

## **LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Councils meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Monday, 25 August, 2017, at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT** Mr R O Jones, (Chair), (Benllech A), Ms G M Davies, (Benllech A), Mrs S Edwards, (Benllech B), Mrs B E Gall, (Benllech B), Mr K F Griffiths, (Benllech A), Mrs C A Hulme, (Benllech B), Mr G Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mrs W Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mr I Williams, (Benllech B).

### **77 APOLOGIES.**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

### **79 MINUTES.**

The Chair signed as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

## **FOOTPATHS ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

### **80 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.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **81 GRANTS & DONATIONS.**

Submitted - Application for grant from the following :-

- (i) Goronwy Owen School Gardening Club.

**RESOLVED – that, in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfied the requirements of that section, the Council approved the payment of :-**

**(1) Grant of £50 to Goronwy Owen School, Gardening Club.**

**82 ONE VOICE WALES – ANGLESEY AREA COMMITTEE.**

Submitted for information – minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Anglesey Area Committee held at County Hall, Llangefni on the 28 June 2017.

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**PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS**

**84 BILLS**

Edwards Accounting	Information preparation	£30-00
Lingo Cyf	Hire of translation service	£36-00
Eira Fon Parry	Translation service	£56-00
Photostatic	Photocopying	£15-12
Scottish Power	Electricity	£24-89
Arthur Griffith	Translation service	£65-00
Fred Rimmer	July & August payment	£529-91

**85 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 August, 2017.

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

**86 COUNCIL’S BUDGET**

Submitted – details of the Council’s receipts and payments as compared with its budget for the period from 1 April, 2017 to the end of August 2017.

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

## **GENERAL MATTERS.**

### **87 BDO – ANNUAL AUDIT 2017/2018.**

Confirmation was received from BDO that the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2017 had been completed. In their opinion, the information contained in the Annual Return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

Attention was drawn to other matters that did not affect the audit opinion but required disclosure to Council, namely, that the Council website did not meet the requirements of Section 55 Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

**RESOLVED – that BDO’s recommendations are followed in future to ensure that these matters are not repeated.**

### **88 BENLLECH BAGS.**

A presentation was made by Sioned Edwards relating to local village shops potentially using bags made from environmentally friendly materials instead of plastic which are discarded and become unsightly. Also the possibility of acquiring a suitable drinking water fountain for public use at the beach, which hopefully would lead to a reduction in plastic bottles left on the beach and surrounding area.

**RESOLVED – to ask Sioned to design a suitable questionnaire for completion by local shop owners to provide a measure of potential use. A suggestion was forthcoming for making a financial grant to the Scouts for litter cleaning on the beach. Also, if there is a positive response to the bag questionnaire to ask pupils of Ysgol Goronwy Owen to design a logo to appear on the bags.**

### **89 COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHEQUE SIGNING.**

As Miss Nia Williams will be absent from meetings for some time and therefore unable to sign cheques together with Mrs Wenda Owen’ registration has not been completed by the bank, it was agreed to change provision 5.3 of the Financial Regulations to allow Ms G M Davies and the Clerc to sign the September cheques.

## **90 BENLLECH LIBRARY.**

Following the decision taken at the August meeting to move forward with the possibility of siting the Community Councils office in the Benllech Library building. A meeting was held with Ms Rachel Rowlands of the Library Service and the Chair and Clerk of the Council. The building appears to be in good condition with improvements thereto having been completed lately. It is possible to site an office within a part of the building currently being used as a store room cum rest area. There is a precedent in that Cemaes Community Council are situated in the village Library and pay £500 per annum rent and a contribution towards electricity and water. The Council was requested to send a letter to the Library Service consultation with a formal request to be included in the document that is to be presented to the Isle of Anglesey County Council members in November.

## **91 BENLLECH PUBLIC TOILETS.**

A reply was received to the Community Council's request for clarification from the County Council's Waste Management department of the proposed terms when the Benllech Square and Beach toilets are transferred. The clarification is as follows ;

1. A one off payment equal to the last financial year's cleaning cost of £13312-53.
2. To withdraw permanently the clause regarding the payment of Council Tax on both sites.

However, the Waste Management department will not carry out any improvements to the Benllech Square Toilet prior to transfer in view of the one off payment being made.

**RESOLVED - to formally accept the Isle of Anglesey County Council offer to the Community Council to manage the Benllech toilets.**

## **92 CAER BERLLAN.**

Following a site meeting at the playground between the Clerk and MacVenture to discuss ways of resolving the vandalism problem that has developed over the last eighteen months, resulting in the Community Council paying repair bills of over £1600.

Although the CCTV cameras have clear images of the vandals that caused the damage, no success has been forthcoming in identification of those involved, which points towards people who have visited the area briefly, perhaps on holiday. In addition there is evidence that youths and indeed adults are using Caer Berllan for drinking purposes. The Police make evening visits in an effort to move people on but their time and resources are limited.

In an effort to reduce anti social behaviour it was suggested to members that a lockable gate be placed halfway between the two safety gates, this could be locked in the evening and opened in the morning.

**RESOLVED – the cost estimate provided by MacVenture to supply and install a bespoke gate was discussed by members, they felt however that the cost was excessive and requested the Clerk to obtain two further prices for comparison purposes.**

## **PLANNING**

### **93 APPLICATIONS**

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

1. Grant :

30C302V/VA	Plas Glanrafon, Benllech.
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2. Refused :

30C816	Ysgubor Fadog, Brynteg - refusal of the application was made on the grounds that no details of sewage disposal are given. This is particularly important if the use of septic tank disposal is chosen as Cors Goch a Site of Special Scientific Interest is barely two fields from the proposed development. Additionally, there is concern regarding increased traffic flows in and out of the site onto a country lane which in places has no passing places.
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