

Cyngor Cymuned Llangelynnin Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting Wednesday 28 September 2022

7pm at Y Ganolfan Llwyngwriol

Present – Keith Carroll (KC – CHAIR), Jane Lawrence (JL), Nicola Roberts (NR), Geraint Micah (GM), Geraint Edwards (GE), David Griffiths (DG), Ian Williams (IW), Howard Bevington (HB – CLERK), County Councillor Louise Hughes (LH).

1, Chairperson's Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted the meeting had been delayed two weeks due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd

2. Apologies- Francesca Pridding (FP), Jenny Warne (JW), Huw Davies (HD)

3.Registration of Interest – DG declared registration of interest in a forthcoming planning matter relating to Parth Y Gwyddwch and would leave the meeting at the appropriate point.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - minutes of the meeting on 27 July . Proposed David Griffiths – Seconded Nicola Roberts.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Update from the Clerk regarding the bank accounts. HSBC forms for the closure of the account had been completed by signatories and posted by the Clerk to HSBC Customer Services department for action. Neither the Clerk nor the Chair had received an update as to the current position so the Clerk would find out. ACTION – HB

The Nat West account had the Clerk added as a signatory but he had received no communication from them since a statement to 19 August sent to the address of the previous Clerk. He will contact them for an update. ACTION – HB

The phone signal in Rhoslefain is still under discussion. LH has been seeking responses from Gwynedd Council for some time. She will continue to do so and DG will speak to Richard Jones. ACTION – LH/DG.

Friog boundary wall – the A493 will be closed between Llwyngwriol and Friog between 1st and 3rd October. Access will be allowed to residents and visiting carers. A letter has been posted to a number of residents from Network Rail though not all.

Facebook page was reported by DG to be a work in progress

A PC has been acquired by the Chairperson which can be used for council meetings for remote attendance and for online meetings and for the public or press to attend remotely. It has not yet passed its PAT test because of a power lead. Online security was discussed. It is via Windows which has been built in.

6. Correspondence Received

Letters from Cerebral Palsy Cymru and from Hope House Hospice were received asking for donations. It was advised to check if they were on our list of recipients before we decided whether to donate.

A large number of emails had been received and the Clerk read out the headline of most of them to determine whether they would be of interest to the Community Council. These were briefly discussed and no further action was required.

As email was received from Mike Senior requiring payment to a medical company for replacing the battery in the Ganolfan defibrillator. Payment was approved by GE and seconded by IW.

Emails with invoices from Wales Audit Office and Gwynedd Council election fees department were also approved for payment.

An email was received regarding Welsh Government funding for defibrillators. Discussion was held regarding a new machine at Rhoslefain as the people there were a long way from one in an emergency. It was agreed the Clerk seek to complete the online application and check whether there was a closing date. ACTION - HB

7.Planning Applications

At this point DG declared interest and left the meeting.

Parth Y Gwyddwch – conversations between a local resident and the Chairman had begun a few weeks ago and at the meeting a letter from the resident was passed to the Clerk by the chairman. The letter was a complaint to our Community Council and to the County Councillor LH regarding our lateness in support of his appeal against the Snowdonia National Park planning department to refuse his original planning application in September 2021.

In discussions it transpired that the Community Council discussed it at the March 2022 meeting which was exactly six months later. Support was agreed and a letter from our Clerk was sent to Planning Director Jonathan Cawley on 10 May. This letter was not accepted by the department as it was ruled out of time.

No clear reasons were identified as to why it was not brought to the attention of the Community Council within the time limit for the appeal but the Councillors felt that they had done all they could to support the appeal.

The Clerk would write a letter in response to the resident's letter with the support of the Chairman. ACTION – HB/KC

At this point DG returned to the meeting

NP5/69/L113B Llandfendigaid Rhoslefain – no objections raised so no response to be made

NP5/69/413 Hendre Hall Farm field – no objections raised so no response to be made

NP5/69/405D The Burf – no objections raised so no response to be made

Sunbeach Holiday Park – around four days before this meeting the clerk received an email from residents who live opposite the park. They had received from Savils information that they were to present a pre-planning application to the council on behalf of Sunbeach owners. They had asked Savils to ensure this Community Council would receive any copy documents.

These residents have serious concerns about the effect of such a large development on their quality of life and enjoyment of their property and wanted us to help them. I asked if they could forward to us any documents they receive and they asked if they could join our next meeting on October 12 to petition us.

Two days before the meeting the Clerk received an email from Savils confirming they represented the owners and giving a brief outline of the pre-application details. It was circulated to all Councilors including the County Councillor.

In discussions it became clear the Councillors were aware of a history of such activities at Sunbeach and concluded we should wait until copies of planning documents were received in order for specific conversations to take place. It was agreed to invite the couple to our meeting though it may not be the October one if documents not yet received by then.

Consideration could be given in future to an open meeting for residents to discuss specifics when they are known and objections collected.

8. Financial Report

It was not possible to deliver a prepared financial report in the format previously given. This is because the new Clerk had sent forms to close the HSBC account but was not able to update the Council as to the current status as he is not a party to that account. He has been added to the Nat West account mandate but received no statements so again was unable to complete an accurate balance.

The Clerk reported the second part of the Council precept of £5135 had been received on 31 August and credited to our Nat West account. The unconfirmed balance would be £12060.81 The unconfirmed HSBC balance would remain at £986.09.

Four cheques were signed - 000019 to Audit Wales for £231.00

000020 to C U Medical for £204.00 (defibrillator battery)

000021 to Gwynedd Council for £1035.16 (election costs)

000022 to Fairbourne Property Services £45.00 (materials)

By next meeting the Clerk will update the Council on the status and balances of the bank accounts and detail the income and outgoings in the format set out in previous minutes.

ACTION - HB

9, Representatives' Reports

DG reported that Dave Pomeroy had been co-opted onto the Ganolfan committee. Tenders for work on the kitchen had been offered and one had been selected, Fairbourne Property Services. The kitchen would be closed for around a month for the refurbishment to be done.

10. County Councillor's Report

LH reported that the Council were debating a 300% council tax charge for second homes and a brief discussion was held by the Community Council. No current action to be taken.

11. Any Other Business

An update on the new bench for the beach was to be given at the next meeting.

New rails had been fitted to the bench in Rhoslefain.

The crossing by the park was still awaiting further action and it was agreed the clerk write to Adrian Williams inviting him to meet a Councilor on site to discuss. ACTION – HB

A request for information about consultations within My Area had come from a member of the public. It was noted that leaflets are placed on the Ganolfan notice board and are available at coffee mornings. The Sybridion is another place to distribute information.

Three Councilors asked the Clerk for hard copies of the minutes and agendas for future meetings. The Clerk will note and arrange. ACTION – HB

The state of the weeds on the station car park had been reported to Gwynedd Council by KC.

Date of Next Meeting; Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 7 pm at Y Ganolfan

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