

Minutes of Llanrug Community Council held 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at The Memorial Institute Llanrug.

Present: Councillors Hefin Jones (Chairman), Avril Jones (Vice Chairman), Cemlyn Jones, Clifford Williams, Rhys Parry, Beca Brown, Haf Williams, Goronwy Hughes, Meirwen Lloyd, Alan Pritchard, Martin Jones.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Phil Roberts, Richard Robinson, Llywelyn Williams

Also present: Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones (Gwynedd Council)

Clerk: Meirion Jones

136. Welcome by the Chairman

A warm welcome was extended to everyone and especially to Beca Brown who was attending her first meeting

137. To accept apologies.

Apologies accepted as noted above

138. To declare any members' interests.

These to be declared as the need arises

139. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 20th February 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

140. Matters arising out of the minutes.

Item 119 – Speed Measurement

It was noted a device to measure speed was due to be installed, however up to now it had not been installed.

Item 126 – Upgrading of the footpath between Cwm y Glo and Llanrug.

It was noted the work was progressing well, however concern was raised about the junction to Dolafon estate. It was noted that there was a danger to vehicles pulling out of the estate.

141. To receive the latest reports on the situation regarding Gwynedd Council's decision to close Llanrug Youth Club .

It was noted discussions were still taking place between Youthy Club staff and it felt inappropriate to invite the local youth club officer to this meeting

Resolved: To contact Gwynedd Council and request an officer of management level of the Youth Club service to attend the next meeting of the Community Council.

142. To receive reports on matters relating to the Cemetery.

- a) It was reported the grave which had no grass on remained in the same condition. It was decided the matter be left until Spring when the grass is more likely to grow.
- b) The Chairman reported he has met with the user of the land adjacent to the current cemetery, which the Council is eager to use as an extension to the cemetery and the user was satisfied. One matter he did ask the Community Council to undertake was to erect a good quality fence to make sure animals were kept out of the cemetery.
- c) Risk Assessments – It was noted for a variety of reasons it had not been possible for the Cemetery Committee to meet and discuss the various types of risk assessments.

Resolved: To accept the reports and to decide on a suitable date for the Cemetery Committee to meet.

143. To receive reports on matters relating to public footpaths

It was noted the situation regarding the Carreg Fran footpath remained and despite efforts of the Community Council to report this to the Footpath Officer of Gwynedd Council, to date no reply has been received.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact the Footpath Officer again to report it's condition

144. To receive reports on matters relating to the playing fields

It was reported by Councillor Cemlyn Jones, that members of Cwm y Glo had met recently to discuss replies to the questionnaires distributed locally to Cwm y Glo, requesting residents views on the future developments of the playing field, when it was taken over by the Community Council. From the responses received, the majority wished for extra car parking spaces and to have playing equipment for children.

Resolved: To accept the report

145. To receive a report from the Community Council representative on the governing body of Llanrug Primary School.

It was noted a meeting of the above had not been convened.

146. **To receive Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones' report on activities during the last month at Cyngor Gwynedd.**

Council Tax 2018 - 2019

Full Council at its meeting on March 8th has approved a 4.8% increase in taxes next year, which brings an extra £ 3.2million in.

Despite the rise, due to the lack of grant from the Welsh Government, this will mean that the council will still have to make a saving of £ 2.75million. This saving was already planned.

The prospects are not good for the future; the officers continue with the savings strategy. They anticipate savings of between £ 8.4m and £ 13.8m by 2019-20 (likely amount of £ 12m), and then between £ 2.7m further £ 6.4m by 2020-21. (likely total over the two years of £ 15.9m.

In response to this, there will be a need to be flexible and plan up to £20m of savings over the three years 2018-19 to 2020-21.

Planning

Plas Tirion Planning Application approved on the 26th of February.

Buses

There is no update to the timescales, the Clerk has been shared with you. Oh I understand that there will be a possibility of changing them slightly again in the future, but no money to make any big changes.

Youth Service

The cabinet has decided on Option 4, which is the closure of the 39 running clubs at the moment, and offering activities in different areas for a short period of time throughout the year. There will also be one Youth Officer located in each of the 14 Secondary Schools.

Leisure Service

As part of the savings, the Council has created a new company to run the Leisure Centers, the company will be fully managed by the council. There will be 7 councillors, including myself, will be the directors of the new

company. The main reason for establishing the company is that VAT is treated differently, which will mean a saving of around half a million a year.

Universal Credit

There is a benefit for 3 or four as it is now. To be easier for people to deal with, and more flexible when people move in and out of work. At the moment, around 750 pilots in Gwynedd, it will come in time for everyone not immediately starting in the summer.

It will affect around 5% of families in the Cwm y Glo ward.

Over the county will be: -

53% of families are going to be worse out of £ 38 pounds a week

23% of families are going to be better out of £ 21 pounds a week

23% no change

The application must be made "on-line" - no choice. The council tries to target families that are not comfortable with computers to ensure they get the support they need to make the application.

Locally

Work on upgrading the footpath between Cwm y Glo and Llanrug has commenced since February 19. To take 6 weeks, I assume it will be a little longer because of the weather.

