

Minutes of the meeting 11 September 2012 held at the Felin Sgwrsio y Felinheli at 7pm.

PRESENT

Ken Brown
Lena Ashley
Bethan Jones
Eluned Owen
Pat Jones

Daniel Williams
Louise Hughes
George Smith
Iestyn Harris

Also present Wynne Barton
Financial Officer

1.0 OPENING REMARKS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1.1 The members were welcomed to the September meeting of the Council; the Chairman stated that he was disappointed with the service of Gwynedd Council after numerous issues were reported to them with no action taken to date.

Apologies Siân Gwenllïan, Nerys John a Hywel V Jones

1.2 Dafydd Einion Jones was welcomed to the meeting and invited to address the Council in regard to funding for publishing a leaflet on historical walks within the village using public footpaths.

1.3 Some information was given to the Officer on the Council intention to work with Gareth Roberts on a project to design and a publish leaflet on Walks around y Felinheli and in doing so making use of the Walking Centre in Llanberis; the Council were eager to know if any financial help was available to publish the leaflet.

1.4 The Officer stated that he was not aware of the opening date for the Walking Centre but Menter Fachwen at present were making grant applications but was not aware which ones.

1.5 In the meantime if the Council wanted to try for financial assistance for parts of the project that they were responsible for then one of the places where an application could be made was the First Hydro in Llanberis.

1.6 The Officer referred to the Your Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund but Menter Fachwen were considering making an application to the latter and it would be best to wait to know what they've applied for.

The Officer to send contact details of the funding avenues.

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

Heather Lynne Jones

3.0 MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the 10th and 31st of July 2012 were presented.

The minutes were proposed and seconded as correct; minutes were signed.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Meeting with Mr Horrocks in regard to the Car Park to be discussed in Item 12.1.

4.2 Y Felinheli Website – Number of hits for June = 52,815.

4.3 Proposed Bontnewydd and Caernarfon By-Pass – As the Chairman was unable to attend the Objecting the Purple Route Committee the Clerk offered a short Report to the members.

4.4 A response had been received from Carl Sargeant to the Council's Objecting Letter stating that the decision had been made on the facts contained within the By-pass Study.

4.5 Following the response the Objecting Committee requested further information and as a result of further information another letter has been forwarded to object on the following grounds.

4.5.1 Collision Data and loss of lives

4.5.2 Community Severance

4.5.3 Engineering points raised by the appraisal

4.5.4 Watkin Jones development in Y Felinheli

4.5.5 Risk of flooding in Y Felinheli and Bethel.

5.6 Updated information on the campaign will be provided at the next meeting.

5.0 REPORT OF THE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5.1 The Committee have met and have requested a loan from the Community Council; £4381 owing to be paid to the builder. The Chairman of the Committee stated that little over a thousand pounds were in the Hall's account.

5.2 A discussion was held in regard to the means of presenting the loan; the Financial Officer suggested that the Council pay the £4000 with the Hall Committee paying the difference; the total of the loan then being £6000 and the Hall Committee to pay it back as they are able to.

The Council agreed unanimously to this.

5.3 It was reported that the floor by the Entrance door had sunk; the builder is aware of this and the work is pending.

5.4 The Work Contract of the caretaker requires to be finalised.

- 5.5 Bara Caws Drama Company have made enquiries for using the Hall on a Monday night during March 2012, the Badminton night may have to be rescheduled. Bara Caws are to arrange a site visit.
- 5.6 If Bara Caws are to use the hall then maybe there is a possibility that they can use the Church House car park. Enquiries on using the car park to be made with the Parish Priest.

6.0 CONFIRM PAYMENT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.1 The payments for July and August were confirmed and the financial report accepted.
- 6.2 UHY Hacker Young's Letter – Auditors stated that the Accounts were correct; however value of the fixed assests was remarked upon.
- 6.2.1 Value of the Hall for insurance purposes is £674; it is asked whether the value should reflect the expenditure on it and bring the value to £927.
- 6.2.2 A discussion was held in regard to getting a valuation from Dafydd hardy.

It was decided that the Financial Officer would arrange for a valuation from Dafydd Hardy.

The Report from UHY Hacker Young was accepted; the statement was signed by the Chairman.

- 6.3 Translation–the present translator had inherited the translation service agreement and was now able to provide a review of the service and offer the following. Meetings of 2.75 hours duration translation cost £28 per hour then £77 a meeting with £40 translation equipment hire and 43p per mile travelling cost £4.30; a total of £121.30 per meeting (VAT 24.26). Minimum 2hours.

The terms were unanimously accepted by the Council.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Highways and Municipal Service – Two Hour waiting restriction, Bangor Street, Y Felinheli – the letter was read and discussed; the Council were disappointed.

It was Decided that the Clerk send a letter to state the Council's disappointment in the service of Gwynedd Council.

- 8.2 Carl Sargeant letter – Content discussed under item 4.4.

8.0 MEMORIAL CLOCK SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 8.1 It was reported that a stone mason had visited the site and he was going to investigate the reasons for the damp in the clock. He assumes that the reason is the cement mortar used; lime mortar should have been used. His recommendations and estimated cost will be forwarded in due course.

9.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 9.1 C12/1105/20/LL application to erect an agricultural building for keeping machinery – Parciau, Griffiths Crossing, Caernarfon, LL55 1TS. **No objections.**

The Clerk to inform Gwynedd Planning Department of the Council's decision.

10.0 CHURCH HOUSE

- 10.1 Felin-gylchu - A recycling initiative is now operating at the hall.

11.0 CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 11.1 The Chairman thanked Bethan Jones and Louise Hughes for their help with the cemetery administration work.
- 11.2 A number of complaints have been received this year in regard to the standard of the grass cutting and clearing up of the Grass Cutting Contractor. A discussion on the difficulty of contacting the contractor was held.
- 11.3 The last cut of the contract is in September.

It was decided that the Financial Officer would consult with the Grass Cutting Contractor.

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

- 12.1 Mr Horrocks is ready to meet with appropriate councillors, the Chairman to arrange a time and date of the meeting.
- 12.2 Moriah Site – The grass has been cut three times this year and as a gesture of good will Gwynedd Council will be arranging an additional cut.
- 12.3 It was reported that there was dog fouling on the Lon Las but only two bins are available on the footpath; unfortunately only two bins is the allocation for Felinheli.

It was decided that the Clerk corresponds with the appropriate officer to ask whether it was possible to relocate the bin from the Station to further down the path.

13.0 FOOTPATHS, SHELTERS AND BENCHES SUB-COMMITTEE

- 13.1 Work partly done on the footpath between Seion (Greenwood) and the Felinheli. More work will be done soon.

14.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

14.1 Kiosk – The County Councillor had forwarded information that the maintenance work had been completed and that the painting work was to be placed on the painting schedule for 2013.

15.0 ANY OTHER MATTER

15.1 **Felin-gylchu** – a request for a grant was received from the Felin-gylchu, the information provided stated that the Felin was open from Thursday to Saturday every week. 50% of the profits would be donated to the Church Roof.

It was decided that the financial officer would write to the Felin-gylchu to inform them that requests were received in February and they should send their request at that time together with their purpose statement and balance sheet.

15.2 **Land on the Sea Shore** – An invoice for £70 rent has been received from Jones Peckover. The Council is responsible for the rent at present until a new lease has been completed with Gwynedd Council.

The Council agreed unanimously to pay the invoice.

15.3 **Training** – information regarding One Voice Wales Training was provided.

The Clerk to reserve places with One Voice Wales for the training on the 17th October 2012.

Signature: Date: