

**MINUTES OF THE LLANBEDR DYFFRYN CLWYD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, LLANBEDR DYFFRYN CLWYD AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors Sian Jones (Chairman), Huw Williams, Lyn Evans, Richard Thomas, Kenneth Tams, Linda Roberts, Rhian Jones and the Clerk.

1: APOLOGIES: Councillors Jaine Heginbotham and Louise Martin.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received on the agenda items listed below.

3. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Members confirmed 5th December 2016 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. Members discussed the issue of purchasing a permanent “Community Christmas Tree” and resolved to authorise Councillors Sian Jones and Lyn Evans to investigate the purchase of the Christmas tree.

B. Llanbedr D.C. Village Hall has been booked for the Community Christmas Lights event on Friday 1st December 2017.

5. COMMUNITY ST. DAVID’S DAY LUNCH EVENT

Following the recent closures of both of “The Griffin Inn” and the “Clwyd Gate” in Llanbedr D.C. the Chairman reported that a local caterer (Ann Jones, Fron Ganol) has offered to prepare a two course meal for £8.00 per person. Members resolved to accept the quotation and also confirmed the following for the St. David’s Day Lunch event:-

A: Date of event – Wednesday 1st March 2017.

B. Time – Noon for 12.30 p.m.

C. Entertainment – Llanbedr D.C. Primary School Children.

D. Cost of meal - £2.00 per person with the balance paid by the Community Council.

E. Publicity – Chairman to organise with the assistance of the Council Members with regards to any leaflet drops.

F. Booking Secretary – Councillor Linda Roberts.

6. WAEN WOODS UPDATE

Following reports that Mr Esmor Evans has tidied up part of the Waen Woods, Councillor Richard Thomas agreed to speak with Mr Iwan Edwards (Environmentalist) of Plas Towerbridge in Llanbedr about the possibility of having an educational nature morning at Waen Woods for local Children. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries on local companies who can provide signage for the Waen Woods.

7. LON CAE GLAS HIGHWAY ISSUE.

Following site meetings between the Denbighshire County Council Highways Department and Highways Agency Representatives at the Lon Cae Glas highway since the previous Council meeting, the following highway traffic calming measures have been agreed:-

- A: Provision of highway rumble strips.
- B. Relocate the 30 mph signage in the direction of Moel Famau.
- C. More warning signage. Councillor Huw Williams also agreed to arrange a site meeting with Councillor Lyn Evans and Glyn Hughes, Street Scene coordinator of Denbighshire County Council Highways Department to look at the outstanding highways issues in the area.

8. COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING.

Following circulation prior to the meeting of the draft agenda provided by the Chairman of the “Community Public Meeting”, the Members confirmed the following:-

- A. Date of meeting – Thursday 9th March 2017.
- B. Location of meeting – Llanbedr D.C. Village Hall.
- C. Commencement time of meeting – 6.30 p.m.
- D. Publicity of meeting – Chairman to prepare flyers to be distributed by the Council Members.
- E. Refreshments to include tea/coffee/soft drinks/cake/biscuits.
- E. Draft Agenda provided by the Chairman to be confirmed at the next Council meeting.

9. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE.

Councillor Huw Williams updated the meeting with the following Village Hall update:-

- A: Bank balance has increased to £7,000.00.
- B. Bookings are very good (Only Wednesday day and Thursday night on a weekday that does not have a regular booking).
- C. Full time Caretaker is now employed.
- D. Works on the Village Hall to take place over the summer:-
 - 1. Plastering of the Shower Room.
 - 2. Replacement of the notice board.
 - 3. Tidying up of the grassed areas.

10. SPEEDING ISSUES.

Councillors Sian Jones, Lyn Evans and Huw Williams met with the Members of the Welsh Government Highways Agency (Ed Burness and Tim Barnes) with local resident Dr. Wyn Hughes who had raised concerns about speeding along the A494 below the Tan-yr-Unto bends. The area will be the subject of a speed limit review which is a five year rolling program and will commence in April 2017. It was also recommended that the local residents report any incidents or near misses to 101 in order to build a case for there being an issue.

11. LLANBEDR D.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE.

- A. Still awaiting the Welsh Government decision on the future of the School.
- B. Currently under the Etsyn Inspection.
- C. Competed in the recent “Choral Competition” in Llandudno.

12. COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE.

After discussion on the “Slate Garden”, Councillor Huw Williams agreed to seek two quotations for replacement slates prior to the next Council meeting.

13. FINANCE ISSUES

Bank balances:-

A. Nat. West. Current Account - £6,350.60.

B. Nat West. Saver Account - £9,326.72.

14. COUNCIL'S 2017/18 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

Following the consideration of the "Budget Plan" of the Council provided by the Clerk the Members resolved for a standstill precept requirement for the 2017/18 financial year of £5,000.00.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Following the representations made on the following planning applications made on behalf of the Council by the Chairman since the previous Council meeting, the decision of the Denbighshire County Council is:-

A: Application 16/2016/1173 – Demolition of Llanbedr Hall and development of 0.75 hectares of land by the erection of 11 number three-storey detached dwellings and associated works (outline application including access and layout) at Llanbedr Hall, Llanbedr – refused.

B. Application 16/2016/1196 – Erection of ground and first floor extensions and alterations to existing vehicular access at Fforddlas, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd – granted.

C. Application 16/2016/0962 – Amended house type details to those approved under planning permission 16/2007/0527 on land adjoining Cysgod-yr-Yd, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd – granted.

16. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman responded on behalf of the Council before the 27th January 2017 deadline for the Denbighshire County Council consultation on "Public Spaces Protection Order – Control of Dogs" supportive of the order banning dogs from Schools, Playing Fields, Beaches and Play Areas where young Children play. The Order should be extended into public countryside attractions such as Moel Famau Country Park.

17. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

Councillor Huw Williams reported on following:-

A: the ongoing dog fouling and dogs off leads problems in the Moel Famau Country Park.

Members resolved that the Clerk write to Tim Evans, Denbighshire County Council Dog Warden and Howard Sutcliffe from the "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" regarding the dog problems at the location.

B. the footpath between Llanbedr D.C. towards Ruthin has been tidied up.

C. Litter at Tan-yr-Unto bends on the A494 in Llanbedr D.C. The Clerk agreed to contact Denbighshire County Council for the litter picking team to visit the location.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed the following issues:-

A: Concerns of the recent closures of both "The Griffin Inn" and the "Clwyd Gate" in Llanbedr D.C.

B. the Community Website needs updating – Agenda item for the next Council meeting.

C. Purchase of "Community Christmas Lights" – Agenda item for the next Council meeting.

19. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Monday 6th March 2017 in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd at 7.30 p.m.