

Item 1 Apologies Cllrs. Hudson and R. Jones, County Councillor Huw Williams did not attend.

Item 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting/Updates now listed below as on-going

2.1 Responsibilities [after the meeting the clerk added translation to Cllrs. R. Jones' responsibilities and will recirculate when the vacant seat has been filled.] Cllr. Garnett would like to be involved in the hall committee and to have more events possibly craft, bingo, Cllr. Roberts would let the hall committee know *ongoing*

2.2 Mrs Webb photos *ongoing*

2.3 Website site, mission statement (Cllr. R. Jones) *ongoing*

2.4 iPad course, Cllr. S. Jones has publicised on Facebook to get opinions if people would like to attend and what time.

2.5 Older people No lifts were required on the day, the people who attended organised cars between them. The Vale did well, with generous portions and a lovely setting. Cllr. Masters took over some of the photos from the Archives and advised Mrs. Webb's son that everyone had enjoyed them. Mrs. Webb is following local events (though she probably will not be able to attend any) we could organise a card from the Christmas event. We should set another date, it was decided the next would be St. David's Day Wednesday 5th March [following the meeting Linda Bennett advised the clerk that unfortunately the school were holding their event on that day and asked if we move to Tuesday 4th?] We can finalise at December's meeting. Cllr. Roberts to contact The Vale.

2.6 Vacant Seat Cllr. Mayer submitted his formal resignation as a Community Councillor. We will therefore have to put up our Notice, the Clerk will do this from Friday 29th November to 19th December and has advised County Council, councillors would try to enquire possible candidates for interest. *ongoing*

2.7 Laurel Trees will be dealt with sometime around October *ongoing*

2.8 Survey It was agreed that these would be included in the Christmas lights leaflet as well as details of the school consultation and circulated at the same time.

2.9 Railings Peter Brunton advised that the fence is probably a trunk road asset but it is unlikely they would have the budget for the aesthetics of it and would only sanction work on it if it were defective/unsafe. He will come back, Cllr. Thomas would also obtain a quote for the rest of the works.

2.10 Sign for the hall to go on the A494; walks for discussion with AONB January, the clerk will arrange a date *ongoing*

2.11 [Following discussion at our meeting, the Clerk replied to Guy Alford "Our Community council will respond officially to any application. Our stance is that we feel very strongly that whatever is agreed that it should be something that the majority of the residents actually feel would fit within their community and its fragile infrastructure and we support them in this regard. At the recent public meeting Linda collected feedback and we will ensure these are incorporated in with our next submission. Richard Thomas would like to be involved with your group. He will not be involved as a community councillor, he knows a lot of people who discuss local issues with him and should prove to be helpful with your campaign".]

2.12 The clerk spoke with the **Free Press** Assistant Editor that they would put a couple of articles about the lights event, also if they are unable to send a photographer on the night we can provide photos and words and they will put something in.

2.13 School Consultation a draft will be produced by the Clerk and we can finalise at December's meeting.

2.14 Xmas Lights (event on Friday 6th December, tree up Sunday 1st December). An update had been provided by Cllr. Hudson before the meeting: The leaflets (in both languages) have been printed and the clerk collected them to bring to the meeting. Glo-sticks and an extra set of lights for the tree have been ordered. Chris Mayer said he would book the Village Hall until 8.30pm – please check this is done and that the Scottish Dancers are aware. Catering – PTA are doing half, Cllrs. S. Jones to liaise. Wine will be by community council, more will be required, after lights singing at The Griffin. It was felt that asking the Mayor of Ruthin would be inappropriate. [after the meeting unfortunately neither David Jones or Darren Millar are able to attend, the Clerk is checking whether Mrs. Jones is available.]

