

Minutes of meeting of Llanrug Community Council held at 7:00pm, Tuesday 19 November 2019 at The Memorial Institute, Llanrug.

Present: Councillors Phil Roberts (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice-Chair), Martin Jones, Alan Pritchard, Goronwy Hughes, Clifford Williams, Iola Parry, Beca Brown, Hefin Jones, Cemlyn Jones

Apologies for absence: Councillors Richard Robinson, Meirwen Lloyd, Haf Williams

Clerk: Meirion Jones

515 To receive a welcome from the Chair

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance

516 To receive apologies.

Apologies were received as noted above

517. Declaration of personal interest.

These are to be declared as appropriate

518. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2019

The minutes were duly confirmed and signed by the Chairman

519. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes.

It was noted that several issues were on the agenda for tonight's meeting

520. To confirm minutes of a special meeting of the community council held on Tuesday 12 November 2019.

The minutes were duly confirmed and signed by the Chair

521. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes

None

522. To receive a report following a meeting of the cemetery committee held on Wednesday 13 November 2019

Councillor Hefin Jones, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, reported that the committee had met to carry out a risk assessment of the cemetery. He explained that a plan was in place and the intention was to carry out a risk

assessment on a quarterly basis and that the first risk assessment had been scheduled for 9:00 am on 30th November 2019.

It was reported that the committee is still looking at what can be done with the headstones that have been put to rest and that we are looking into the implications of using a glue. The clerk is in the process of contacting our insurance company to seek their views and the suggestions of ICCM and BRAMM.

It was noted that the new trails had been completed and the work was to be commended.

Resolved: To receive and thank you for the report

525. To receive a report following a meeting of the finance committee held on Thursday 14 November 2019

Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the Finance Committee reported that they had met on 14 November 2019. Matters discussed included: -

a) The external auditor's report (BDO) had been received and it was reported that there was nothing to bring to the council's attention.

b) That the committee reviewed the budget for the current year;

c) That the grass cutting agreement in the playing fields, cemetery and public footpaths expires this year and that the clerk is in the process of creating work details and will go out to tender, with a closing date of 17 January 2020.

d) It was noted that the number of members on the committee was low and anyone who would be interested in joining the committee is encouraged.

Resolved: To receive and thank you for the report

526. To receive the external auditor's report (BDO) for 2018/2019

The external auditor's report was noted above

Resolved: To receive the information and thank the Clerk for his work

527. To receive a report from Councillor Cemlyn Jones on the meeting of the governors of Llanrug Primary School

This is to be deferred until the next meeting

528. To receive report / update from leisure and amenity committee

Councillor Cemlyn Jones, Chair of the Leisure Committee reported that they had met with a representative of G L Jones to see what equipment was available to create an outdoor gym at Allt Goch playing field, Cwm y Glo. Several options were discussed, and the representative was to contact the clerk with the details.

Resolved: To receive and thank for the report

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

Education

Just to raise awareness that the County Council is conducting a review of post 16 education provision in the County, there are many options. Education Authority to report back on where they have now arrived to Headteachers and Chairs of Governing bodies in November.

Draft National Development Framework

Gwynedd Council's response has gone back to the Welsh Government regretting that no further attention has been given to economic growth in the north west of the County, as well as the lack of attention to the Welsh language. Also, no mention of improving the North-South links.

Cwm y Glo School Building

Letters still not going out. The council has met with Menter Fachwen to confirm that they are willing to accept a clause referring to community use. MF was satisfied. Council has asked for confirmation that the Community Council is willing to give up the lease.

Dolafon Scheme

Slightly better news on the flood avoidance scheme at Dolafon, the County Council and Adra Housing Association have agreed to co-fund the scheme, and now have an agreement from Scottish Power saying that as long as an additional "stay" is provided lay on the pole they will be happy. It is therefore hoped that work will commence in the next financial year, with grant aid.

Resolved: To receive and thank you for the report

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

Removing public payphones - The kiosk in The Square, Llanrug

BT is currently in the consultation period for the removal of 36 public payphones in the area. The kiosk in the square in Llanrug is one of them. I have objected to this proposal on the following grounds:

The Square in Llanrug is the centre of the village. 1000 children pass through it every day to the two neighbouring schools. Crossing the square can be challenging as it is quite a dangerous junction for pedestrians and vehicles / traffic. Therefore, an accident could happen there at any time. It is therefore essential to have a public telephone nearby in case such an incident occurs.

The square is also bordered by two dozen bungalows for the elderly and physically disabled. These people shop at the SPAR in the square. Many have difficulty walking across the square and, again, it is quite possible for someone to trip or worse. On the shop wall a defibrillator is fitted; this in case someone is struck by a cardiac arrest. Of course, the community does not measure the defibrillator's success by asking how often it is used. It is there for emergencies. So should the public payphone.

Cleaning gutters

The crewe clearing street gutters has been active in Llanrug recently. It's good to know that Gwynedd Council is proactive once with this kind of work. If anyone knows of a problematic gutter, let me know.

Remembrance Sunday

Once again this year it was an honour to lay a wreath, on behalf of Gwynedd Council, in memory of those who lost their lives in the last two world wars of the last century and other conflicts. The service was held at the Memorial Institute with the Rev. Marcus Robinson conducting and Llanrug Band members providing the music. It was good to see young people in attendance representing the Youth Club, along with representation from the Community Council, the Memorial Institute and the wider community.

Resolved: To receive and thank for the report

531. To consider an application for financial assistance from individuals (details enclosed with agenda)

It was reported that two applications for financial assistance had come from individuals going abroad for different reasons. Members have already received a copy of the applications.

It was noted that the council's grant rules prevented them from contributing to individuals and therefore the council would not be able to contribute.

Resolved:

a) Not to contribute as contributing would be contrary to grant policies and therefore a contribution would be considered 'ultra vires'.

b) The Clerk to inform the decision and wish them well on their journey

532. To receive update on youth club situation

Councillor Goronwy Hughes reported that the youth club was going well with about 40 members turning up each week. It was further reported the snooker room was being used from next week.

Resolved: To receive and thank for the report

533. Planning Applications

Planning Application Reference No: C19 / 0973/23 / MG

Site Location: School House, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4AL

Registration Date: 25/10/2019

Ward: Llanrug

Community: Llanrug

Proposal: Erection of 2 no. New houses and access (matters raised under planning permission C16 / 1108/23 / AM)

Status: Application registered

Resolved: No comment to make on this application

Planning Application Reference No: C19 / 1035/23 / AC

Status: Application registered

Site Location: Pen Rallt, Cwm y Glo, Caernarfon, LL55 4DU

Registration Date: 04/11/2019

Application Type: Release of Conditions

Ward: Cwm y Glo

Community: Llanrug

Proposal: Application to discharge conditions 3 (tree planting scheme), 4 (compliance with Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report) and 6 (visual propagation scheme and wall details) from planning permission number C18 / 0095/23 / LL

Resolved: No comment to make on this application

534. To consider a report on the Implications of the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Regulations 2018 on Llanrug Community Council (report circulated)

The clerk reported it was necessary for the council to consider its implications under the above Legislation. It was noted that a report on this had already been circulated to members and delegated authority was requested for the clerk to deal with the matter.

Resolved: To authorize the clerk to deal with the obligations to ensure that the council complies with the requirements

The meeting ended at 19:50

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: 17 December 2019