

Minutes of a meeting of Llanrug Community Council held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 17 September 2019 at The Memorial Institute, Llanrug.

Present: Councillors Phil Roberts (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice Chair), Martin Jones, Richard Robinson, Hefin Jones, Goronwy Hughes, Beca Brown, Gwion Llwyd, Iola Parry.

Apologies: Councillors Meirwen Lloyd, Haf Williams, Clifford Williams, Cemlyn Jones, Alan Pritchard.

Also present:

Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones (Member for Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council) .
Reverend Robert Townsend for item 488 only

Clerk: Meirion Jones

473. To receive a welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

474. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received as noted above

475. Declaration of personal interest.

Councillor Richard Robinson (item 490 a) due to his land adjoining the application property and took no part in the discussion

Councillor Iola Parry (item 490 d) as her husband works for the company submitting the planning application and she did not take part in the discussion

476. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 20 August 2019

The minutes were duly confirmed and signed by the Chairman

477. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes.

a) Item 467

It was reported that the Clerk had written to the family and the grass cutting contractor to bring the matter to their attention, but no response had been received.

b) Item 468

It was reported that the matter had been brought to the attention of Gwynedd Council and had been submitted to the inspector. Once he had done his

inspection he would report back. However, it was reported, to date, the community council had received no further information.

c) Item 469

It was reported that the matter had been brought to the attention of Gwynedd Council but to date no response had been received. Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones reported that a change in refuse collection arrangements was in the pipeline and according to evidence where the new procedure has been adopted, the number of similar complaints is reducing significantly.

d) Item 470

It was reported that the matter had been brought to the attention of the Planning and Highways Department and a response was received from the Highways Department confirming that the Planning Department was looking into it.

478. To receive declaration of acceptance of office of new members.

It was noted that Councillor Gwion Llwyd and Councillor Iola Parry had signed their declaration of acceptance of office. They were congratulated on becoming members of the community council.

479. To receive a report from the Chairman on his recent visit to the RAF in Valley

An invitation was received from the RAF for local Community Council representatives to visit the Valley site on August 27th. The purpose of the event was to share information about developments in pilot training s who think that more flights above areas in Gwynedd and Anglesey. Following the visit the Chair has already circulated further information about the visit to members.

480. Cars drive along Station Road, Llanrug along with Minffordd Road

It was reported that a complaint had been received about cars driving at speed along Station Road, Llanrug.

Resolved: To refer the matter to the police and requesting police presence at a meeting of the community council in the future

481. To consider a complaint received from a member of the public about the condition of the wall at the foot of the Awelfa bungalow. It was noted that a person had hit his car in the wall.

It was noted that a complaint had been received that a stone in the car park wall was protruding and a car driver had damaged his car as a result.

Resolved: Because the stone is part of the foundation of the wall then nothing could be done.

482. To receive a report from Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones on activities during the month at Gwynedd Council .

National Planning Framework

Welsh Government has issued a consultation on the above document - 1st November deadline. It is far reaching as in it they say where the numbers of houses in areas should be. There has been little contact with county council officers, the document being launched on August 7th.

North Wales Growth Plan

The six counties still work well with each other. It is hoped the ' Heads of Terms agreement may be signed soon, and then to get the Welsh Government and Westminster Government to sign it, thereby securing the funding.

Gwynedd Community Homes

The housing association is in the process of rebranding, which will mean a new name for the Association called "Adra". This will involve changing colours on the fleet and so on. The official launch will take place October 8th

New rubbish collection regime

A new refuse collection system will be introduced in Arfon on the 4th of November. Instead of the old regime where the workers went home after finishing the round (*Task and finish*) everyone now works fixed hours, the new routine means working a full week but not working on Saturdays. Also, the same "gang" will make the same places every week, leading to better ownership and commitment to the area. The new regime will mean a change to collection days, the Authority will notify all residents of the change. The procedure has started for a few months now in Dwyfor, and to date no complaints, from staff or the public.

