

Cyngor Cymuned Llangelynnin Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council – Wednesday 9.12.20 – 7.00pm at Y Ganolfan Llwyngwrl Following strict Covid-19 safety guidelines as advised by Gwynedd Council

Present: Huw Davies (Chairperson), Dylan Thomas, Keith Carroll, Kevin Goodchild, Geraint Edwards
Geraint Micah, David Griffiths, John Griffiths, Jenny Warne,
Glenda Edwards (Clerk) and one member of the community – Mr David Reynolds.

1. **Apologies Received:** Ian Williams, Louise Hughes (County Councillor).
2. **Chairperson's Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to all to the meeting.
3. **Approval of previous minutes (11.11.20):** Previous meeting's minutes were agreed a true account and approved.
Proposed – Kevin Goodchild **Second** – Jenny Warne **Signed** – Huw Davies.
4. **Matters arising from the previous meeting (11.11.20):**
 - a) **Snowdonia National Park Authority - Community Projects Fund:**
I B Williams, Llanbrynmair and Madog Memorials, Porthmadog confirmed they would be interested in carrying out the work on the War Memorial in Llwyngwrl and hope to submit their quote before the next meeting.
 - b) **Salt Bins:** Gwynedd Council confirmed that the salt bins will be re-filled as soon as possible.
 - c) **Public footpath/Bridleway path sign and post for Llwyn Du:** confirmation received from Gwynedd Council that a new signpost will be placed on this public footpath/bridle path in the New Year. In the meantime they have provided a sign across the road from where the sign has been removed.
 - d) **Path / Ramp to the seaside near the Quakers at Llwyngwrl:** further update received by Gwynedd Council regarding this path / ramp.....
The hole near the ramp has now been filled and the recent deterioration indicates that the structure is fragile, so obviously the maintenance work that has been done to the ramp is a short term solution. There is concern that it will be undermined again and will need to be sustained further in the future. When that time comes, other options for maintaining this access to the beach may need to be considered.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a) **Gwynedd Council - Public Toilet Provision Agreement 2020/21** - letter received confirming that there is no change this year to the agreement that is in place.
 - b) **Play Grant - Gwynedd Council:** information received regarding grants available to improve children's play parks - work needs to be completed before 31.03.21.
Resolution → ask G L Jones to provide a quote to replace the black safety mats under the play equipment at the play park in Llwyngwrl.

6. Planning Applications:

- a) **Gwynedd Council Planning Service: Ref C20/0905/01/TC – Friog Corner Sea Defence Embankment**
Certificate or lawfulness for a proposed development to stop seepage from the sea embankment
Decision → no comments to be submitted to Gwynedd Council regarding this application.

7. Financial Report: Financial Review carried out for setting the precept for 2021/22.

Review of “Predicted Payments” for 2021/22 carried out.

Financial Report for November 2020 was agreed a true account and approved.

Proposed – Kevin Goodchild **Second** – Jenny Warne **Signed** – Huw Davies.

a) **Precept for 2021/22**

Claim form to be presented to Gwynedd Council by 29.01.21.

All in agreement to keep the precept the same as last year = **£9,800.00**.

Two payments of £4,900.00 to be made - in April and August.

Decision → complete the application form and submit to Gwynedd Council’s Finance Department.

- b) Chq 100793 - £ 216.00 → Geraint Micah → grass cutting at the Quaker’s Cemetery and the War Memorial.

Chq 100794 - £ 95.00 → Geraint Williams (Electrician) → repair the Christmas Tree lights at Llwyngwrl.

- c) **Appropriate Sum under Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021 – 22 = £8.41 per elector.**

- d) Copy of invoice for maintenance of footpaths sent to Gwynedd Council for reimbursement = £ 200.00.

- e) Information Commissioner’s Office – confirmed that they have received £ 40.00 - data protection fee.
Certificate: ZA530533 (to be renewed 28.06.21).

- d) **Audit for the year ended 31.03.20 has now been completed by BDO on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales.**

- Annual Return was presented to members of the community council.
- Annual Return was approved and accepted by the members of the council.
- The “issues arising report” was also presented to the members.
One minor issue was noted, and discussed with the members at the meeting.
- Annual Return and “Notice of Conclusion of Audit” to be displayed on the Community Council’s Noticeboard in Llwyngwrl, Rhoslefain and on the Community Council’s website - for 14 days.

8. Representatives’ Reports: None.

9. County Councillor’s Report: Did not attend.

10. Any Other Business:

- a) **“The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty”** → Annual review undertaken - no change.

- b) **Problem with boundary gate on Llwyn Du public footpath** → Gwynedd Council has contacted the landowner.

- c) **BT Phone Kiosk near the Play Park** - reports received that panels were missing from the box housing the cables

Decision → inform BT and request their urgent attention to this matter.

- d) **Bus shelter in Rhoslefain** → Geraint Micah has tidied up this site → many thanks.

- e) **Signs on the footpath near Quakers, Llwyngwrl** → complaints received that vehicles are parked overnight down this footpath - which is unacceptable, and that signs are needed to try and prevent this from happening.

Decision → contact Gwynedd Council to inform them of this issue and ask if new signs could be put up.

- f) Caravan parked in field near the Quakers footpath → Snowdonia National Park aware of caravan on this site....???

g) “Wendy’s” Footpath (landowner closed the footpath to the public in February 2020)

The Chairman confirmed that all the community council members had been given copies of all the relevant information, correspondence and documents (since March 2020) relating to “Wendy’s” footpath, especially the latest information received -

- Network Rail’s “Enhanced Level Crossing Safety 2019-29” document
- Copy of Mr Nick Ward’s article which was published in Sibrudion

and that the members were aware of the two questions presented to them at the September Meeting, by Mr Nick Ward.

The Chairman asked if everybody had read the correspondences and had time to re-consider the decision made in August’s meeting. None of the community council members present at December’s meeting wanted to re-consider the decision that was passed in the August meeting; **therefore, no discussion was required, and no action was needed.**

However, one of the councilors suggested that the best course of action would be for the people who wanted the footpath to be kept open to the public to contact the landowner, who had closed the path off to the public back in February 2020.

Another member of the community council said he had spoken to the landowner, who had confirmed that they were adamant that they would not be willing to change the path into a “public footpath”.

A member of the community who attended December’s meeting, asked the Chairman what was meant by “*no benefit to the wider community*” - the Chairman replied that it would be dangerous for most residents of the community to access this path.

The Chairman reiterated that anybody can apply to Gwynedd Council to Modify the Definitive Map and Statement for Gwynedd, if they feel strongly about changing the status of this path into a “public footpath”.

Date of Next Meeting:

Signed

Chairman **Date**