

Minutes of the meeting 12th November 2013 held at the Memorial Hall, Y Felinheli at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Ken Brown	Iestyn Harris
Lena Ashley	Louise Hughes
Pat Jones	George Smith
Sarah Riley	Bethan Jones
Daniel Williams	Sian Gwenllian
Wynne Barton Financial Officer	

1.0 1.0 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND REPORT

- 1.1 The members were welcomed to the November meeting. The Chairman thanked Councillor Daniel Williams and his sons for preparing the Memorial Clock for the Remembrance Sunday service.
- 1.2 The Chairman stated that he had walked along the street with the highway inspector and has identified areas that are in need of remedial work; the work outside the Vic has been completed.

Apologies Nerys John, Hywel V Jones

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Signed notification of personal interest were received from Chairman Kenneth Brown, Councillors Iestyn Harris and Daniel Williams in regard to item 5.0 and Councillor Sian Gwenllian in regard to item 9.3.

3.0 MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes of the 8th of October 2013 were presented and two corrections were made.

The minutes were proposed and seconded as correct following the corrections and were signed accordingly.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 **Cerrig yr Afon Street Lighting** – a letter from Cerrig yr Afon was presented stating their disappointment in the Council for not financing the erection of two street lighting columns. Also presented was a quotation for erecting two columns. A discussion was held and it was decided that £2000 only would be available for one column only.

The Clerk to make enquiries as to the ideal location for erecting one column.

- 4.2 **Walking and Discovering** – a report was given in regard to the meeting with Gareth Roberts. The members were informed that Councillor Nerys John as a member of the group was willing to help with the grants applications, some people from the village had also joined the group. It was confirmed that financial assistance was only required for the printing of the leaflets.
- 4.3 **Rowen Footpath**– a report from the Footpath Section of Gwynedd Council was presented stating that they were not willing to adopt part of the footpath as it did not lead to a specific point. The matter was discussed and it was decided that this was not acceptable as other examples exist where footpaths did not lead to specific points.

Councillor Sian Gwennlian said that a £1000 community grant was available from Watkin Jones for community projects.

Details to be forwarded to the Clerk.

The Clerk to send a letter to the Footpath Section to state that the public walk to the bottom of the field to the viewing point to look at the view therefore this evidence that the footpath does lead to a specific point.

5.0 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 5.1 It was confirmed that the Architect had been in touch with the builder and that the engineer who installed the fire safety system had not been eligible. The engineer had been employed by the builder therefore it was the builder's responsibility to make right the work. The Hall's management awaits the confirmation that the builder is responsible for the cost of the work.
- 5.2 Some parts of the hall require painting.

It was decided to ask a local contractor for an estimate for the work and if it is reasonable the Chairman Kenneth Brown and Councillor Daniel Williams will decide upon moving ahead with the work rather than bring the matter back to council as time is limited for completing the work before the Christmas activities.

- 5.3 The future of the Hall's management committee was discussed; either to create an independent company or body or manage the hall within the Council. It was decided that the matter would be considered within the next three months.
- 5.4 considerations was given as to how the badminton courts lines could be introduced without them being worn away; painting the lines is not appropriate, Councillor Daniel Williams was willing to experiment with a special tape and report back to Council if the tape was successful.
- 5.5 Parking at the side of the hall is of concern; it was decided for the present a notice will be erected to say that parking is for patrons only, if this does not solve the problem then there will be a need to look again on the situation.

6.0 CONFIRM LAST MONTHS EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.1 Expenditure for October was confirmed.
- 6.2 The Financial Officer advised the members that the Council should not keep too much money in the account; he stated that the Council should earmark the money for community projects. £9K was earmarked for projects within the village.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 "War Memorial Trust" – correspondence informing of the financial assistance available for maintenance work on war memorials. The correspondence was presented to Councillor Daniel Williams so that he can make more enquiries.
- 7.2 Gwynedd Council /Anglesey Council – Joint Local Development Plan – Possible Housing Site Seminar. There were no sites earmarked for Y Felinheli therefore there was no need for anyone to attend. Sian Gwenllian will be attending as a County Councillor and will report back following the meeting.
- 7.3 The Gwynedd Council (Footpath No 10 in the Community of Y Felinheli) Public Path Diversion Order 2013 – Information Only.
- 7.4 Annual Report GEP – Information Only.
- 7.5 Mantell Gwynedd Annual Meeting – Invitation to attend.
- 7.6 Letter in regard *Cefnogi* by Aled Job – request for financial assistance, advised to make an official application for financial assistance by the end of the year.
- 7.6 North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner – community grants for projects – unfortunately the Council is not eligible.

