

MINUTES OF THE LLANBEDR DYFFRYN CLWYD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND JULY 2018 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
VILLAGE HALL, LLANBEDR DYFFRYN CLWYD AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Lyn Evans (Chairman), Jackie Bird, Ken Tams, Nick Smith, Dave Ritchie, Bob Barton (from 8.45 p.m.) and the Clerk.

1: APOLOGIES: Councillors Tim Baker and Rhian Jones.

1A. RESIGNATION.

The Clerk reported on the written confirmation that Constance Atwill has resigned as a member of the Council. Members resolved for the Clerk to write to Constance thanking her for her input to the Community Council during her term of office. The Clerk has arranged the necessary public notice regarding the vacant seat.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None received.

3. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members confirmed the minutes of the previous two Council meetings held on 3rd May and 4th June 2018 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

A. Councillor Dave Ritchie is confirmed as the Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council representative on the “Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Local Members and Community Councils Committee”.

B. Village Hall Update:-

1. The outdated Village Hall page on the Llanbedr Community Council Website has now been removed in order for the Village Hall Committee to create an up to date website.
2. Quotes are being organised to replace the existing notice board.
3. Grass has now been cut together with all the necessary weeding.

5. OLD ST. PETER’S CHURCH UPDATE.

Defer to next meeting due to non attendance of Councillor Rhian Jones.

6. COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE.

A. Fleurets were commissioned, on the advice of “Pub is the Hub”, to report on the viability of the Griffin given location and current market conditions. The report is tabled at this Council meeting. We were pleased that Fleurets expressed an opinion that the pub is viable and could be both a successful and profitable concern. The figures quoted are challenging, but are linked to the expectation of the appointment of a tenant with wide experience in both wet and dry sales. The management group adopted the report. There would be a differential in the rent paid to the owner, essentially for the building in its present state, and the rent charged to a tenant post refurbishment, and that differential would form the basis of gradual returns to the community following a successful share offer.

B. Our Community Benefit Society application has been received by Wales Co-op and is being processed.

C. Negotiations have begun over a “Heads of Terms” agreement between Sian, the owner, and the management group.

D. We hope to launch our share offer within the next month or so. Our target for the refurb is yet to be finally decided but we are looking at £150,000 - £200,000.

E. We were very pleased that following an application to the Plunket Foundation, we were pronounced eligible for “fully-funded action planning support”. This is funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and we have met with our adviser, Kate Harrison, and had an extremely successful meeting (Kate is very experienced in exactly what we are trying to achieve) in which Kate began the process of guiding us through the share offer legalities and formalities. Work is beginning on drafting our share offer prospectus and we will meet again with Kate shortly.

F. Our current account stands at approximately £900, and our Cadwyn Clwyd account is just over £2,000, meaning that we have approx. £3,000 in hand. Out of this will have to come website launch and design and solicitor’s fees for lease negotiations.

G. The Griffin is opening for Route 76 on the 14th of July and this is a venture mounted by Sian, who has promised to make a contribution, if successful, to the Community Hub funds.

H. Planning application for the renovations have been submitted.

7. FRIENDS OF YSGOL LLANBEDR ASTROTURF RESTORATION.

The Clerk circulated members letter received from “Friends of Ysgol Llanbedr” for financial assistance for the Astroturf restoration. Members resolved that the Council could not proceed until a decision has been made on the future of the School and to write the Diocese to ask if they would contribute to the shortfall.

8. WEBSITE UPDATE.

Councilor Jackie Bird agreed to update the Council’s Website using Constance Atwill’s ideas as a basis. The Clerk will thank Constance Atwill for the information provided for the Website update.

9. FINANCE.

A. Bank balances:- 1. Current Account £6,032.43.

2. Saver Account £9,329.53.

B. Bill payments:-

1. Brenda Jones for June minutes translating £40.00.

2. One Voice Wales training course £40.00.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION.

Planning application 16/2018/0510 for the removal of existing conservatory and erection of extension to dwelling with associated works at Robin Hill, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd. Following the report from Councilor Nick Smith the members raised no objections to the planning application.

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Letter received from the Acting Chairman of the “Old St. Peter’s Conservation Committee” regarding the maintenance of the old churchyard:-

1. Seeking new volunteers to assist in the maintenance due to the reduction in the current level of volunteers – Councillor Lyn Evans agreed to arrange new volunteers.
2. Seeking grant aid towards the costs of the maintenance from both the Community Council and Llanbedr DC Church PCC –Councillor Lyn Evans agreed to look into the level of funding required.

B. the Maes Derwen Community Garden in Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd has been awarded the “Green Flag Community Award 2018/19”. The North Wales Celebration Event hosted by Conwy Council on Thursday 9th August 2018 in Bodlondeb, Conwy. Councillor Bob Barton agreed to the link between the event organizers and the Community Council for the award ceremony. Members thanked both Councillors Bob Barton and Ken Tams for their efforts in the project.

C. Council received a copy of the Denbighshire Open Space Assessment and Audit Conclusions which includes the Astro turf at Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd School.

12. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

Councillor Lyn Evans received the following Denbighshire County Council report from County Councillor Huw Williams:-

- A: the Clwyd Gate is progressing with the redevelopment.
- B. Affordable Housing working with Denbighshire LDP, Planning, owners of land and a local developer/Housing Association.
- C. Offered a spot for a sign promoting the “Community Hub” on his land.
- D. Offered to help with an “Auction of Promises” to raise money for the “Community Hub”.

13. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

- A. Councillor Dave Ritchie agreed to provide members with “Easy Fundraising” details at the next Council meeting.
- B. Councillor Jackie Bird asked for the highway verge hedge at the end of Lon Cae Glas to be cut back to improve the vision. Councillor Lyn Evans agreed to organize.
- C. Councillor Jackie Bird raised the speeding issues on the A494 through the village. Councillor Lyn Evans agreed to contact the local Police Officers.
- D. Defibrillator training – Councillor Lyn Evans agreed to organize a training session.
- E. Link Magazine for discussion at the next meeting of the Council:-
 1. Need someone to be responsible for collecting information to go in the quarterly magazine.
 2. Distribution of the magazine – Chris Mayer is going to look at their distribution rounds, need more people to distribute.

14. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Monday 3rd September 2018 in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd at 7.30 p.m.

