

LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Councils Annual meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Tuesday, 29 March, 2016, at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Mr R O Jones, (Chair), (Benllech A), Mr J Cotterell, (Benllech A), Ms G M Davies, (Benllech A), Mr P Day, (Benllech B), Mr K F Griffiths, (Benllech A), Mr G Harker-Roberts, (Brynteg), Mr K D Hughes, (Benllech A), Mrs W Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mrs J Peers, (Llanbedrgoch). Mr D W Roberts, (Brynteg), Mrs D Roberts, (Benllech B), Miss N Williams, (Benllech B).

187 MINUTES.

The Chair signed as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 22 February 2016.

FOOTPATHS ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

188 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – RESPONSE TO HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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

189 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 62.

Submitted for information – letter from the Isle of Anglesey County Council informing of the diversion of Public Footpath no 62.

190 VARIOUS HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Reported by members – various matters requiring attention.

CORRESPONDENCE

191 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIASON FORUM.

Submitted for information – minutes of the meeting of the Town & Community Council Liason Forum held on the 19 November 2015 at the County Council Chamber in Llangefni.

192 ONE VOICE WALES – ANGLESEY AREA COMMITTEE.

Submitted for information – minutes of the Anglesey Area Committee held at the County Hall in Llangefni on the 21 January 2016.

193 HORIZON NUCLEAR POWER.

Submitted for information – email detailing a negative response to the Community Council’ request for financial assistance towards the upgrading of the CCTV system.

194 GRANTS & DONATIONS.

Application for grant from the following :-

- (i) Members of the School Council, Ysgol Goronwy Owen.

RESOLVED – to discuss the application as part of item 8(dd) Grants & Donations 2016/2017.

PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

195 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
G E Pritchard	Travelling expenses	£606-60
G E Pritchard	Postages	£112-99
G E Pritchard	Office costs	£156-00
J D Roberts	Internal Audit 2014/15	£65-00
Scottish Power	Christmas Lights	£19-89
Richard Edwards	Grass cutting & Footpaths	£2794-33

196 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 February , 2016.

RESOLVED – to note the account and approve the payments.

197 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 February, 2016.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the details.

GENERAL MATTERS

198 LLANFAIR M.E. PUBLIC CEMETERY.

Following a discussion between a Council member and a local Undertaker the subject of burying at the far end of the Cemetery in particular the row of graves next to the boundary closest to Benllech. A pattern had developed of using the next row for new graves due to the theory of rocks being present in the row closest to the boundary. Consequently full usage of the available space was not being utilised.

RESOLVED – a request for the Clerk to consult with the local undertakers stating that the Clerk or the Chair in the Clerk's absence to be present when a new grave is opened.

199 CODE OF CONDUCT.

As a number of Community Council members also served on the Local Fundraising Committee of the 2017 Anglesey National Eisteddfod. This resulted in the possibility of a Personal interest arising when the Council discussed financial grants towards the Anglesey National Eisteddfod, it was therefore decided to consult the Monitoring Officer of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

An email was subsequently received from the Monitoring Officer confirming that Community Council members who were members of the Local Eisteddfod Fundraising Committee did indeed have a Personal interest, she was also of the opinion that a Prejudicial interest arose.

Therefore in future meetings when financial grants by the Community Council towards the Anglesey National Eisteddfod 2017 are being discussed, it is necessary for involved members to declare a Personal and Prejudicial interest which means that they should leave the room, not discuss or vote on the matter.

200 CCTV SERVICE.

The Clerk explained that a misunderstanding had arisen during discussions with “CCTV Services” relating to the upgrading of the current equipment. It transpired that it wouldn’t be possible to complete the work and split the cost over two financial years as thought originally. However, it would be possible it would be possible to complete the first stage of the upgrade in the current financial year and the remainder in the 2017/2018 financial year.

Additionally it had become apparent that no financial assistance towards the upgrade would be forthcoming from Horizon Nuclear Power. No response had been received in respect of the application to McCarthy & Stone.