2.15 Website. [Following the meeting a back remittance of £500 which is the one off payment was received by the clerk.] **Calendar** The Clerk advised that Brown Hen could enable an online facility for £50 and they are liaising with the Hall Committee Secretary and Booking Officer with regards the production of this online booking facility, [following the meeting Marilyn removed various items from the website (unused image files) and therefore freed up some space we can therefore postpone moving the site transfer and review in January when annual subscriptions are due. The clerk expressed concern that switching would be more work for her and would prefer as we are receiving £500 that we leave it where it is and pay for the extra space. She was asked to check with Marilyn who confirmed that she would handle the changeover - Krystal will do most of the work, and would need to bill us for about one hour's work, she recommended that we move the site *ongoing*

2.16 Business networking events; once the results of the survey are received, Cllrs. Masters & Toovey would progress. *ongoing*

2.17 Salt containers. Cllr. Garnett contacted Highways Department and received a reply from Glyn Hughes "There are 8 salt bins in the village: 1 in Maes Celyn, 3 in Tan y Bryn, 3 in Maes Derwin, 1 in Troed y Fenlli. These bins are replenished in October/November each year and when necessary thereafter during the coming winter". They also advised that they were confident there will always be enough salt to keep the bins full. Further information can be found on www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/parking-roads-and-travel/winter-gritting.aspx The Clerk will add to our website.

2.18 Meeting with Chief Executive and Leader for Clerk & Chair to attend, Cllr. S. Jones attended and sent an update: Tonight in my capacity as Vice-Chair of Llanbedr DC Community Council I attended a meeting for Mayors, Chairs and Clerks of all City, Town and Community Councils in Denbighshire at County Hall. There were various items on the agenda, but the last item was a question and answer session with the leader Hugh Evans and the Chief Executive, Mohammed Mehmet. I took the opportunity to ask a question which I directed to both Leader and Chief. Q: "Ysgol Llanbedr has a long history of almost 150 years and has been a very successful school with the exception of one bad year. As the leader has seen himself on his site visit, it is an outstanding site for a school. My question to both of you is do you think that Ysgol Llanbedr has been treated fairly in the Ruthin review?" A: First of all the Leader answered yes he thought that we had and that he had asked the same question in cabinet (which I knew). He then continued with the usual justification for closure to draw down funding and school not viable etc. Then the Chief answered and said he also thought Ysgol Llanbedr had been treated fairly. He then went on to say that there were currently only 17 pupils on roll at the school. I immediately interrupted and he repeated, yes 17 pupils and I said that this was wrong, and he said that number was quoted in the cabinet meeting and that no-one from the school had denied it. He said that governors were in the cabinet meeting and that they had opportunity to respond and none of them challenged it. I then pointed out that governors were not allowed to speak in cabinet (he did not seem to appreciate this). He continued to say that even if the school was at capacity of ~50/54 then it would still be too small, and really schools need over 100 pupils. I challenged on the point of proposals to build a new school for Cyfylliog and Clocaenog having only ~50 pupils but he did not respond to this. I finished by saying I thought that the Chief had just demonstrated it was not a fair process as he had the wrong information [17 pupils]. I don't think that minutes were taken at the meeting tonight (but they may have been), however there were about 37 other representatives of Town and Community Councils from all over the county there." And received a reply from the Chief Executive: I hope you don't mind me writing to you directly but I wanted to apologise for an error I made in my response to your question about Llanbedr School. At the Town and Community councils' meeting last night you asked me about whether I believe that the school is being treated fairly by Denbighshire County Council. In my reply I said the council is indeed treating the school fairly but I also added that the number of pupils on roll is 17. This figure was an error. The actual figure that was reported to the Council's Cabinet is 21. While this difference does not change the substance of my answer, I would like to apologise to you for giving the impression that the numbers are lower than they actually are. I have written to the Chair of Governors in similar terms and I have ensured that the record of the meeting reflects this correction."

Meeting

No Item 3 County Cllr. Williams was absent.

Item 4 Town Twinning Steve Stephens from Hirwaen a member as well as the Chairman, Robert Hughes attended the meeting. Membership costs £6.00 per year, £10 for a family, they will drop off membership forms at the hall, they have about 66 members and would like us to publicise their group, we will add a link to our website, it is not just a town organisation. The clerk will provide our website link for the town twinning website. The visits are exchanges with the host country alternating each year, we are hosting in May 2014 with visits lasting about 3 days and most of our trips are based in Wales, they need about £4k a visit, they receive a small amount from Ruthin Town Council, they hold coffee mornings and other fund raising events [Following the meeting they advised that they were very grateful to be given the opportunity of explaining to our Community Council what the Twinning Association is all about. When they signed the Twinning Charter with Briec Pays Glazik in Brittany 20 years ago the then Llanbedr Community Council decided not to be signatories. The then Mayor of Ruthin Town Council and Chairmen of Efenechtyd, Llanfair DC and Llanynys Community Councils were signatories and are named as Vice-Presidents in our constitution. The Mayor of Ruthin is their President. Over the past 20 years several Llanbedr residents have been members of the Association and they have visited Briec and entertained Briec people in their homes. We would love to have Llanbedr Community Council come on board as well. With this in mind they invited our Chairman to attend their 2013 Annual Meeting on Friday, 15 November [copies of their Newsletters are attached for information].

