

Minutes of the meeting 8th May 2012 held at the memorial Hall Y Felinheli at approximately 8:00p.m.

1.0 PRESENT

Ken Brown
Lena Ashley
Siân Gwenllïan
Pat Jones
George Smith

Daniel Williams
Hywel Vaughan Jones
Iestyn Harris
Gareth Griffiths

2.0 WELCOME OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Following the Annual Meeting the Chairman opened the monthly meeting by referring to the problems that have arisen on the Lon Las, Car Park and that on Monday he has a meeting with Adrian Williams, Highway Officer of Gwynedd Council and that the questionnaire has been distributed to the villagers.

Appologies Eluned Owen

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

3.1 Hywel Vaughan Jones declared an interest on item 8.7.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 The minutes of 10th April were presented.

4.2 Amendments were made to points 11.6 and 18.2.

Councillor Daniel Williams proposed that the minutes including the above were correct, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Ashley; the minutes were signed.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The change of night for meetings was discussed at the annual meeting.

5.2 Memorial Clock flower pots maintenance was discussed at the annual meeting.

5.3 Meeting with Mr Horrocks has not been arranged to date; there is no hurry to do so.

5.4 The Felinheli Community Website – the matter was discussed at the annual meeting. Hits for April were 54,219.

5.5 Siân Gwenllïan stated that he has placed the request for First Aiders during the Olympic Torch Relay on the website news page.

5.6 Recycling bins – no further information received from Steffan Jones or Huw.

Clerk to write to Steffan Jones in regard to the matter for an update.

6.0 REPORT OF HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

6.1 Councillor Iestyn Harris reported on the present situation in regard to the last payment for the builder. The sum of £9,381.52 (including VAT) is owing since the Completion Certificate was issued by the Architect.

6.2 The Management Committee have £3,000 therefore a request for assistance to pay the remainder will be required to be made of the Council.

6.3 It was suggested that the members of the Management Committee meet with the Architect to discuss the over expenditure before making a request for assistance of the Council.

It was decided that the Management Committee meet with the architect to discuss the over expenditure and then report back to the Council.

6.4 Also in regard to the above there was a need to have some maintenance work done on the hall; a door needed to be hanged; several lights were not working in the toilets, an outside lamp needed to be mended, a urinal and a toilet hall holder had come away from the wall.

The Clerk to make contact with a Local Electrician to look at the lights. The Chairman would contact a Local Builder for the other work.

6.5 Councillor Daniel Williams said that a firm had been in contact enquiring about arranging a meeting at the hall and that they needed the hall's seating capacity, sitting and dancing.

The Clerk to send details of the Hall seating capacity to Councillor Daniel Williams.

6.6 The Chairman said that Shirley had been appointed as the permanent Hall Caretaker. He also stated that the use of the hall over the summer was very low and that there was a need to do some marketing so that full use can be made of the hall.

7.0 CONFIRM PAYMENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND FINANCIAL.

7.1 The Financial officer Wynne Barton presented the expenditure and financial report.

Proposed as correct by Councillor Daniel Williams, seconded by Councillor Pat Jones.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 The correspondence was presented to the Council by the Clerk, the majority of the correspondence were for information only; a discussion was held in regard to the Gwynedd Council Special Event Order (London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay) (temporary Traffic Management) 2012. Ken Brown was to seek further information in regard to the closure of the road from the Vaynol Roundabout to Nant y Garth, he took the documents from the Clerk.
- 8.2 Countryside Commission for Wales - as the site near Gwylan Uchaf is a "wildlife site" the Biodiversity Officers of Gwynedd Council are to hold a site visit with Councillor Siân Gwenllian to discuss the matter further.
- 8.3 Planning Application 12/0144/20LL erection of 54 dwellings near Drws y Coed – see the County Councillor Report.
- 8.4 Highway Matters – there is a need to press the Highways Department to address the matters.

The Clerk to send a letter to Meirion Williams Arfon Highways to press for the work to be completed as soon as possible.

9.0 MEMORIAL CLOCK SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 9.1 Nothing to report; although some work is in being.

10.0 PLANNING APPLICATION

- 10.1 One application received after the agenda and committee papers had been forwarded; however observations were required before the council's next meeting.
- 10.2 Application C12/0543/20/LL to erect a porch at 9 Ffordd Glyder was considered.
- 10.3 No objections were raised.

11.0 CHURCH HOUSE

- 11.1 Councillor Siân Gwenllian explained the situation with the Church house and that discussion were continuing.

12.0 CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 12.1 A headstone within the cemetery is loose; one estimate for the work has been received by the Clerk but Wynne Barton stated that he will try and contact the Tyddyn Oer(Bethel) family first so that the headstone can be made safe. If the family cannot be found then he will get another estimate for the work.

13.0 CAR PARK, LON LAS AND MORIAH SITE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.

- 13.1 The Chairman said that the stone wall near the car park behind the houses towards Arfonia required to be repaired. It looks like the damage has been done by children who were sent from there.

It was decided that the Chairman would ask Islwyn if he would be able to undertake the work.

