

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2013 at the Memorial Hall at 7p.m.

PRESENT

Ken Brown
Lena Ashley
Pat Jones
Siân Gwenllïan

Bethan Jones
George Smith
Iestyn Harris
Louise Hughes

Wynne Barton Swyddog Ariannol

1.0 WELCOMING REMARKS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1.1 The members were welcomed to the July meeting of the Council.
- 1.2 The Council stood in silence in remembrance of ex Councillor Pat White.
- 1.3 The Chairman gave his monthly update report and any developments. He stated that he had received complaints in regard to seagulls making a mess with the rubbish bin by the bench near the children's play area on Beach Road, he said that there was a need to move the bin so that the bench near by could be used safely.

The Clerk to write to the Street Care Department of Gwynedd Council.

- 1.4 Watkin Jones's Unit is still on the parking area of Beach Road since Gŵyl y Felin and its taking three parking spaces.

The Clerk to contact the Chairman of Gŵyl y Felin.

Apolgries Sarah Riley, Hywel Vaughan Jones, Daniel Williams, Nerys John

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 2.1 None

3.0 MINUTES

- 3.1 The minutes of the 11th and 18th of June 2013 were presented.

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

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 **Menter Fachwen** – the chairman stated that he had been in contact with menter Fachwen in regard to the Moriah site and that they had quoted a price of £426 for the work in dealing with the lavender and maintenance. Also the site is not suitable for the Menter Fachwen's staff to work on due to the slope.

- 4.2 **Walking and Discovering** – there is a need to arrange an open meeting with Gareth Roberts of Menter Fachwen to receive any suggestions from the public as to move forward with the project. The Clerk said that she had been in contact with Dafydd Einion Jones in regard to grants for financing part of the project. Unfortunately there are not many grants available for Community Councils but there are grants for bodies operating outside the Council.

5.0 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 5.1 The Committee Chairman stated that he had been in contact with the Hall's Architect in regard to the Fire Alarm and it was understood that the matter with the alarm arose because the builder had used a qualified electrician but had not registered with the NICC.
- 5.2 It is hoped that a meeting can be held at the end of August.
- 5.3 It was reported that one of the toilet doors did not shut; the work of repairing the roof had been completed and that the outside gas box was receiving attention.
- 5.4 Compliments were provided for the work of erecting the new blinds.
- 5.5 To date there was £4278 in the Hall's account.
- 5.6 A discussion was held in regard to marketing the hall and suggestions were provided on developing a leaflet for this purpose. This item was to be discussed further by the hall's committee.

6.0 CONFIRM LAS MONTH'S EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.1 June's expenditure was confirmed.
- 6.2 The Invoice for translation services for the Felinheli Business Forum was discussed and it was decided that the Council would sponsor the Forum for the time being by paying for the translation services.
- 6.3 An application for a donation towards the Flanders Welsh Memorial which is to be unveiled next year at the 100 year anniversary of the start of World War I was received. The Council felt that there was not enough information on the matter and that they would like more information before making a decision.

The Clerk to contact and get more information.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Bodrandreg Gates – **No Objection.**

8.0 MEMORIAL CLOCK SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 8.1 It was asked whether some of the members could help with watering of the flowers that have been placed around the clock.

9.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 9.1 C13/0552/20/LL – Application for the erection of a rear balcony – 10 Brynffynnon, Y Felinheli, Gwynedd LL56 4SX – **No Objection**

10.0 CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 10.1 It was reported that a bag of soil had been provided at the cemetery for families to use to level out the surfaces for the graves as required. It was asked if a note could be provided as an explanation for the purpose of the soil.
- 10.2 A report was also received that flowers were being stolen from the cemetery – the chairman stated that he would have a word with PCSO Ian Rooksby in regard to this matter.
- 10.3 A discussion was held in regard to the grass being cut on some of the graves by the public and in the process making a mess on some of the graves. It was decided that a rule be added to the present cemetery rules and to inform the public that this practise was not acceptable.

Councillor Iestyn Harris to arrange the wording of the rule.

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

- 11.1 The report was received that there was a problem with parking on the chevron yellow lines within the car park. The markings are there to assist drivers in turning for into parking spaces. A discussion was held on the matter and it was decided that a notice/warning be erected for informing the car park users of the lines significance.

Councillor Iestyn Harris to arrange the wording of the notice/warning.

- 11.2 It was also reported that the bottom wooden plank of the gate by Peningtons had been broken.

The Clerk to inform Gwynedd Council of the damage.

12.0 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND BENCHES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 12.1 **Rowen Footpath** – this footpath is not public and before Gwynedd Council can adopt it as a public footpath there is a need to bring it to standard. The footpath through the land of the new surgery has received some work and improved byt the bottom end of the footpath is yet to receive some work.

Gwynedd Council are to survey the footpath to ascertain what work is needed in order for it to be adopted.

12.2 The Quay Steps are still receiving attention from Gwynedd Council in order to try and find out the owners of the retaining wall.

12.3 The Bus Shelters have received some servicing.

12.4 The Bench near the Wern on the Bethel Road needs to be painted.

The Clerk to contact the Street Care Department of Gwynedd Council to make a request for this.