Policing

The North Wales Superintendent gave a presentation to Gwynedd councillors on policing in the area. They are going to have more police but anticipates many of the ' PCSO's ' get the job, will probably mean little time then will not back fill positions before the PCSO's. "County Lines" is a big problem in Bangor, they work closely with Merseyside police. It takes up a lot of its resources.

Overall crime is down by 10% over the area. Many more assaults on police officers now, which also means fewer policemen out on the "beat" as it were.

Locally

Cwm y Glo School Building

After asking how the discussions are progressing with Menter Fachwen, things seem to be moving forward. One of the complexities is the link between the County Council, the Community Council and the Hall Committee.

483. To receive a report from Councillor Charles Jones on the month's activities at Gwynedd Council .

Hafan Elan

Planning Application: C19 / 0765/23 / LL

On 12 March I attended a meeting between Gwynedd Community Homes (CCG) and the residents of Hafan Elan Estate. The purpose of the meeting was to raise the concerns of the residents regarding the lack of parking spaces and to ask CCG to consider creating additional parking spaces. A manager with CCG said he would look at what is possible in the short and long term. He promised that he would keep the residents and me in the picture regarding any progress on the issue.

The latest (15 August) is that CCG's Land Management Department has submitted a planning application to Gwynedd Council seeking permission to make more parking spaces at Hafan Elan. The scheme prepares 22 parking spaces instead of the current 10. This is good news for residents and visitors to the estate.

Speeding, Station Road

Following recent requests to reduce the maximum speed on Station Road in particular, I asked the Traffic Unit to consider this again. Here is the answer I received from the Unit:

Dear Councillor Charles Wyn Jones,

The Welsh Government is looking at the possibility of changing the speed limit for villages etc from 30 mph to 20 mph and so until we receive further Government guidance, we will defer any decision on changing speed limits in Gwynedd. It must be noted that speeding is essentially a matter for the Police and therefore in the meantime I suggest that people contact the Police in the first instance.

Yours

Footpath between Glanffynnon Estate and Llanberis Road

I recently asked whether Gwynedd Council could put pressure on the owner of the former Hafod Garage to bring the footpath up to standard. Also, would it be possible for the Council to compulsorily purchase the plot of land from the owner with a view to bringing the path up to standard. Here are the answers I got from the Transportation Unit and also the Planning Unit:

Dear Councilor,

I refer to your recent inquiry and apologize for the delay in responding to you.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for the Transportation Unit to compel the owner to create the footpath, however it may be possible for the Planning Unit to put pressure if it is part of the obligations under the planning permission to the site.

Having discussed the query about purchasing the path under compulsory purchase with the Traffic Unit I understand that this is not an option either. There is no funding for the purchase and upgrading of the path, and it must be borne in mind that the maintenance, upkeep and upgrading of the land is the responsibility of the landowner, not the Council.

Having recently looked at the route I noted that significant work was required to upgrade it to an adopted state. Adoption would require the provision of a footpath that is accessible to all and currently many obstacles exist on it. Here is a brief list of things that need attention:

From the direction of the main road the path gateway is blocked by a BT or Manweb post. The post needs to be relocated or the path mouth diverted to a location that allows unrestricted access.

The path surface is fragmented - parts of it tarmac, others slate waste. Need to resurface all to get a consistent surface and of an acceptable standard for adoption.

Presence of curb height 'step' - attractively this barrier needs to be removed by building a ramp to facilitate the use of a pram or wheelchair. Overgrowth along the edges of the path needs to be treated. The condition of the path under this vegetation is not apparent.

The turn to the Glanffynnon estate does not meet adoption standards. Need to create a better transition down to the estate, to connect the link with the pavement in a way that is accessible for prams and wheelchairs. The boundaries of the timber fences are not a matter for consideration under the adoption process. Flat boundaries are the responsibility of the neighbouring landowner, not the Council. The only exception in this case would be the wooden fence between the path, and the end of the Glanffynnon estate road - The developer would be expected to install a new, more robust boundary between the path and the road, as for example a retaining wall small with a guide on it.

