

## **LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Councils Annual meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Monday, 22 June, 2015, at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT** Mr R O Jones, (Chair), (Benllech A), Mr P Brook, (Benllech A), Mr J Cotterell, (Benllech A), Ms G M Davies, (Benllech A), Mr P Day, (Benllech B), Mr K F Griffiths, (Benllech A), Mrs W Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mrs J Peers, (Llanbedrgoch), Mrs D Roberts, (Benllech B), Mr I Williams, (Benllech B).

### **22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2015 / 2016**

Following the Annual Meeting held in May, a letter of resignation was received from Mr Paul Brook who had been elected Council Chair 2015/2016 in his absence. Consequently the election of a new Chair was discussed and Mr Rhys Owain Jones was elected unanimously.

### **23 APOLOGIES**

Received – apologies for absence from the following :- Mr G Harker-Roberts, (Brynteg) and Miss N Williams, (Benllech B).

### **24 MINUTES.**

The Chair signed as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 26 May 2015.

## **FOOTPATHS, ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

### **25 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL - RESPONSE TO HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

Submitted for information – correspondence received from the Isle of Anglesey County Council in response to Highway matters referred to them by the Community Council.

### **26 MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Reported by members – various matters that required attention.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **27 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – DISPENSATION FOR COUNCILLORS.**

Submitted for information – note from the Isle of Anglesey County Council in relation to a special dispensation for Councillors when they are considering a prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct. Councillors can obtain the special dispensation from the County Council’s Standards Committee to enable them to participate in a matter where they have a prejudicial interest.

### **28 ANGLESEY & GWYNEDD PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT.**

Submitted – letter from the Anglesey & Gwynedd Partnership explaining the “Seiriol Community Building Project”, which is piloting the concept of “coproduction” where communities, the voluntary sector (such as Medrwn Mon) and public sector organisations work together to design and provide services. The project is to be extended to include the “Canolbarth Mon and Lligwy Wards and an invitation was extended to the Chair and Vice Chair of Llanfair M.E. Community Council to a meeting at the Ebeneser, Llangefni on Tuesday 30 June at 5-30 pm.

**RESOLVED – that the Chair, Mrs Diana Roberts and the Clerk would attend the meeting.**

### **29 YSGOL GORONWY OWEN BENLLECH – LETTER OF THANKS.**

Submitted for information – letter from the pupils of Ysgol Goronwy Owen following a donation of £100 by the Council to the Welsh Language Charter .

### **30 ONE VOICE WALES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013.**

Submitted for information – letter correcting the statement made in May 2015 by One Voice Wales relating to Community Councillors registering personal interests. Following discussions with the Welsh Government it became apparent that the exemption which existed pre the 2013 Act remained in place and therefore Community Councillors did not have to register details of their personal interests on line in the future. However, Councillors had to declare personal interests and if appropriate, prejudicial interests in relation to pertinent matters when present at meetings.

### **31 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – THE NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD.**

Submitted for information – invitation from the Leader of the Isle of Anglesey County Council to a Public Meeting to discuss inviting the 2017 National Eisteddfod to Anglesey. The meeting to be held at 6-30pm on 25 June 2015 at Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni.

### **32 FARMERS UNION OF WALES – UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE.**

Submitted – letter of thanks from the Farmers Union of Wales in respect of the Council's donation towards the creation of a Memorial Plaque in recognition of the service given by the Womens Land Army. An invitation for two members of the Council to attend the unveiling ceremony at the Anglesey Showground was also made.

**RESOLVED – that Mrs J Peers would represent the Council at the event.**

## **PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS**

### **33 BILLS**

**RESOLVED – to pay the following bills :-**

Edwards Accounting	Information preparation	£30-00
Eira Fon Parry	Translation service	£50-00
Lingo Cyf	Hire of Translation equipment	£36-00
Cemetery Development Services	Project management	£2640-00

### **34 ACCOUNTS**

Submitted – account showing details of payments made by the Clerk (including those made in accordance with the Council's current Scheme of Delegation) in May, 2015.

**RESOLVED – to note the account and approve the payments.**

### **35 COUNCIL'S BUDGET**

Submitted – details of the Council's receipts and payments as compared with its budget for the period from April 1, 2015 to the end of May, 2015.

**RESOLVED – to note and approve the details.**

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### **36 McCARTHY & STONE – IMPROVING ACCOMMODATION CHOICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN BENLLECH.**

A letter was received from McCarthy & Stone detailing their intention to improve the choice of older people accommodation in Benllech by developing the Glanrafon Hotel site. An invitation had been extended to two Council members to a presentation by the company of their development plans on the 22 June at the Breeze Hill Hotel in Benllech. A detailed account of the plans was given by Mr Peter Day and Mr Paul Brook, these included the demolition of the existing building and erection of forty one and two bedroom quality units. There would be twenty seven parking bays on the site. The units are available to individuals aged 60 and over, however, the average age of owners throughout the company is 78.

There will be a House Manager on site five days a week and a Careline system operating on a 24 hour, seven days a week basis. In the view of the Council representatives the plans are of good quality and befitting the area which attracts many retirees.

During July full plans will have been prepared and a public exhibition held prior to McCarthy & Stone making a formal planning application.

### **37 CCTV**

The recent email from CCTV Services which was seeking a response to their terms for extending the maintenance contract for a further year was discussed. However the terms offered were markedly different to previous years in that the company offered a labour cost only contract. If new equipment was required then this would be at full market cost. Members were not satisfied with the new terms offered.

It was decided to advertise in the press for expressions of interest by suitable companies to manage the Council's CCTV system.

### **38 LLANFAIR M.E. PUBLIC CEMETERY.**

A report was received from Mr Alex Vickers from Cemetery Development Services (Project Managers) following his visit to the Cemetery on the completion of the Drainage scheme by Wright Landscapes.

Mr Vickers explained that the engineering work had been completed to a competent standard. The soil management and re-seeding element work was to an acceptable standard and completion of the contract could be made when the grass had grown to 90% of the re-seeded surface. However, he recommended retaining £500 of the value of the contract presently.

There was already evidence of rabbit damage to the new surface as it emerged, however there was little that can be done to eradicate the problem. Mr Vickers recommended cutting the new surface when the height of the grass was no more than 50mm and ensure that at least 35mm remained following cutting.

The meeting concluded at 8-00pm.