

# Cyngor Cymuned Llangelynnin Community Council

## Minutes of the Community Council – 12.09.23 - 7.00pm at Y Ganolfan

**Present:** David Griffiths (DG) (Chair) Geraint Edwards (GE) (Vice Chair) Huw Davies (HD), Nicola Roberts (NR), Ian Williams (IW) Keith Carroll (KC) Jane Lawrence (JL) Louise Hughes (LH) (County Councillor) Glenda Edwards (temp Clerk)

1. **Apologies Received:** Jenny Warne, Geraint Micah, Jane Jenkins (Clerk).
2. **Chairperson's Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to all to the meeting.
- 2.1 **Registration of Interest:** David Griffiths declared an interest regarding two Planning Applications.
3. **Approval of previous minutes – 12.07.23:** Previous meeting's minutes were agreed as a true account  
**Proposed** – GE    **Second** – KC    **Signed** – David Griffiths.
4. **Matters arising from the previous meeting – 12.07.23:**
  - a) **Right of Way/Unclassified Road (Sunbeach)** – letter received from Gwynedd Council confirming that Community Council's concerns have been forwarded to the relevant officers in the Environment Department at Gwynedd Council.  
**Decision:** wait for further response and chase next month if no reply received by then.
  - b) **Friog Boundary Wall** – reply received from Steffan Jones, Gwynedd Council.  
Members still not happy with explanation he's given as more clarity is needed as to who is responsible for the safety barriers. Network Rail and Gwynedd Council have totally neglected their duty of care to the public on this site and how they have dealt with the matter is totally unacceptable.  
**Decision** → Complaint to be sent to the Ombudsman relating to this on-going situation.
  - c) **Planning application NP/69/56M (Sunbeach)** - no further response received from Snowdonia National Park regarding the Community Council opposing the planning application.  
**Decision:** Louise Hughes offered to follow-up and chase response from SNP.
  - d) **Cyclist signs at Friog traffic lights** – no response from Gwynedd Council following Community Council's complaint that cyclists' sign had disappeared  
**Decision** → Clerk to write to Steffan Jones – Traffic Management at Gwynedd Council to get his response.
  - e) **Public Toilets, Llwyngwril** – Reply received from Gwynedd Council confirming that they will be looking into the matter further and monitoring the situation.
  - f) **Welsh Water** – Geraint Edwards provided an update. Letter has also been received from Welsh Water confirming that there's no immediate threat to the structure but appreciate the CC's concerns and they will speak to their contractors regarding a temporary repair and look at a long term solution. They will carry out a CCTV survey of the pipe to establish its condition.  
**Decision** → CC to monitor - keep an eye on the site before the next duck race!  
Letter to be sent to Welsh Water again in the future if needed.
- **Full audit update:** All requested documents have already been submitted. Audit Wales have now requested copies of the Community Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. These documents have now been forwarded on to the external auditors.

- **Code of Conduct:** Copy of reviewed Code of Conduct handed to all members present at the meeting. Copy to be given to Geraint Micah, Jenny Warne, and new member at the next meeting.
- **ROSPA:** Annual inspection of Llwyngwriil Play Park carried out in June 2023. ROSPA report received and discussed at meeting. Issues raised in the report will be investigated further by GE and HD.
- **Co-option of Council Member:** letter of withdrawal received by one applicant.  
**Decision** – All agreed that Megan Griffiths be co-opted on to the community council's empty seat. Invite Megan to the next meeting in October.

