

LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Councils meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Monday, 21 February, 2017, at 7.00 p.m.

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

158 APOLOGIES.

Received - Apologies for absence were received from the following :-
Ms G M Davies, (Benllech A).

159 MINUTES.

The Chair signed as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 23 January 2017.

FOOTPATHS ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

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

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

161 VARIOUS HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Reported by members – various highway matters requiring attention.

CORRESPONDENCE

162 BENLLECH RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION – TENNIS COURTS.

Submitted for information – letter from the Benllech Recreational Association acknowledging the proposed grant from the Community Council in respect of re-surfacing the Tennis courts with an all weather surface.

163 ONE VOICE WALES – MEMBERSHIP 2017/18.

Submitted – invitation to renew membership of One Voice Wales for 2017/2018.

RESOLVED – to renew membership for 2017/18 at a cost of £543.

164 GRANTS & DONATIONS.

Submitted – application for a grant from the following :-

- (i) Cylch Meithrin, Moelfre,
- (ii) Glasinfryn Chapel, Llanbedrgoch.

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 :-

Grant of £100 to Glasinfryn Chapel, Llanbedrgoch.

Refer Cylch Meithrin Moelfre to Moelfre Community Council.

(Mrs D Roberts declared an interest and was present in Glasinfryn Chapel' request for a grant but did not take part in the discussions or voting on the matter.)

PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

165 BILLS

RESOLVED – to pay the following bills :-

Edwards Accounting	Information preparation	£105-00
Eira Fon Parry	Translation service	£56-00
Lingo Cyf	Hire of translation equipment	£36-00
Scottish Power	Christmas Lights electricity	£23-23
Isle of Anglesey County Council	CCTV Electrical work	£553-86
MacVenture Play Co Ltd	Caer Berllan repairs	£660-00
Wales Audit Office	2015/16 Accounts Audit	£191-10

166 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 January, 2017.

RESOLVED – to note the account and approve the payment

167 COUNCIL’S BUDGET

Submitted – details of the Council’s receipts and payments as compared with its budget for the period from April 1, 2016 to the end of January, 2017.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the details.

GENERAL MATTERS

168 ESTIMATES 2017/2018.

Following discussions during the January meeting of the Community Council relating to the 2017/2018 expenditure levels, it was agreed to raise the Salaries by £5,000 to allow for the employment of a seasonal worker over the summer period. The amended Estimates schedule shows the inclusion of the new salaries figure.

169 MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

The request from Mr Glyn Roberts to place a Memorial Plaque on the seat above the Wendon was considered by members. Mr Roberts wished the following inscription be placed on the Plaque, “In fond memory of Joyce and Howell. We spent many happy holidays here. You are in our hearts always. Anne and Glyn”.

RESOLVED – to agree installing the Plaque with the above wording thereon.

170 SEASONAL WORKER.

The Clerk explained that he had made further enquiries regarding the employment of a seasonal worker from April to October to complete care and maintenance of the Community Council’ assets, namely, seats, play equipment, bus shelters and the Public Cemetery. In addition the Village Regeneration scheme needed the planting of flower beds and hanging baskets.

There would be further care and maintenance work if the Isle of Anglesey County Council proceed with the asset transfers of the Library and Toilets.

The intention was to offer a wage of £9 per hour for a 20 hour week, which equates to £720 per month and £5040 over the full summer term.

RESOLVED – to move forward and advertise the post, the Council’ Personnel Committee to consider applications and make a shortlist for full Council to consider interview candidates.

171 BENLLECH SQUARE TRAFFIC.

Following a negative response from the village business community to the Isle of Anglesey County Council’ intention to place double yellow lines from the Square to the entrance to Tyddyn Fadog Estate in an attempt to relieve traffic congestion at Benllech Square, the matter was discussed further by members.

A short presentation was made by Carol Hume who spoke on behalf of the business community. She suggested that placing double yellow lines was a poor attempt to resolve a larger problem. In her opinion making Llangefni Road from the Square to the junction with Lon Pant y Cudyn one way traffic would be a better option. This measure would contribute to a safer environment around Ysgol Goronwy Owen by reducing the traffic flow in the area. Ms Hume also presented a petition against the County Council measure with over 400 signatures thereon.

Members discussed the situation further with various suggestions to alleviate the problem. However, it was agreed that a collection of measures was required to provide real improvement, perhaps that a complete solution was not possible. It has to be borne in mind that narrow roads built generations ago are not designed to cope with twenty first century traffic flows.

RESOLVED – to call a Public Meeting and invite a Senior Officer from the Highways Department of the Isle of Anglesey County Council thereto.

PLANNING

172 APPLICATIONS

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

1. Grant :

30C804	Pine Lodge, Ffordd Cynlas Benllech.
30C805	Elm Grove, Red Wharf Bay.
30C251H/VA	Cae Ysgawen, Brynteg.
30C803	Benreoch, 78 Bay View Road, Benllech.
30C806	Pen y Buarth, Brynteg.
30C807	12 Breeze Hill, Benllech.
30C477B/DEL	Cae'r Gaseg, Brynteg.

2. Refused :

30C309	Pen y Lon, Red Wharf Bay. - it is felt that this application is not in line with policy and amounts to the building of a new house in the countryside (the D & A Statement confirms this.) Furthermore, there are traffic concerns, the site is on a dangerous corner, especially in the height of summer.
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173 DECISIONS

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

174 PUBLIC MEETING RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT STORWS WEN GOLF CLUB.

A Public Meeting was held at Brynteg Community Hall to discuss the proposed development of 36 Holiday Cottages on land near to and opposite Storws Wen Golf Club on February 7 2017 at 7-00pm. Present from the Community Council were, Mr Rhys O Jones, Ms Gwyneth M Davies, Miss Nia Williams, Mr Dewi Roberts, Mrs Diana Roberts, Mr Jeff Cotterell and Mr Ieuan Williams who Chaired the Meeting.

Representing Storws Wen Golf Club were, Mr Andrew Cartwright, Mr Rhys Dabvies and Mr Emyr Rowlands.

The Chair gave an insight of the intent to make a planning application and stated that it was an opportunity for the Public and Community Council to ask questions and state their opinions publicly regarding the proposed development.

(Notes of the questions and answers given is supplementary to the Minutes)

The situation surrounding the proposed application was discussed by members at the Community Council meeting. There was a strong view that the proposed development was out of character with the surrounding area and creating a village outside the boundaries of Brynteg village with the holiday cottages at exorbitant prices. Any development should be priced at realistic levels for local young people to get a foothold on the housing ladder. The building of the Holiday Village is seen as taking advantage of a loophole in the Local Development Plan. The cynical view the development as an opportunity to sell properties to future Wylfa Newydd workers.

The meeting concluded at 8-30 pm.