Item 5 Finance to include **Budget**. Opening Balance £8,176.67 outgoings tax £40 (from school to Vale, Senior Citizens lunch) and Clerk's monthly recharge £8,457.05. Reserve £9,312.09 which includes £1.20 interest. Total balances £17,769.14.

Item 6 Village Hall (for information over the last six months more has been spent from the account than has gone in)

6.1 [following discussion after the meeting Linda asked the Hall Committee: whether a permanent, secure, post box for Community Council use, could be put in the Hall, this was so members of the community can return surveys and letters about the school.]

6.2 The clerk confirmed that the Insurance company, Tennyson, was recommended by the insurance company that had quoted a much lower premium than had previously been paid and they were specialist to community halls & committees.

6.3 [following the meeting: Cllr. L. Roberts suggested that one of the hall committee went to view the boards: at Richard Williams, there are two types £30 & £50, labour to putting up at the hall was about £50.

6.4 Cllr. Roberts advised the Hall Committee that Cadwyn Clwyd can possibly fund items from the wish list carpet, shower room and the PA/ hearing loop system, when applying they look particularly favourable at the application if there are figures: numbers of people that use the Hall, plus numbers of how many attend any functions we host (for our Xmas lights we can ask people to sign in, August show etc.) and suggested that these be collated.

6.5 Cllr. Roberts also requested that a 'pigeon hole' type wall fixture could be purchased for the lobby. A compact, Perspex type so that any flyers or post for Hall Comm. or Comm. Council could be placed in the respective pigeon hole rather than leaving on tables in the hall. [Cllr. S.Jones purchased one for £ 16.18, she also purchased adhesive strips; stronger than blu-tac, causing no damage or residue to walls. And proposing using to put up the school decorations £10.40 for five packs.]

Item 7 Planning

7.1 Cllr. S. Jones attended the Planning Training this was to help Denbighshire put together supplementary guidance on affordable housing.

Item 8 AOB

8.1 Free after 3 [email had been circulated] this was more a town initiative as they were requesting partnership-funding with a town community council, mainly for our information that there will be free parking after 3 o'clock prior to Christmas in town.

8.2 The Community Council's agreed that photographs of Scott Blundy's work at Llanbedr could be used in his website but that we only include Llanbedr businesses on our Community Council's Website.

8.3 Memorial Tree. It was decided that we would not place a wreath, we have spent £250 on maintenance this year.

8.4 Cllr. Masters asked whether over the winter period a provision of basic food supplies would be stored at the Hall? Cllrs. Roberts would ring the attendees of the senior citizen lunch and ask whether they thought it was a good idea.

8.5 For the Link: an article about the Vale lunch, vacancy, Xmas lights, School review.

8.6 Thursday 19th December, Lunch at Ysgol Llanbedr, Cllrs. S. Jones, Garnett, possibly Roberts would attend.

Item 9 Date of Next Meeting: 4th February (no meeting in January)

[Following the meeting, a response with regards our Ruthin Area Plan response: Our Community Councillors and residents have raised concerns about the content of the Ruthin Area Plan.

We discussed the Ruthin Area Plan in a number of meetings and Llanbedr School has always been a top priority for us. Although we have many other priorities we narrowed them down to our top 3 with the school specifically the most important of these.

Within the Ruthin Area Plan we can recognise some of our priority areas, however we had also expected to see Llanbedr School as a standalone priority within that plan, particularly with the proposed closure.

Llanbedr School has always had the full support of the Community Council, our County Councillor, our local Assembly Member and our Member of Parliament. Therefore please can someone explain how Llanbedr School has been omitted as a priority from the Ruthin Area Plan? We are next meeting on Tuesday 3rd December and would like to consider your reply then and also so that we can finalise our response with regards the Ysgol Llanbedr consultation.

Anything in the Minutes with [inside square brackets] is after the meeting.