13.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

13.1 See Appendix A.

14.0 ANY OTHER MATTER

14.1 Public Transport Service through Bryn Ffynnon – the clerk said that she had made an application to Gwynedd Council in regard to this and a reply had been received in that they will consider the request.

14.2 Cerrig yr Afon Street Lighting - Siân Gwenllïan had received a letter from Cerrig yr Afon in regard to this matter and that they were willing to contribute £500 towards the lighting cost. The matter was discussed and it was decided that the Council would donate £2000 (2/3rd of the cost) towards the work..

The Clerk to contact Cerrig yr Afon.

14.3 beach Road parking Spaces – the ownership status of the parking spaces are unclear and there are no enforcement being taken on them.

The Clerk to contact the Parking Section of Gwynedd Council in order to ascertain the spaces ownership status.

The meeting came to an end approximately 9:30 p.m.

Signature: Date:.....

Appendix A

With great sadness came the news about the death of former Community Councillor Pat White. Pat worked hard on behalf of the village and she will be sadly missed. She arranged the annual Remembrance Service at the Memorial Clock and the Gardening Competition and she was Chair of the Cemetery committee. We all send our deepest sympathies to Dave and family in their loss.

1) **Rowen medical centre:** The practice asks us all to be patient as they settle in to the new premises (July 15 onwards). The centre will be open but the IT systems won't be up and running this week. They will be able to take phone calls but the doctors will be at Menai Bridge until the end of the week. All the best with the move and I hope there won't be many problems. I have been assured that a high percentage of the doctors will be able to provide a bilingual service. Discussions about the footpath continue.

2) Houses near the school (**Ger Y Nant**) : Following a meeting with officers, it has been agreed to move the 30mph nearer to Bethel; to place road strips to slow the traffic down near the bend; to improve the land on the bend. The company has agreed to fill the ditches that have been damaged by lorries along the back road. Site manager is Mark Williams (07787575979) and you can contact him if there are problems with lorries etc.

3) **House sales/rent** (Ger Y Nant) : Tenancies for six of the houses have been agreed with Tai Eryri for local families. Another 6 will be ready for September: 4 flats and 2 houses. Contact Gwynedd Housing Options on 01766 771000 if you want more information about. Also, another 7 houses have been rented to local people through a shared equity scheme. It's nice to see local people benefiting from the development.

4) Caernarfon/Bontnewydd **By Pass** : You will know that we were successful with this campaign which means using the present by-pass rather than destroying good agricultural land near Carreg Coch and Crug. Very good news!

5) **Y Felinheli Business Forum:** three successful meetings have been held and local businesses appreciate the opportunity to meet together. More information available from Lesley (Boatshed.)

6) Path through the **Faenol:** many people have contacted me fearing that the path into the Faenol near the Lodge at the far end of the Marina will be closed to the public. I am discussing the way forward with Council officers.

7) **Lon Las** near Ffordd Caernarfon: there has been a short delay in developing a new stretch of Lon Las Menai near Ffordd Caernarfon but the development is still on-going and will ease access to the new medical centre and keep some cyclists off the main road.

8) **Land problems** at Ffordd Caernarfon: Martin Haselgrove (on behalf of Ffordd Caernarfon residents), Ken Brown (Chair Community Council) and myself attended a meeting with the Council's Estates Unit to discuss the problems in this part of the village. Land problems in front of Pendorlan and near the Stepiau Cei public footpath persist. Gwynedd Council is looking at the legal aspects which is taking some time. The fact that the public footpath is closed is creating a nuisance to many people and affecting local businesses.

10) **Changing parking times** on Stryd Bangor: at last, the matter of extending the time you can stay on part of Bangor Street is moving ahead. It will be possible to stay 2 hours and all day Sat-Sun on the part between Chans and Dinorwig House. The aim is to alleviate some of the parking problems. Signs will be changed in near future.

11) **Bus along Brynffynnon**: the Community Council was asked to look into the possibility of running a bus service along Ffordd Brynffynnon. We await the response of Cyngor Gwynedd.

12) **Felinheli Festival**: we once again wish to thank the organisers for a very successful event. I sent this letter to the Chronicle and Herald:

Dear Editor

May I take the opportunity to thank the Felinheli Festival Committee for putting on yet another wonderful week this year. The festival brings us all together to celebrate our particular way of life here on the shores of the Menai Straits.

As usual there was something for everyone and there were some welcome new features including the lively Folk Dance and 'Felinteli.' The local produce fair is really taking off now as small local

food and craft businesses gather to display their goods. To cap it all, Carnival Day was enjoyed by people

from a wide area as we were blessed with warm sunshine, pure blue skies and stunning views over to Anglesey.

Diolch yn fawr iawn Islwyn a'r criw. Without your work throughout the year, none of this would be possible.

Warmest congratulations on a very successful festival. I know you are already planning for 2014!

Yours faithfully

Councillor Sian Gwenllian (Y Felinheli)

13) Many of you have complained about the bins that are being left near the bridge into the marina. I have asked the Council to see what alternative refuse collection can be arranged.

15) Over-growth on public footpaths: I have asked the Community Council to look at the problems on some footpaths.

16) Remember to use the recycling bins which are for public use near the Dock Masters' office.

17) **Summer Holidays**: I will be on holiday July 19 until August 2. Back at Felin Sgwrsio second week of September.