

Tuesday 1st October 2013
Llanbedr DC Community Council

Item 1 Apologies Cllrs. S. Jones & R. Thomas. A welcome to Susan Garnett & James Toovey to the meeting.

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

2.1 Older people Cllr. Roberts had rung everyone on her list and 30 had confirmed they would be attending. It was a 12.30 for 1pm. start. Linda Bennett would arrive at 1pm with children (including Munchkins), invoice would be given to the Clerk for their transport.

2.2 Vacant Seat at the end of the meeting Susan Garnett & James Toovey signed their acceptance of office and the Clerk submitted to the County Council, she also provided a copy of the Code of Conduct.

2.3 Laurel Trees will be dealt with sometime around October. (Cllr. Thomas)

2.4 Survey Cllr. Masters was thinking about putting the village surveys out with the Christmas light info....one drop for everything?...But that it may cost £90 to photocopy everything at 5p per sheet...may be able to get some discount as the lights pamphlet is also being copied, this will be discussed at November's meeting.

2.5 Railings The clerk has requested an update from Peter Brunton who she was advised was now looking at this, The dog poo bins had been emptied at Maes Derwen.

2.6 Sign for the hall to go on the A494; Cllr. Masters had not progressed with David Shiel. Linda Bennett asked whether a board could go up in the village for nearby walks, the Clerk contacted David Shiel about meeting in. *ONGOING*

2.7 Waen Woods: Chippings were delivered.

2.8 End of season report for the Football Club, Cllr. Garnett spoke with Gareth and he sent through words and photographs, the clerk added these to the website.

2.9 The Town Plan, rural priorities & funding this was emailed to the clerk: Place Support our local business people by hosting a business networking event on a regular basis. Support our Tourism businesses and the Health of our Locals by developing "Miles" walking guides – walking tours around our village. The walking Trails will be enhanced by a nature trail and Sculpture Trail linking the community, school, churches and Waen woods together and involving local artists within the community. Community We want to develop and grow a sustainable community. Together with our current population we want to encourage younger families into the village by maintaining the resources we already have, promoting the existing resources such as the School, Church, Village Hall, Childcare Facility, Pub, and Astroturf. We need new resources and infrastructure such as a children's play area and safe routes linking the village and the resources together. Cllr. R. Jones arrived at the meeting.

2.10 The Village Hall will be setting up a reserve account for unforeseen charges, they were aiming to get in the region of £3k over the next three years.

2.11 School Consultation; following the meeting a letter from Rev'd. Chew was circulated "You may have read in the Daily Post today that the Modernising Education Team is presenting to Cabinet on the 29th of October their case for entering into Formal Consultation to close Ysgol Llanbedr. I am writing to you so that you are in possession of the facts. As you are aware this Formal Consultation should have taken place earlier this term. It was postponed by the Modernisation Education Team (MET) because they claimed to want further consultation with the Diocese. Since that statement from the MET no meaningful discussion with the Diocese has taken place regarding the three Church Schools in the Review. The Diocese remains resolute in supporting us through this situation. I will be keeping the Diocesan Board of Education informed when they meet later in November. Tony Smith (Vice Chair) and I met with Eryl Williams, the lead education councillor and Jackie Walley from the MET in response to a letter we had written to the Cabinet in Denbighshire highlighting the errors in the Informal Review where none of your contributions were noted. We wanted to make aware that we have records of the facts about Ysgol Llanbedr should it be scrutinized by the Welsh Assembly Minister at a later date. This Formal Review is an opportunity for us to highlight the errors in the proposal so far. It relies heavily on your choice as a parent. If you find it acceptable to send your child(ren) to Ysgol Borthyn, Rhos Street or Ysgol Llanfair then the Cabinet will happily close Ysgol Llanbedr. Ysgol Llanbedr can only close if they can provide places for all of our children that are at least equal to the provision given at Llanbedr already or better. I don't know where these places are to be found? Remember it is Parental choice that has saved St Brigid's The so called facts that are being made to Cabinet explaining why they should close Ysgol Llanbedr in this Formal Review again are selective. It is a report that presents Ysgol Llanbedr as a School with its glass half empty, when they could so easily present it as a School that has its glass half full. They claim in it that the site and facilities are only adequate when in their own feasibility study it came out as probably the best Primary facility in the Ruthin Area. If it is only adequate then surely all the others are inadequate. We must allow this Formal Consultation to go ahead pointing out the facts as we know them. Should the conclusion be to still close our School, then we will have no choice but to take the facts for Ministerial Determination with the help of the Diocese. We have the full support of David Jones MP, Darren Millar AM and Huw Williams Councillor."

2.12 Notice Boards to be finalised update for next meeting, *ONGOING*

2.13 Possible half day course for Ipad Essentials by Llandrillo College, looking to hold in the Hall around January. The clerk has emailed them.

2.14 Xmas Lights (event on Friday 6th December, tree up Sunday 1st December). Cllr. Mayer to check that the Scottish dancers will start after the event. Rev'd. Chew and the organist Jeff Andrews have confirmed their attendance. The Event to go into the Link. On the 1st the church have a Sunday service at 11am. so tree to go up early afternoon, Cllr. Toovey will help, Cllr. Hudson will discuss with Cllr. Thomas. Cllr. Roberts to organise the catering. Cllrs. S. Jones to organise decorations & singers from school. The PTA have been asked if they would like to do the event but they will not on this occasion. Consideration would be for a raffle with proceeds going half to the Hall & half to School. Cllr. Hudson will organise Glühwein. Flyers will be delivered to the Hall and he will advise when they are available for collection and distribution.