13.2 The meeting with Mr Horrocks has not been arranged to date, there is no immediate urgency as he is tied up with another matter.

13.3 The Chairman said that the bollards on the Car Park at present are broken and that cones had been placed there however one has disappeared.

13.4 Councillor Daniel Williams stated that he has a cone that can be placed on the site.

13.5 Another matter which had been brought to the attention of the Chairman was that untaxed vehicles had been left on the car park and that the situation was of a concern to the local residents. The Chairman said that the Council deals with such matter through having a word of advice with the owners.

13.6 The padlocks on the gates of the Lon Las are no Longer there.

The Clerk to make enquiries with Mark Balaam in regard to the matter.

14.0 FOOTPATHS, SHELTERS AND BENCHES SUB-COMMITTEE

14.1 Councillor George Smith stated that the All Wales Coastline Footpath had been opened last Saturday.

14.2 Councillor Siân Gwenllian stated that there was a need for an annual review of the footpaths. She stated that there was a need to make more of the paths and that a Sustainability Group in Llanfairfechan had had financial aid from local businesses to publish a leaflet to encourage usage of the Llanfairfechan paths and the leaflet is reviewed every three years. There are 4 footpaths at present being highlighted on the website and there is a need for more to be put on it.

14.3 Ken Brown stated that some time ago a plan was alluded to in publishing a footpath leaflet together with y Felinheli, Llanberis and Llanddeiniolen but no development came of the venture.

It was decided that the Clerk would make enquiries with Dafydd Einion Jones in regard to the matter.

14.4 The bus shelter by Cerrig yr Afon had been repaired thanks to the Financial Officer. However George Smith stated that something needs to be done to prevent the Perspex being stolen again, maybe some kind of etching can be made to it.

14.5 Pat Jones stated that Rhian had been painting at the Felin Sgwrsio and maybe she could paint something on the Perspex using the same theme.

Councillor Siân Gwenllian to make contact to discuss the matter further.

15.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Heather Lynne Jones

15.1 COUNTY COUNCILL ELECTION –

- 15.1.1 Councillor Siân Gwellian stated that there are 75 seats on Gwynedd Council and presently 74 councillors had been elected, with one election to be completed at Brynchrug near Tywyn. There are 37 Plaid Cymru Councillors and 37 Councillors of other parties.
- 15.1.2 Discussions are being held at this time between the parties in order to move forward and create a Cabinet.
- 15.1.3 The Cabinet system is new where there are 10 seats, previously a board system was in place with all parties being represented percentagewise. The cabinet system stated that only one party or coalition governs. Interesting times are in front of us.

15.2 FELINHELI PARTNERSHIP

- 15.2.1 The partnership has been formalised as a body and they will be in the near future analysing the questionnaire. Thanks to everybody who has helped with the questionnaire.

15.3 YOUTH CLUB

- 15.3.1 Councillor Siân Gwenllian stated that she had received a written request from the Village Youth Club Members asking if there was a chance that the youth club term could be extended over the summer. She said that she was supporting their request and hoped that the Community Council would do likewise.

It was decided that the Clerk would forward a letter of support to the Youth Service of Gwynedd Council.

15.4 RUBBISH BY GREENWOOD CENTRE

- 15.4.1 The latest on the situation is that the rubbish was as a result of clearing the farm's yard and that the environmental agency has advised the farmer on how to remove it.

15.5 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR ERECTING 54 DWELLING NEAR DRWS Y COED

- 15.5.1 Acknowledgement had been given to the fact that the traffic review has not been thorough and that there is a need for the review to be extended over the entire roads in the area and that the work requires to be more comprehensive.
- 15.5.2 The matter is receiving attention from Alun Ffred Jones in regard to some specific planning issues. There has been an increase in the matter's profile.
- 15.5.3 Interest in Social Housing has arisen also.

15.6 OLYMPIC FALME GRANT

- 15.6.1 A process is now in being where the Financial Officer will receive the invoices for payments.
- 15.6.2 Bunting has been ordered and the work for designing and creating the posters are the responsibility of Carys and the school.

15.7 PCSO

- 15.7.1 Ian Rooksby is in post and it would be good if an invitation to the Council's next meeting can be extended to him.

The Clerk to invite PCSO Ian Rooksby to the Council's next meeting.

15.8 RUBBISH

- 15.8.1 Rubbish has appeared on the road from Tan y Maes to the Bonc; probably coming off the trunk road.

The Clerk to bring the matter to the attention of either the Highways Department or the Trunk Road Agency; whoever is responsible.

16.0 ANY OTHER MATTER

- 16.1 Ken stated that work has been carried out in front of Londis and that the No Loading sign had been replaced at the wrong location and that he will be bringing the matter to the attention of Adrian Williams on Monday. Siân Gwenllian volunteered to be present at the meeting with Ken Brown and Adrian Williams as she was free at that time.

- 16.2 The Clerk left the meeting whilst the Councillor discussed the Clerks costs.

The meeting came to an end at approximately 9:45 p.m.

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