## 5. Correspondence:

- Hedgehog Highway Project:** information received regarding this project → no further action.
- Llwyngwriil Environment Group (LEG)** – Japanese Knotweed – letter received from the group asking the Community Council to support and fund the Japanese Knotweed eradication project in the village for the next couple of years.  
All members agreed that more clarity is needed as to who is already donating towards the project and whether the landowners' whose property it affects are also involved.  
A breakdown is needed of what funds they have, and how long the project is likely to go on for and how much is it likely to cost each year.  
**Decision** → letter to be sent to Cath Severn for more details. Invite members of the LEG to a CC meeting to discuss further, as no one from the Community Council has been informed of their meetings for a long time. Originally a member of the CC (Ian Williams) was to be invited to all the LEG meetings, but this has not happened.
- Jet Skis (Llwyngwriil)** – letter received from member of the community complaining about the continuing disturbance caused by jet skis in Llwyngwriil.  
Community Council have no control over these matters as the jet skis are launched from private land, and not licensed.  
**Decision** → reply to be sent advising the individual to write to the Maritime Officer at Gwynedd Council.
- SARPA – Barmouth Bridge works Video** – link forwarded to all members.
- One Voice Wales** – Training Dates for September received.
- Dail Dysynni** – request for a financial donation. All members agreed to support = **£50.00** donation.  
**Proposed:** IW **Second:** GE.
- Cerebral Palsy Cymru** - request for a financial donation. All members agreed to keep until the end of the financial year before deciding.

## 6. Planning Applications:

- **\*NP5/69/113Q – Llanfendigaid, Rhoslefain** – Installation of 2 rows of ground mounted 110kw solar panels –  
No objections or comments to be submitted to Snowdonia National Park by the CC.
- **\*NP5/69/LB157E – Llanfendigaid, Rhoslefain** – Listed Building Consent for the retention of engineering works to supply zero carbon sustainable heating and hot water to cottages, together with creation of a plant room –  
No objections or comments to be submitted to Snowdonia National Park by the CC.  
❖ David Griffiths declared his "Notification of Personal Interest" to the above two planning applications for Llanfendigaid Rhoslefain, verbally and by completing the relevant paperwork and leaving the meeting whilst the applications were discussed.

- **NP5/69/LUL243C – Galeri Llwyngwriil, LL37 2JQ** – Certificate of Lawful Use for the use of the building and the curtilage for two short term holiday units.

It was noted that there aren't enough parking spaces provided here for 2 holiday units, therefore cars parked on the pavement and road cause safety and obstruction issues outside the Galeri in Llwyngwriil.

**Decision** → Parking issues on site to be reported to the Snowdonia National Park.

**7. Financial Matters:**

- a. **Financial Report for July and August 2023** - Agreed as a true account and approved.

**Proposed:** IW    **Second:** NR    **Signed:** DG.

- b. **Payments** - Three Cheques to be signed. Clerk's Pay and Expenses (JJ), HMRC income tax, Gwynedd Council – Internal Audit.

**8. Representatives' Reports:** None received.

**9. County Councillors:** Report given by Louise Hughes.

**10. Any Other Business:**

- **Appointment of Monitoring Officer** (as per Code of Conduct): Geraint Edwards put his name forward as Monitoring Officer for the Community Council.

- **Llwyngwriil Playpark:**

Complaints have been received from members of the community regarding the poor state of the rubber matting in the playpark and the black rubber staining children's clothing.

This issue was also picked up in the recent ROSPA inspection of the playpark done in June 2023.

The poor condition of the rubber safety matting and the broken spinning pole (Rotator Spica) in the play park were discussed in detail by the members present and it was decided that GE and HD would further inspect the equipment and Geraint would then request quotes for replacing the spinning pole and black spray matting from G L Jones. Quotes to be reviewed at next meeting.

- **Bank Mandate changes:** Bank Mandate will have to be done again as bank staff have confirmed that the last application has expired (with 2 signatures missing).

**Decision** - Clerk to apply for the bank mandate again and inform the members whose names are to be added to the bank mandate form that they will all have to meet face to face to get the form signed and completed all together.

- **ILCA training** – Jane Jenkins (Clerk) expressed an interest to do this training. All members present agreed they were happy for Jane Jenkins to enrol for this training.

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11.10.23 at 7.00pm - "Y Ganolfan" Llwyngwriil**

**Signed**

**Chairman** ..... **Date** .....