

LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Councils meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Tuesday, 29 August, 2017, 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), 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), Mr I Williams, (Benllech B).

56 APOLOGIES.

Received - Apologies for absence were received from the following :-
Mr G Harker-Roberts, (Brynteg), Miss N Williams, (Benllech B).

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

58 MINUTES.

The Chair signed as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24th July, 2017.

arising from the Minutes :-

59 (2017/2018) 33 – VANDALISM AT CAER BERLLAN

The Clerk explained that the Police had visited a person suspected of the vandalism at Caer Berllan. Unfortunately this was a case of mistaken identity. There were no further developments with the Police inquiry to date.

Regrettably a further incident of the same nature had happened at the same place within the Playground. There was supporting evidence on the CCTV system and the Police are investigating, images have been forwarded to Merseyside and Greater Manchester Police as well as throughout the North Wales Police area.

FOOTPATHS ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

60 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.

61 VARIOUS HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Reported by members – various highway matters requiring attention.

CORRESPONDENCE

62 NEW CO-OP FOODSTORE.

Submitted for information – response from the Co-op to the points raised by members relating to the proposed new food store to be built on the site of the old surgery.

63 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – TOWN & COMMUNITY LIAISON FORUM.

Submitted for information – minutes of the meeting of the Liaison Forum held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at the Council Chamber in Llangefni.

PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

64 BILLS

Edwards Accounting	Information preparation	£30-00
Lingo Cyf	Hire of translation service	£36-00
Photostatic	Photocopying	£18-64
Gwynedd Office Supplies	Stationery	£90-92
The Sign Factory	Parking sign	£36-00
Fred Rimmer	July & August payment	£369-00

65 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 July, 2017.

RESOLVED – to note the account and approve the payment.

66 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 July 2017.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the details.

GENERAL MATTERS.

67 BENLLECH LIBRARY.

Correspondence was received from the Isle of Anglesey County Council Library department detailing their plans for the various Libraries on the Island as part of the Consultation exercise which closes on the 22 September 2017. As far as Benllech Library is concerned the plan is to retain the status quo with the service available for 16.5 hours weekly over five days with full time staff. However, there is an expectation of local community assistance with possible joint occupation with local community groups and councils wherever possible.

RESOLVED - that members would respond individually to the Consultation in view of the design of the form. The subject of the Community Council having a presence in the Benllech Library Building was also discussed and the Clerk was asked to liaise with the Library Service to discuss further.

68 BENLLECH PUBLIC TOILETS – PUBLIC MEETING.

Following a request from a member to place this item on the Agenda, Mr Jeff Cotterell spoke in favour of holding a Public Meeting to discuss the Community Council’s intention to take over management of the two Public Toilets and Library in the village. The request was discussed by members and it was felt that the intent was correct but the timing was unfortunate as funds had been earmarked in the 2017/2018 precept towards asset transfers and plans had been set in motion. Additionally the possibility of no toilets in a busy seaside village like Benllech caused concern.

RESOLVED – to proceed with the proposed asset transfer subject to the proviso in item 71 below.

69 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

An email was received from the Standards Committee informing of two vacant seats for representatives of Town & Community Councils following last May's elections. A shortlist of nominations was enclosed and these were considered by members.

RESOLVED – to vote for Councillor Iorweth Roberts and Councillor Stan Zalot.

70 EXTERNAL AUDIT 2016/2017.

BDO, the External Auditor' letter of the 7 August 2017 was submitted to members. They were requested to re-approve the change of the figure shown in Box 12 of the form to £39,634 reflecting the spend on upgrading the CCTV System on the Council' Asset Register.

Members attention was also drawn to the failure of including the Councils Audited Statement of Accounts for 2015/2016 on the councils website.

RESOLVED – to re-approve the Annual Return following the above mentioned change to Box 12 and the website contents.

Also to authorise the Chair, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to re-certify the Annual Return.

71 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – BENLLECH PUBLIC TOILETS.

The letter dated 21 July 2017 from the Isle of Anglesey County Council Waste Management relating to the proposed transfer of the management of the Public Toilets to the Community Council was discussed by members. The Clerk explained that there were differences in the original offer letter (15 May 2017) and the present letter. There was no mention of the following in the current letter ;

1. One off payment reflecting the cost of cleaning during the last financial year.
2. Continuous payment of costs relating to the Council Tax.

Also the following clause was included in the Draft Lease accompanying the offer letter,

“The Tenant shall be responsible for the payment of all existing and future rates taxes assessments and outgoings payable in respect of the premises”.

RESOLVED – to request an explanation of the differences in the two letters from Waste Management, from the Isle of Anglesey County Council before confirming the Community Councils intention to manage the Public Toilets. Also to request an inspection of the condition of the Benllech Square toilet as some members had concerns regarding deterioration of the building.

72 CCTV – CARE & MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

Correspondence received from CCTV Services relating to the “care and maintenance” contract which will be payable from the 2 September onwards. The first year cost was included in the cost of the upgrade scheme. There were two options to the plan, a gold service which was comprehensive and cost £4349-24 + VAT and a silver service which cost £3446-37 + VAT and related to Labour costs only.

RESOLVED - as the equipment is almost new the silver option was chosen.

73 COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

As the Council membership had expanded to the full complement of 14 since the Elections in May, the following were nominated as representatives to fill the vacancies on the various committees and representative duties :-

Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall	Mr G Harker-Roberts
Cemetery	Mrs Sioned Edwards
Town & Community Council Liaison Forum	Mr Peter Day and Mrs Carol Hulme
Play Partnership	Mr Gareth Owen
Local Planning Development Committee	Mr Peter Day and Mr Gareth Owen
CCTV Committee	Mr G Harker-Roberts and Mr Jeff Cotterell.

74 WAUN DIRION CAR PARK

It was reported that the situation had been resolved and the vehicle had been removed.

75 THE CLERK' RETIREMENT

The Clerk announced his intention to retire at the end of the end of the Council's current financial year, 31 March 2018.

RESOLVED – to ask the Personnel Committee to start the process of recruiting a successor.

PLANNING

76 APPLICATIONS

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

1. Grant :

30C246	Tyn Pwll, Benllech.
30C814	30 Breeze Hill, Benllech

2. Refuse :

30C16Y	St David's Holiday Park, Red Wharf Bay – refusal on the same grounds as the former application in August 2016. Members feel that any size of development would have a detrimental effect on the views at any time of the year. This area is part of the AONB and is close to the Coastal Path, also Castle Rock is an Area of Geological Scientific Interest . Every effort should be made to defend rare sites of this nature as we have a duty of care to future generations.
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The meeting concluded at 8-40 pm.