Meeting

No Item 3 County Cllr. Williams was absent due to sickness.

Item 4 Finance

4.1 The Budget will be discussed in November as there were a few absent. Current £8,617.67: training course £10, One Voice Wales membership August to March 2014 £70. County Council Recharge £120.62. Precept No.2 £1,667 plus £50 for cycling event. Reserve £9,310.89. Total £17,928.56.

4.2 Cheques for: recharge. Lights were purchased £73.50, Glowsticks (Uproar did not stock them) £64.99. Cheque for Cllr. Roberts for senior citizen lunch: after the meeting she reported that it had been "Very successful and delicious. She collected £90 from the 30 people that came and then paid the balance on her credit card. Cheque needed for £210. She bought a tin of sweets and a small bunch of flowers for the children and teachers from the school, to say thank you", and will submit to our next meeting. Thanks will go into The Link. Cheque to Vale Taxis £40 for school transport.

4.3 **Websites** £500 one off payment. The Clerk has responded that we accept the funding and we will provide an account of how we have spent the money.

Item 5 Village Hall

5.1 Carbon Zero quote, flush out radiators they would not replace valves, radiator broken in shower room – there is still a smell and unused shower does need dealing with. The Hall Committee are putting together their Wish List to include possible PA & loop system, Cllr. Mayer to speak to PCC. There may be funding from DVSC, Cllrs. Mayer & Masters to discuss. Also upgrade smaller meeting room, kitchen crockery old, make signage more visible – Guttering to be cleared and external maintenance to be dealt with on a regular basis.

5.2 There may be other events we could host at the Hall, craft & cake Saturday afternoon, café but we don't want to affect the Pub trade. Cadywyn Clwyd would provide funding for a small sole trader network in the village and fits Denbighshire Strategic vision. A networking event could be held in our Hall and Cadwyn Clwyd would provide a consultant. Cllrs. Masters & Toovey will try to progress, it could be something which included the Pub, meeting there at 5pm. say a Friday for a pint and then back to Hall, there needs to be minimum one a month. We should try to progress a networking event first.

5.3 Art Programme for Mural & curtains, similar project at Pwllglas £4,800 with about 14 workshops attended by the school & community, which had been sponsored by the County Council Education Department. School could apply and we provide the match funding. Cllr. R. Jones had asked Linda Bennett to write a letter.

Item 6 Planning

6.1 Implementing the LDP and developing supplementary planning guidance 21st October 6.30 at the County Council offices in Denbigh. Attended by Cllr. S. Jones [papers attached].

Item 7 AOB

7.1 **Salt containers**, are they refilled. Cllr. Garnett would ask Denbighshire.

7.2 Cllr. Garnett enquired about IT funding to the elderly – if they don't have computers, broadband, details about a digital initiative was forwarded by the Clerk. They can use the hall's free wi-fi if they don't have broadband at home.

7.3 **20mph Zone** [Email received: I am aware that there are increasing concerns regarding road safety across North Wales, with a growing number of communities calling for 20mph zones, especially in communities with schools. I would like to hear your opinion on this. Would you like to see a 20mph zone in your community? Do you have a school in your community and are you concerned about the speed of vehicles on the roads nearby? The campaign group '20s Plenty for Us' have done a lot of work on this issue – please find links to their briefing papers below. Llyr Gruffydd AM The Party Of Wales – North Wales. The Clerk replied that "There was a campaign led by parents at our school (Llanbedr DC) which had the support of Darren Millar but they were only to get signs outside and recently 30mph and red markings on the road through the village. We fully support your endeavours and should you make any progress we would like to be kept updated.

7.4 Community Contractors list – reliable tradesmen, we could have a page in the Link that businesses could advertise on and this could then be put on to Website.

7.5 Jubilee Tower event on Friday, the clerk to send the link to Linda and for their newsletter in case parents are interested in attending.

7.6 **Calendar** on website is not being kept up to date, the clerk to enquire to Brown Hen about updating: they replied "if we want someone to fill in a form (like the contact form but with dates and times). They could make a link to a form on the Calendar page then an email would go to whoever handles bookings. It would need to be bilingual so would charge about £50 to set it up. Following the meeting: Our Llanbedr site has used 99.9MB of the 100MB allocated. The gallery plugin has stopped working and it's probably because we've run out of space. Brown Hen suggested some options: 1. I transfer all images on the gallery page to Flickr (a free site for hosting images) to free up some space. This will take Brown Hen a couple of hours. 2. We buy another 100MB from Calico at £28 pa. With more webspace(MB) and bandwidth(GB) added to our package. Each block of 100MB/2GB is charged at £28.80(£24 plus VAT) per annum. The above prices exclude VAT. Bandwidth usage is measured at GB per month."

7.7 **Meeting with Chief Executive and Leader for Clerk & Chair to attend**, now 20th November, Cllr. S. Jones & the Clerk to attend.

Item 8 Date of Next Meeting: 5th November

Following the meeting: email exchange regarding A494 Tan y Unto: Email from Cllr. Williams to Peter Brunton: Could you look at the white line on the Bends and the trees over hanging over the path lower down from the bus stop below the Griffin towards the smithy thanks. He replied "I will ask NMWTRA to look at the lines. The trees I understand are the responsibility of the community council and we have been asked not to maintain them in the past. Do you know if this is still the case? From Cllr. S. Jones: As far as I'm aware the Community Council want no responsibility in looking after these trees and I've therefore just spoken to Pete Brunton and he will arrange for the trees to be trimmed/maintained.