You will see from the list above that considerable work is required to bring the footpath to an adopted standard, and even if the owner improves the path he is not required to repair the fence to meet the needs of the Transportation Unit, ie the problem with the fence is a private matter between the two neighbours.

Should you wish I am happy to meet you on site with the owner to discuss the above further, however, as the Transportation Unit cannot compel the owner to maintain the route it would be easier for the application to a meeting with Mr Trefor, the Community Council, yourself with the Transportation Unit present in an advisory role only.

Dear Councillor,

Further to my email regarding the above I have had the opportunity to research the history of the former garage site along with the footpath.

Application no. C07A / 0784/23 / AM was approved for 9 houses on the whole site with condition no. 9 of the outline permission stating - "a permanent link path must be built between Llanberis Road and Glanffynnon Estate from the western side of the site before start the rest of the development. The route alignment must be agreed in writing with the LPA."

The situation, for some years now, is that a footpath has been created which links the Glanffynnon Estate with Llanberis Road and west of the former garage site. Therefore, in this regard, the condition has been complied with. It is noted that the condition does not state that the finish / surfacing of the footpath must be agreed with the LPA or its design (which would comply with the statutory requirements of adopting the Council's public footpaths).

Unfortunately, I cannot offer more positive advice on this issue.

Rhos Complex

Residents of Corlan y Rhos Estate have asked if it is possible to have a white line in front of the estate entrance as vehicles park in front of it. Gwynedd Council has agreed to this as there was a white line there some years ago, but it has disappeared over time.

Resolved: To receive and thank you for the report

484. To consider quotes received for tombstones work in the cemetery.

It was reported that following the August meeting, the council decided to go out to tender for the work to erect the headstones and bring the work

up to BRAAM's current standard. The Clerk reported that he had written to 11 companies inviting them to tender for the work.

Three tenders had been received

Company A
Company B
Company C

It was noted that there was a significant difference in prices.

Resolved:

- a) The Clerk to offer the works to company C;
- b) Subject to confirmation that the work will be carried out to BRAAM blue book standard;
- c) The clerk to arrange an on-site meeting with the contractor

485. To consider a request from the management of the u12 Llewod Llanrug football team for a key for the Nant y Glyn gate.

It was reported that the home games of Llewod Llanrug u12 are played on Nant y Glyn playing field. This creates parking problems for parents for the games due to lack of parking spaces. It also causes difficulties for residents in gaining access etc to their houses.

The team managers have applied to the community council for a key to the gate so that cars can be parked off Nant y Glyn, or at least most of them.

Resolved: To agree to give the two managers a key for their games but emphasise it is their responsibility to look after the key and to ensure that the key remains in their possession and not to be handed over to anyone else.

486. To receive a report of a meeting of the Cemetery Committee.

It was reported that the cemetery committee was in the process of

- a) look at the cemetery rules;
- b) create a risk assessment of all cemetery space;
- c) work to extend the paths will begin in the next two weeks;
- d) that the clerk creates a system of investigating grave locations in the cemetery to facilitate grave placement.

Resolved: To receive and thank you for the report

487. To receive an update on the youth club situation

Councillor Goronwy Hughes reported that the youth club had opened at The Memorial Institute on Monday evening and had 42 children in attendance. The arrangements seemed to be working and although no usual member of staff was able to attend, Gwynedd Council had ensured other members of staff were present.

Resolved: To receive and thank you for the report

488. To receive a report from the Reverend Robert Townsend following his visit to Llanrug Church and explaining the procedure for requesting the memorials from the Church.

The Reverend Robert Townsend was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for attending. He explained that the Church has now closed and is no longer in use. The property inside the Church has been shared amongst other local Churches.