The initial stage of the upgrade to be completed in the 2016/17 financial year would result in new cameras within the centre of the village, from Caer Berllan playground along the A5025 through to the Breeze Hill Hotel. Also new receiving equipment in the Police Station. The cost of the first stage of the upgrade being £33,693-71 plus VAT.

The second stage of the upgrade work will extend the camera network from the Breeze Hill Hotel to the Beach area, the cost involved will be £10,013-90 plus VAT. This work will be done during 2017/2018.

RESOLVED – to accept the above offer which spreads the cost of the upgrade over two financial years.

201 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ANNUAL REPORT WALES 2016/2017 – FINANCIAL COMPENSATION.

The Independent Remuneration Panel Annual Report Wales for 2016/17 on financial compensation was received. Section 10 of the Report relates specifically to Town and Community Councils and a request was made to make members aware of the contents.

The report details allowances that are available to members who are on Council matters and away from their work and daily responsibilities. The allowances include the following ; telephone and IT costs, responsibility payments, Mayoral / Chair and deputies expenses, attendance allowances, financial loss allowance, travelling and subsistence allowance, care allowance.

Each Council is required to publish details of payments to members annually on its website and to complete a Report to the Panel no later than 30 September following completion of the last Council year.

202 WELSH GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) (WALES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016.

To adopt the amended Code of Conduct in accordance with section 51 of the 2000 Act. The Order amends the Model Code of Conduct in respect of Local Government members as follows. Firstly, in relation to a community council, a reference to a monitoring is replaced with a reference to the proper officer of the community council. Secondly, the obligation on a member to report a potential breach of the Code of Conduct to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales is omitted from the Code. Finally paragraph 10 (2) (b) of the Model Code is omitted.

RESOLVED – to adopt the amended Code of Conduct.

203 LIST OF GRANTS & DONATIONS 2016/2017.

The list of grants and donations for 2015/2016 was considered by members in the light of their wish to take a more localized view of future Council grants. A number of organizations and charities were removed and an amended list will be prepared for adoption in the April agenda.

204 INTERNAL AUDITOR.

To consider the appointment of Mr John Roberts as Internal Auditor of the Community Council's accounts for 2015/2016.

RESOLVED – to appoint Mr John Roberts as Internal Auditor of the accounts for 2015/2016.

205 COUNCIL WEBSITE.

Regretably Mr G Harker-Roberts explained that due to pressure of work he could not carry on with the completion of the Council's website.

RESOLVED – to thank Mr Harker-Roberts for his preparatory work. The Clerk was requested to obtain costs in respect of the development of the website as soon as possible.

206 MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

A request was received from the family of the late Mr John Regan to place a memorial plaque on one of the sea front benches in Benllech containin the following inscription, “ In loving memory of John Regan who loved Benllech Bay”.

RESOLVED – to agree to the memorial plaque and the wording thereon.

207 ANGLESEY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The Isle of Anglesey County Council’ intention to transfer the Library Service to local groups or Community / Town Councils was discussed by members. There were a number of options available but only two seemed realistic.

The first option was the transfer of the full service provision to the group or council, this entailed responsibility for the whole cost to include buildings, staffing and provision of books. The second option related to responsibility for the buildings only with the County Council retaining the responsibility for staffing and provision of books.

The first option was ignored as the Community Council had neither the resources or finance to administer the service. However, members felt that Benllech and the surrounding area needed a Library Service and an effort should be made to consider the second option.

The cost of maintaining the Library building in Benllech averaged over the last three years is £4717 with the Non domestic Rates being £5422 which makes a total sum of £10,139. A similar sum would be payable annually resulting in a 21% increase on the Precept for 2016/17. The 2016/17 Precept has already been increased 17% over and above the 2015/16 Precept.

Members general feeling was that it was unfair to expect the Community Council to pay the Non Domestic Rates in addition to the building maintenance cost. The Clerk was requested to write to the Isle of Anglesey County Council to clarify members’ views on the matter.

PLANNING

208 APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the following decisions were made on the planning applications before the Council :-

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209 DECISIONS

Reported for information - recent planning decisions made by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

The meeting concluded at 8-30pm.