8.0 MEMORIAL CLOCK REPORT

- 8.1 The Remembrance Service was led by the Reverend Jeffrey Hughes of Caernarfon, the Chairman expressed his thanks and asked the Clerk to send a word of thanks.
- 8.2 As the Remembrance Service has been held for this year the Clock Sub-committee is now able to move ahead with seeking estimates for the maintenance work.

9.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 9.1 C13/1013/20/LL – Retrospective application to retain extension to curtilage 26 Dwyfan Tai Gwelfor Y Felinheli - **No Objection.**

- 9.2 C13/1122/20/LL – Delete condition 7 & 8 of planning permission C98A/0196/20/LL in order to use property for residential use – Quayside Lodge Y Felinheli LL56 4XA – **No Objection.**
- 9.3 C13/1091/20/LL – Erection of a new 3 storey dwelling – land at 2 Trem y Foel Y Felinheli LL56 4UZ – **Objection on the grounds of lost local amenities, over development and that the development does not become the area’s character.**

10.0 CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 10.1 The grass has received an extra cut.
- 10.2 The new rules need to be placed within the notice board so that all are aware of them.

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

- 11.1 Parking problems persist – there is a need to duplicate warning notices so that they can be placed on vehicles that obstruct access.
- 11.2 Chairman Kenneth Brown and Councillor Daniel Williams to contact the Landscape Architect in regard to the Moriah site.

12.0 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND BENCHES SUB-COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Councillor George Smith said that a precedent had been set when a footpath was adopted that did not lead to a specific point, Footpath 10 which has recently been diverted.
- 12.2 A boardwalk has been built on Footpath 7 in Llanddeiniolen.

13.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 13.1 See Appendix A.

14.0 ANY OTHER MATTER

None

The meeting came to an end at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Signature: Date:.....

Appendix A

- 1) Six new houses near Y Wern: Gwynedd Community Housing is about to present a planning application for 4 two-bedroom houses and 2 bungalows on land between Y Wern and Tan y Maes. Local residents had a chance to see the plans at a meeting in the school arranged by CCG. These will be houses to rent. CCG awaits confirmation of a grant from the Welsh Assembly and they will be financing the rest themselves. Felinheli will be the first village in Arfon to have new 'council' houses for many years. I have been campaigning for more houses for local people since my election as councillor. For more information about the new scheme by the Wern, please phone CCG on 0300 123 8084.
- 2) The future of the Dock: I have met with the new Dock owner, Gareth Cleaver from Ynys Môn. He is already in the process of making the place tidy and he is hoping to apply for planning permission to change the offices into a café and restaurant 150 people. He also hopes to develop the Dry Dock for boat repair work. I hope to work with him to generate local jobs.
- 3) Road matters outside **Ger Y Nant** : I am trying to get the Council to move ahead with the work that has been agreed i.e. moving the 30mph nearer Bethel; placing traffic calming stripes on the road before the bend as you come from Bethel; a 'platform' to slow down traffic near the entrance to Cerrig yr Afon path. The delay is not acceptable.
- 5) **Path through Faenol**: discussions continue to denote part of the Welsh Coastal Path through the Marina and through the Vaynol estate to Treborth. I am discussing the way forward with local residents and Council officers.
- 6) Remember to send your pictures and details of Christmas events to our popular village website www.felinheli.org . Send to post@felinheli.org
- 7) Two very interesting books about the village have been published. Perfect Christmas gifts! Congratulations to Len Williams for his book which is available at the shop. The other, by Reg Chambers Jones is available locally or on-line <http://bridgebooks.co.uk/>.
- 8) Traffic calming at Aberpwl: the Traffic Order is due to come into effect soon and new signs erected with 40mph in force from Aberpwl to the bottom of Nant Y Garth.
- 9) Congratulations to Felinheli FC on their new facilities at Seilo. Call by to support the team and also to watch the juniors. Congrats also to the Gŵyl y Felin committee for a great Fireworks display. And thanks to the Community Council for arranging the Remembrance Sunday again this year.
- 10) Public Footpath Quay Steps: Gwynedd Council continues to monitor the wall and if they are satisfied there is no movement and therefore no danger to the public, they will re-open the path in the Spring. Part of the road into Hen Gei Llechi that is closed: the Council is in contact with the land owners above and continues to monitor in case of any risk to the public.
- 11) Signs near the Half Way: I have had a lot of complaints about the size and nature of the new signs. They need planning permission and a retrospective application has been submitted to Gwynedd Council. You can make your views known through that process by writing to planning@gwynedd.gov.uk
- 12) Remember that Felin Gylchu is open Friday – Sat and the volunteers are very happy to accept your second-hand goods. Felin Sgwrsio is also very busy. Discussions are underway to decide how to note the fifth anniversary of the centre next year.
- 13) Cars parked on Caernarfon Road: I have had many complaints about this and have discussed the matter with highways officers. Please can you not park on the bend which is creating a blind spot for some drivers.