

## **LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Councils meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Monday, 27 November, 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), Mr G Harker-Roberts, (Brynteg), Mrs W Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mr D W Roberts, (Brynteg).

### **106 APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for absence were received from the following :- Mrs C A Hulme, (Benllech B), Mr G Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mr I Williams, (Benllech B).

### **107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

### **108 MINUTES.**

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

## **FOOTPATHS ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

### **109 MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

Reported by members – various matters requiring attention.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **110 BENLLECH & DISTRICT RECREATIONAL ASSOC.**

Submitted for information - letter from the Benllech & District Recreational Association thanking the Community Council for the offer of financial assistance towards establishing an all weather sports surface.

### **111 NEW INTERNAL AUDITOR.**

Submitted – email from the Gwynedd & Anglesey Clerks Society informing that Ms Eluned Fon Jones, Audit Manager at Gwynedd

County Council has agreed to act as Internal Auditor for Town & Community Councils in Anglesey. Terms to be agreed directly with Ms Jones.

**RESOLVED – agreed to request Ms Luned Fon Jones to act as Internal Auditor for the Community Council and to agree relevant fees with her.**

**112 ONE VOICE WALES.**

Submitted for information – communication from One Voice Wales drawing attention to the inconsistency in burial fees for children throughout Wales in Public Cemeteries highlighted by the First Minister in March this year. The Clerk confirmed that the relevant questionnaire had been completed.

**113 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – STANDARDS COMMITTEE.**

Submitted – email from the Chair of the Standards Committee drawing attention to the need for increased training for members and clerks of Town and Community Councils. It was also suggested that all Councils should earmark funds for training purposes when considering their budgets and setting precepts relating to the 2018/2019 financial year.

**114 GORONWY OWEN SCHOOL.**

Submitted for information – letter of thanks from the School confirming receipt of the financial grant from the Community Council towards the purchase of gardening equipment.

**115 BOUNDARIES COMMISSION FOR WALES.**

Submitted – the Commission’ Revised Proposals following the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. Representations were requested by 11 December 2017 at the latest.

**RESOLVED – following the Chair’s casting vote to oppose the intention to create a new constituency including the Isle of Anglesey and Bangor.**

**116 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES.**

Submitted – the Panel’s draft Annual Report, (the measures relating to Town and Community Councils only were discussed). It is intended to

make mandatory payments of £150 per member annually in addition to additional payments for the Chair and up to five members who have additional responsibilities.

**RESOLVED – to oppose the proposed measures. Members had strong views and felt privileged to serve their community.**

## **PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS**

### **117 BILLS**

Edwards Accounting	Information preparation	£30-00
Lingo Cyf	Hire of translation service	£36-00
Eira Fon Parry	Translation service	£56-00
The Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Service Wreath	£25-00

### **118 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, 2017.

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

### **119 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 October, 2017.

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

## **GENERAL MATTERS.**

### **120 NORTH WALES WILDLIFE TRUST.**

The Clerk explained that he had received a phone call from Deio Jones who was assisting the Wildlife Trust in organising an application to the Welsh Government Sustainable Management Fund. The purpose of the application is developing an environmental project in the Lligwy area. Deio Jones was optimistic that the Community Councils plans such as Benllech Bags, a drinking water fountain on the beach and hanging baskets and flower displays in the village would be acceptable to qualify for the project. He promised to put the Community Councils plans before a meeting that was being held shortly in Llangefni.

## **121 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY GROUP IN BENLLECH**

The subject of establishing a Community Group at Benllech in an attempt to source an all weather playing field for the youth of the village was discussed by members. An appeal was made at the beginning of the year to the Benllech & District Recreational Association to consider the use of the old Tennis Courts for this purpose. However a negative response was received last week even though initial funding of £6,000 was promised with further substantial funds to follow in the next financial year.

There are strong feelings within the village regarding this subject with parents feeling that not enough effort is being made in this direction with calls for a Community Group being established to force the issue to a conclusion.

**RESOLVED – to make a further effort to establish a partnership with the Recreational Association to use the old Tennis Courts. The Clerk was requested to send a strong letter to the Association reminding them that their constitution, which is a registered charity, states that “sporting opportunities to be open to all ages” within the village and the local area.**

## **122 GORONWY OWEN SCHOOL.**

Following the recent loss of the late Miss Nia Williams, it was necessary to select a new representative to serve on the Goronwy Owen School’ Governing Body.

**RESOLVED – Mr Kevin Fenn Griffiths was elected.**

## **123 COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.**

As in the previous item, it was necessary to fill vacancies for the Cemetery Committee, Personnel Committee and a representative to the Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall.

**RESOLVED – the following were elected ; Cemetery – Mr G Harker-Roberts, Personnel – Mrs Sioned Edwards, Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall – Mr D W Roberts.**

## **124 2018 / 2019 BUDGET.**

As the Expenditure programme and precept setting for the 2018/2019 financial year was nearing, a general discussion ensued. The Clerk explained that significant expenditure had occurred over the last two years on the CCTV upgrade. However, only care and maintenance costs will be relevant next year. Conversely, salary costs will increase in view of an increase in the Clerk's hours of work and the employment of a Public Convenience attendant. There will also be grant funds from the Co-op and North Wales Police.

Members discussed possible capital spending and agreement was reached that the most important requirement was a suitable sports field for the youth of the village. They felt very disappointed at the Recreational Association' attitude towards renovating the old tennis courts to an all weather playing surface. The Clerk was requested to write to the Association to discover what the opposition amounted to and to see if the Community Council can offer practical help to them. There are strong feelings in the village that there are no sporting facilities for youngsters and it is imperative that the situation changes.

**RESOLVED – that the Council's capital expenditure would centre on provision of an all weather sports facility in 2018/2019.**

## **125 CAER BERLLAN.**

The Clerk explained the position in respect of obtaining estimates relating to the new gate which is to be fitted between the two safety gates leading into the Playground. MacVenture had quoted £1398 plus VAT, whilst no response was received from Dewi Hughes or Kelvin Jones. Anglesey Fabrication Ltd quoted £691 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED – to accept Anglesey Fabrication Ltd' quotation.**

## **126 BENLLECH TOILETS.**

Clarification was received from the Isle of Anglesey County Council in respect of the points raised by the Community Council regarding the Draft Lease of the Benllech Square and Beach Toilets.

1. The service is prepared to change the term from 125 years to the original 60 years.

2. The service has agreed to the repayment of Business Rates permanently as originally agreed rather than the 10 year period in the Lease.
3. It is necessary for the clause regarding year round opening to be included in the Lease to protect the Blue Flag status of Benllech beach in case status conditions change in future. In practical terms the Community Council can open the beach toilet for whatever term it wishes.

**127 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

A draft advertisement for the above post was presented to members for approval together with Job Description and Person Specification.

**RESOLVED – agreement with the advertisement and enclosures. To advertise on the Council’s website, Isle of Anglesey County Council website, Fish for Jobs, the Library, local papers and the Community Councils noticeboards.**

**128 REQUEST FROM MEMBER FOR PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS.**

This item was not discussed as the member had resolved the situation and therefore the issue was no longer relevant.

**PLANNING**

**129 APPLICATIONS**

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

1. Grant :

30C818	Arlan, Tynyngogl
30C335K/VA	Porthllongdy Farm Caravan Site, Red Wharf Bay, Pentraeth.

2. Leave to Planning Department Officers :

30C359L	Plas Uchaf Caravan Site, Tynyngogl.
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The meeting concluded at 8-45 pm.