Fly tipping is still a problem, I've had more than one call for things left on a back lane past Tyddyn Ryddid. Sofa left there some evening recently. Yet if anyone has any information about who does if you let me or the authority know.

Dolafon Flooding. Meetings with CCG and the Council to move the matter forward. I have received confirmation that the Council and Gwynedd Community Homes have come to an understanding so that the Council is applying a grant into the Welsh Government and CCG will put a "match funding". Grant goes in now, and hope to get a reply in May.

Floods to the rear of Stryd y Llyn, on the main road through the village, Cwm y Glo. I have had meetings with council officers and because water has entered housing they will create a report to find the best way to solve the problem.

Flooding road past Pant Afon

Yet he met with officials and they have agreed to put a pipe in to get the water to run back to the adjoining ditch.

Resolved:

- a) To thank Cllr Berwyn Parry Jones for his report;
- b) To accept the report

147. To receive Councillor Charles Jones' report on activities during the last month at Cyngor Gwynedd (see below)

1. The next major event happening in Llanrug will be the resurfacing of some parts of Station Road during June (it is hoped).
2. Regarding the recent flooding, the owner of the land opposite the old Hafod Garage has received a Planning Contravention Order for the dumping of rubble and soil on the land without planning consent. If the owner does not comply within 21 days Gwynedd Council will obtain legal advice before proceeding with enforcement notice as it is important that any enforcement notices are served correctly.
3. Members of the Community Council will be interested to note the new bus timetable for service 82 / 83 (Caernarfon - Deiniolen a Dinorwig) a 88 (Caernarfon - Llanberis). New timetables to be effective from 8 April.

Resolved:

- c) To thank Cllr Charles Jones for his report;
- d) To accept the report

148. To receive the latest report on the transferring of the playing field at Cwm y Glo and Dolafon from Gwynedd Council to Llanrug Community Council.

It was reported by the Clerk, that contact had been made with Gwynedd Council, to obtain a report on the latest situation regarding the transferring of assets. A reply was received, stating that the matter was

currently in the hands of their legal department and they had been made aware of the urgency.

Resolved: To accept the report

- 149. To consider and to express views on the bus timetables coming into effect 8th April 2018. (copies previously circulated to members).**

The new bus timetables were noted, however concern was expressed it was not possible to arrive at Caernarfon, from Llanberis to enable a person to be at work for 9:00 a.m.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Gwynedd Council and Arriva bus company to complain about this.

- 150. To receive a report on the arrangements for the refilling of salt bins and to consider alternative arrangements for 2018 / 2019.**

The Clerk reported on the procedure for filling salt bins for the winter 2017 / 2018. All applications for the refilling of a salt bin were required to be received by the Clerk and then the Clerk to send an email to Gwynedd Council to ask them to go to fill the salt bin. Unfortunately, once the application had gone to Gwynedd Council, an acknowledgment of the email was not sent, nor was any confirmation received of the date when the bin would be filled. This made it very difficult to be able to provide information to residents when it would be filled. For residents, this was frustrating because in their minds, the Community Council was filling the bin.

The existing salt bins' location need to be considered, are they at the most suitable locations and whether should the Community Council consider installing more salt bins. For next winter, it will be necessary to reconsider the current procedure and look into the possibility / implications of the Community Council to take full control of the process.

Resolved: To receive the report and for members to consider the current salt bin locations and to also have a look at their condition

- 151. Salt bin locations - to consider if the current locations are suitable and are they located at the most suitable locations and whether more salt bins are required.**

See item 150

- 152. Payments to Community Councillors (Report already circulated to members). Members to decide when payments should be made and to consider whether Llanrug Community Council pays the discretionary fee to the Chair of specific committees.**

It was reported that from 2018 / 2019 it was mandatory for the Community Council to pay a fee of £150 to each Community Councillor. It was a matter for the Council to decide when this payment should be made. The Community Council is also required to consider whether it pays a fee of up to £500 for up to five members who have specific responsibilities.

Resolved:

- a) To pay the fee of £150 in March (2019) when a member sat on the Community Council for 12 months.
- b) To defer the decision of payment of additional fees until consideration had been given to the role (not the member) and until the Finance Committee has considered it's effect.

- 153. To consider the following requests for financial assistance**

- a) Llewod Llanrug
- b) Air Ambulance Wales
- c) Theatr Bara Caws

The following declared an interest in the following applications

- The Clerk as Treasurer and coach of U14 Llewod Llanrug
- Councillor Rhys Parry as a football referee who is paid by Llewod Llanrug for officiating at matches from time to time.

Resolved: To pay the following grants

- a) Llewod Llanrug - £700
- b) Air Ambulance Wales - £100
- c) Theatre Bara Caws - £100

154. Planning Applications - These to be referred to a special meeting of the Community Council on 21st March 2018 at 7:00pm at the Memorial Institute

No planning applications to discuss as they were being considered in a special meeting to be held Wednesday 21st March 2018 at the memorial Institute, Llanrug

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: