

CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FELINHELI

Minutes for the meeting dated 10th October 2023 held at the Memorial Hall at 7 p.m.	
PRESENT	
Eifion Williams	Cynog Prys
Llŷr Evans	Emyr Gareth
Eleri Wyn Thomas	Dafydd Huws
Meleri Jones	Nel Huws
1.0	CHAIRPERSONS OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES
	<p>The meeting was formally opened by Councillor Eifion Williams as the Chairman following the resignation of Councillor Iwan Huws. The new members Elen Gwenllian and Kevin Parry were welcomed to their first meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors Cynog Prys and Daniel Williams.</p> <p>Ms Gwen Thomas was welcomed to the meeting and gave a short verbal presentation on the footpaths within the village and to raise some questions regarding how they are maintained as some received less work than others. An explanation was provided on the footpaths categories, the arrangements the Community Council had in place for their Maintenance and that other received work from Gwynedd Council and the Trunk Road Agency</p> <p>Discussion was held on how to encourage usage of the footpaths especially the Lon Las, how to try for grants to invest in the Lon Las.</p> <p>Ms Thomas said that she would forward some information on how to fund various projects such as safe route to school, walking bus and cycling trains.</p> <p>The present situation regarding footpath 16 and 17 was also discussed. Public Footpath 17 has received work on its surface but as water egress from Brynffynnon road it forms a pool at the bottom. There is a lot of usage on this footpath but the water at the bottom is of a health and safety concern of the users for the Council; the Clerk to contact the Gwynedd Footpath Officer.</p> <p>The present situation of Lon Las was also discussed especially the areas that are constantly wet, the Council are also concerned for the users especially cyclist who could slide on these areas, fall, and receive serious injuries. The growth on the sides of the footpath is now affecting the width of the path resulting in affecting cyclists. The Clerk to contact the Footpath Officer with responsibility for the Lon Las to complain about these issues, a plan to be provided to indicate the areas in question.</p>
1.1	No public participation took place.

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1.2	Y Felinheli Toilets – no further information has been received following an enquiry what Service is provided for the annual £4000 cost to the Community Council.	CLERC
1.3	Suggestions from the public following the Council’s Stall at the Gŵyl y Felin – it was decided that this item would be placed for discussion in a special convened meeting. One suggestion was to create an open-air gym, this item to be discussed at the same meeting. The Clerk to arrange a meeting.	CLERC DW
1.4	Remembrance Sunday – an application to prohibit through traffic for a period at the Clock has been made to Gwynedd Council. The management of the traffic on the day will be supervised by Councillor Eifion Williams. It is hoped that some of the members and Guides will do some of the readings.	CLERC DW
1.5	Councillor Emyr Gareth gave a presentation on the different costs of public transport from the village to Caernarfon in comparison with other villages who are approximately same distance from Caernarfon. Felinheli to Gaernarfon £4.60 return Llanrug to Gaernarfon £2.70 return Groeslon to Gaernarfon £2.90 return Llanberis to Gaernarfon £3.00 return The difference seems unfair, the journeys are very expensive for the Felinheli Community especially if the journey is daily for a week. The costs do not encourage the use of public transport and reduce the pressure placed on the roads and parking within Caernarfon. In England there is scheme to cap the cost of fares to £2 on any journey. The Clerk to contact the Public Transport section of Gwynedd Council for an explanation.	CLERC
1.6	Electrical bikes are being used illegally within the village, there has been several incidents where the practice has raised some concerns. The Clerk to bring the matter to the attention of the police.	
2.0	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
	None	
3.0	CONFIRMATION OF LAST MONTHS EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORT	
3.1	The expenditure and financial report for September 2023 was presented by the Clerk and were accepted.	CLERC
3.2	The Clerk presented the report from the external auditor for 2022-2023. She also stated that the notice has been displayed on the Council’s website. Attention was given to the need to acknowledge the value of the Memorial Hall for audit next year.	
3.3	The Clerk stated that there will be a need to consider the budget for 2024-2025 at next month’s meeting and any projects for the said year.	
4.0	CONFIRMATION OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES AND MNATTERS ARISING	
4.1	September’s minutes were accepted as correct.	CLERC

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4.2	Wi-Fi – no progress – the Clerk to make contact again with the appropriate officers.	
4.3	See item 1.0	CLERC
4.4	Census and registration of defibrillators – information has been received that the school is not responsible for the maintenance of the defibrillator. This matter had been raised by the Council’s representative on the Governors meeting. Details of the contact officer with Calon Lan have been received and it is hoped that information on the registration of the Equipment in the Felinheli are up to date with the Welsh Ambulance Service. The Clerk to Contact him.	CLERC ASEDAU
4.5	Flooding at Afon Heulyn – this matter is receiving attention from Natural Resource Wales every two weeks; the organisation will be reporting on the situation from time to time. It is hoped that contact can be made with the owners of Fox brush to provide some Support to them via the village flood wardens when there is adverse weather.	CLERC DW
4.6	Penybryn Developments – no further information received. The Clerk to make further enquiries with Gwynedd Council.	CLERC
4.7	Traffic Management Plan – contact details for the Traffic Department of the North Wales police have been received. The Clerk now will be able to arrange a meeting between the Police, Gwynedd Council and Trunk Roads Agency to discuss the way forward to manage traffic effectively through the village when traffic has been prohibited on the bypass.	CLERC
5.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
5.1	Application No.: C23/0740/20/DT Location: Crossing Cottage Glan Y Môr, Y Felinheli, Gwynedd, LL56 4RX Proposal: proposed Bay Window on front of lounge – NO OBJECTION	
5.2	Application No.: C23/0772/20/LL Location: Tir Ger Y Wern, Y Felinheli, LL56 4TZ Proposal: Residential development and associated infrastructure works - OBSERVATIONS it is believed that the developers have not received the Council’s observations on the potential of the development to cause flooding. There is also potential for the development to cause congestion by the school due to parents dropping off and picking up their children, there are 6 parking spaces indicated on the plans that have been presented, it is believed that these are extra to the plans presented in the pre-planning Consultation. The Clerk to get confirmation on the status of these parking bays.	CLERC
6.0	FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT, POLICIES AND WEBSITE	
6.1	Updating work continues the website. There is a need to work on a biodiversity policy soon.	
7.0	ASSETS	
	Nothing to discuss	
8.0	PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, LON LAS, LÔN LAS, AND HIGHWAYS	
8.1	See item 1.0	CLERC

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9.0	MEMORIAL HALL AND CLOCK	
9.1	No current report on the hall but an observation was made that a wedding reception had been held at the hall recently which was very successful. It is hoped that a meeting of the committee can be held soon.	DW
10.0	COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN	
	Nothing to report	
11.0	ANY OTHER MATTER	
	It was decided that due to Christmas activities in December that the monthly meeting would be held on the 5 th .	
	The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.	
Signature:		Date: 14/11/23