back to the stem. He would liaise on the pollard points with Rhydian if quote accepted. Quote of £1400 included all the above work plus waste material removal from the site. Dyfi Tree Care are not VAT registered. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that we accept the quote and move forward with the work.
- b) **Bench Survey/work** – KC advised that he has not repaired the broken bench at Rhoslefain yet.
- c) **Right of Way, Sunbeach** – JJ advising that a letter with relevant documents had been sent to Dafydd Gibbard CEO Gwynedd Council. A copy of the letter and documents to be sent to John

Cawley, current head of planning at the National Park but who has just accepted the position of CEO.

- d) **Council Website** – JJ confirmed that she had clarified details with H G Web Designs and they had confirmed:
- The website works on a buy one get one free in respect of pages so if you buy 5 pages in English, then you get 5 pages in Welsh for free
 - Everything on our current website can be moved across to retain historical records
 - No work is required by the Clerk other than to send the documents across that need to be placed on website each month
 - Three new domains had been offered – the councillors decided to go with cyngorllangelynnincouncil.co.uk

JJ asked to make contact and move ahead with the new website.

- e) **Friog Wall update** – JJ ran through the email from Steffan Jones – email to be sent back to him requesting a further update for our next meeting in November.
- f) **North Wales Police** – JJ confirmed that North Wales Police had acknowledged the email regarding the speeding issue in Llwyngwriil and were looking to see if the location is suitable for the engagement team to pay a visit.
- g) **Gwynedd Council & Pont y Clettwr layby** – Despite a letter being sent on 27th September no acknowledgement or response has been received. JJ asked to send a chasing letter.

5. Correspondence:

- a) **Terracycle Boxes** – JJ advised that an email had been received from Gwynedd Council advising there were no facilities at Dolgellau Recycling Centre, and they were not aware of any place that would be introducing the scheme. JJ asked to inform Pat Griffiths of the response.
- b) **Email from John Hackney** – JJ confirming an email had been sent to John following the last meeting with an update and that he had acknowledged it. JJ asked to write to him again advising that we were instructing Dyfi Tree Care to undertake the necessary work.
- c) **Email from Mei Black** – JJ confirmed that an email had been sent to Mei about the Ash Tree on his land which the National Park inspector had raised as a concern. Mei has subsequently advised that the tree will be felled.

6. Planning Applications: (Two planning applications were received on the day of the meeting and were included within the Agenda so as not to be out of time).

- **NP5/69/354F** – Maes-y-Crynwyr, Llwyngwriil (Retrospective application for the installation of a flue on an outbuilding)
- **NP5/69/14F** - Hafod Wen, Rhoslefain (Demolition of a conservatory and erection of an extension)

Documents were reviewed and Councillors confirmed that they had no objection to either application.

7. Financial Matters:

- a) **Financial Reports September** – Agreed as a true account and approved.
Proposed: HD **Second:** JW **Signed:** DG.
- b. **Payments** – Cheques signed for Clerk's Pay and Japanese Knotweed Removal Wales

8. Representatives' Reports: MG ran through the zoom meeting she had attended as representative for One Voice Wales. She had produced notes on the points discussed and these are attached to the minutes.

9. County Councillors: LH advised she had attended a full meeting on 03/10/24 but nothing to report to us. The next meeting is an extraordinary meeting regarding proportional single transferrable vote. There had been a National Park meeting to select a new CEO. There were three applicants, two external and one internal and Jonathan Cawley (current head of Planning) had been successful. He is due to take over within the next month. She also advised that there is to be another multi stakeholder meeting on 28th October in respect of Tywyn Hospital.

10. Any Other Business:

- Remembrance Sunday Wreath – DG to contact Dārren Hesleton to arrange.
- KC confirmed that clearance of the Japanese Knotweed for this year had been completed.
- HD advised that he and GE had cleared the fenced area at the park. GM had removed the waste material. He raised the issue that only the two of them had carried out the work which was not acceptable and other members of the Council needed to be more pro-active.
- DG advised that he had received further complaints about Gwastadgoed junction with cars still being parked there regularly. JJ to contact North Wales Police again.
- DG advised that he at spoken with Yvonne at Tydfarch and she had kindly donated a Christmas Tree for the village, but we had to arrange collection etc ourselves. Therefore, the metal framed tree KC has made can go to Rhoslefain.
- DG checked with KC and HD whether they were happy for him to post an update regarding Japanese Knotweed and the shingle removal work on the Councils facebook page and they were.
- JJ advising that Hilary Harrison had been in touch for bank account details as the Church were looking to make a donation to the defibrillator fund.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm.

Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 13.11.2024 at 7.00pm - "Y Ganolfan" Llwyngwriil

Signed

Chairman



Date 13/11/24