It was explained that before the building is declared redundant, anyone wishing to remove the plaques or war memorials from the St Michael's Church building will need to submit a faculty application to the Diocesan Advisory Committee. This is a local committee and would make it easier to deal with rather than wait when the Church is transferred to Cardiff.

The community council will need to decide if it wants to apply for the memorials in the Church and this will need to move quickly.

It was noted that one was on the memorial from Cwm y Glo.

If the memorials are not claimed, then they are in danger of being sold with the building.

Reverend Robert Townsend confirmed that he is finishing at the end of the month and moving to Beaumaris. The process will be passed to Reverend Lloyd Jones who will be our point of contact.

The Wall

It was reported that Sean Allcock had completed the first part of the work on the wall and was due to return at the beginning of the year. He has been informed to inform Reverend Lloyd Jones and to contact the community council.

Church Cemetery

Reverend Robert Townsend reported that money was received for the sale of Cwm y Glo Church but was not available to spend on the cemetery. He reported that a similar situation had arisen in Llanfair-is Gaer and that a community group had been set up there to look after the cemetery.

Reverend Robert Townsend agreed to provide details of the appropriate officer in Cardiff to initiate discussions on exploring the possibility of transferring the cemetery to the community council. With no implications.

Resolved:

- a) To thank the Reverend Robert Townsend for his report and to wish him well in Beaumaris;
- b) Seek the contact point in Cardiff for the purpose of initiating discussions and contacting the clerk;

489. To consider implications for the council with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Reported by the clerk , public authorities (which include Community Councils) are required under Section 6 of the Environment Wales Act 2016 to prepare and publish a plan setting out what it proposes to do to comply with the duty to Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity within their existing areas of work.

It was reported that the policy was required to be published before the end of the year and then reviewed every three years .

Resolved:

- a) It was agreed to create a policy to comply with the Act;
- b) The leisure committee to draft a policy in the first instance;
- c) Leisure committee to draft policy

490. Planning Application

- a) **Planning Application Reference No:** C19 / 0829/23 / LL **Site Location:** Bryngwyn Mawr, Llanrug, Caernarfon, LL554RG

Registration Date: 03/09/2019

Application Type: Full -

Ward: Cwm y Glo

Community: Llanrug

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling

Status: Application registered

Resolved: To support the application

b) Planning Application Reference No: C19 / 0818/23 / LL **Site Location:** Penlon, Llanrug, Caernarfon, LL554AP

Registration Date: 06/09/2019

Application Type: Full -

Ward: Llanrug

Community: Llanrug

Proposal: Erection of agricultural shed for the storage of equipment equipment

Status: Application registered

Resolved: No objection

c) Planning Application Reference No: C19 / 0809/23 / TD **Site Location:** Bodrual Farm, Rhosbodrual, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL552BH

Registration Date: 23/08/2019

Application Type: Full -

Ward Planning : Cwm y Glo

Community: Llanrug

Proposal: Application for a certificate of alternative development for two 'industrial' and 'commercial' uses

Status: Application registered

Resolved: To support the application

d) Planning Application Reference, No: C19 / 0765/23 / LL

Site Location: Hafan Elan Estate, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL554BU

Registration Date: 13/08/2019

Application Type: Full -

Ward: Llanrug

Community: Llanrug

Proposal: Create new parking spaces and formalize the existing parking regime

Status: Application registered

Resolved: To support the application

491. Grass cutting in front of Llanrug estates.

It was reported that an application had been received for the community council to cut grass in front of access to estates in Llanrug.

Resolved:

It was noted that the existing grass cutting agreements for the cemetery and playing fields were coming to an end this year and there was no requirement in the current agreement to cut grass in front of estates. The clerk reported that this may create complications for the contractors at present as grass cutting on these areas is likely to be covered by highway working rules and would require consent and qualifications appropriate health and safety.

Resolved: Not to agree to grass cutting in front of estates at this time.

It ended meeting at 21:26

Signed:

Chair:
Date:

