

LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Councils Annual meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Monday, 23 November, 2015, 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 E Ll Owen, (Benllech B), Mrs W Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mrs J Peers, (Llanbedrgoch), Mr I Williams, (Benllech B), Miss N Williams, (Benllech B).

110 APOLOGIES

Received – apologies for absence from the following: - Mrs D Roberts, (Benllech B).

111 MINUTES.

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

FOOTPATHS, ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

112 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – RESPONSE TO HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

113 MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Reported by members – various matters that required attention.

CORRESPONDENCE

114 NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES 2017 – FINANCIAL APPEAL.

Submitted for information – letter from the Chair of the Executive Committee, National Eisteddfod of Wales, Anglesey 2017 encouraging Llanfair M.E. Community Council to raise funds for the Eisteddfod.

115 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

Submitted – communication from the Monitoring Officer stating that nominations had been received in respect of the vacancies for the two seats for Town and Community Council on the Standards Committee of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

It is necessary to select two of the nominations and send a representative to vote at a special meeting arranged by One Voice Wales on the 1 December 2015 at the County Council Chamber in Llangefni where a secret ballot will be held.

RESOLVED – to select Councillor Clive McGregor and Councillor Eric Roberts to the Standards Committee and the Chair to represent the Community Council at the vote.

116 TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM.

Submitted for information – minutes of the Forum’s meeting on the 9 July 2015 held at the Council Chamber, County Council Offices, Llangefni.

117 MEDRWN MON – INVITATION.

Submitted for information – an invitation from the re-cycling team, Isle of Anglesey County Council to arrange an informative and fun presentation to various clubs and societies.

118 GRANTS & DONATIONS

Application for a grant from the following :-

(i) Keep Wales Tidy

RESOLVED – to leave the application on the table.

PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

119 BILLS

RESOLVED – to pay the following bills :-

Edwards Accounting	Information preparation	£30-00
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Eira Fon Parry	Translation service	£50-00
Lingo Cyf	Hire of translation equipment	£36-00
Poppy Appeal	Wreath	£25-00
Benllech Playgroup	Picnic table	£200-00
Andrew Druce	Stonework at Waun Dirion	£200-00

120 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 October, 2015.

RESOLVED – to note the account and approve the payments.

121 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 October, 2015.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the details.

GENERAL MATTERS

122 LIBRARY SERVICES ON ANGLESEY - CONSULTATION.

Due to a fault on the Community Council’ computer it had not been possible to enclose the Consultation document with the Agenda. A copy of the document was given to each member at the meeting. It was decided that each member would complete the consultation document individually via the web.

123 YSGOL LLANBEDRGOCH GOVERNING BODY.

The letter received from the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanbedrgoch regarding the Community Council’s representative on the Governing Body, namely, Mr Elwyn Lloyd Owen was discussed by members. The letter stated that Mr Owen had not attended meetings of the Governing Body for over two years and if he did not wish to remain as the Community Council’ representative, then could the Council appoint a new representative.

The Clerk explained that he had spoken with Mr Owen regarding the matter. It appeared that Mr Owen had misunderstood the situation as he believed that he was no longer the representative on the Governing Body

following the election held in May 2013 when he lost his Llanbedrgoch seat on the Community Council. He was however co-opted to the Benllech B Ward shortly thereafter. Additionally Mr Owen felt he would wish to continue as the Community Council' representative on the Governing Body.

Before the Community Council can elect a new representative to serve on the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanbedrgoch, written confirmation of the following is required from the Governing Body (Part 4 of the School Governing Rules (Wales) 2005) :-

- (i) inform the person named in the action of the action and the opportunity to respond in writing.
- (ii) discuss the action and response thereto in a full meeting of the Governing Body before coming to a decision.
- (iii) if a decision is arrived at to dismiss the person then he should be informed in writing of the decision.
- (iv) request the Community Council to elect a new representative to the Body noting that the person dismissed cannot be a Governor at the School for the next twelve months.

RESOLVED – reply to the Governing Body' letter stating the above facts.

(Mr E Ll Owen declared an interest in this item and was not present during the discussions and voting on the matter.)

124 PLANNING AID WALES – RECENT WORKSHOP.

The following are the main points of note that arose from the Planning Workshop held at Llangefni by Planning Aid Wales.

When a community council recommends granting or refusing an application it should quote the relevant policy / policies.

When a community council makes a recommendation to refuse an application and this is not upheld by the planning department, there should be a written report issued by the planning officer stating why the decision was taken to grant the application, listing the comments received about the application and the policies under which the application was granted.

Changes are to be introduced whereby a community council can propose policies that would affect its area.

There is also to be a “pre application community consultation” by developers of large schemes.

125 BENLLECH COMMUNITY & EX-SERVICEMEN’ HALL.

Following an application from an officer of the Community Hall for permission to use part of the Waun Dirion Car Park for the purpose of siting a childrens roundabout on the day of the Hall’s Christmas Fair.

RESOLVED – to grant permission.

126 PLAS GLANRAFON BENLLECH

Following the completion of items 1to 4 on the Agenda, the presentation by McCarthy & Stone was heard. They intend to redevelop the Plas Glanrafon site and build 35 attractive retirement homes. The Chairman explained at the start of the meeting that he would allow one or two questions from members of the public who were present.

A brief introduction was made by the leader of the McCarthy & Stone team who gave the reason for the development at Benllech and the company’s plans for further development in North Wales. Following on the company’s architect explained in detail the proposed building and the aspects of living in such an environment. Various questions were asked following the architect’ presentation, including flood risks from the development, car parking on the site and adjoining areas and the employment of local people in the construction of the development which is likely to take approximately thirteen months.

On the whole the presentation was well received.

127 NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE.

The public consultation document on the future of the North Wales Fire & Rescue Service was discussed by members. Presently the service costs £32 million to run annually, equivalent to £46 per head of the North Wales population and is financed by the six County Councils within the region.

The main aims of the Service are, continue to help people prevent fires in their homes. Secondly, work hard to keep within their budget so that they do not have to request increased contributions from the County

Councils. Finally, defend all communities within North Wales by improved planning.

Improved planning is based on retaining all existing Fire Stations, having mixed crews on appliances, that is full time and part time fire-fighters. It is mandatory to have four members on each appliance because of health and safety legislation. Having an increased number of fire-fighters that are flexible as to locations and movement within areas.

RESOLVED – the general view of the planning was that it did not give a guarantee that response teams would be available in every situation but in the present financial climate no other alternative was available.

PLANNING

128 DECISIONS

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

The meeting concluded at 8-30pm.