

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2012 at the Memorial Hall.

1.0 PRESENT

Ken Brown – Chairman
Lena Ashley
Siân Gwenllian
Pat Jones
George Smith

Daniel Williams
Ronald Gray
Iestyn Harris
Eluned Owen

2.0 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- 2.1 The meeting was opened by the Chairman Ken Brown who warmly welcomed all present. He announced that there would be no Community Council Elections and there were 3 vacant seats, which meant that a public advertisement to that effect would need to be published and the same procedure followed again. The Chairman took the opportunity to express his appreciation and thanks to the Council for their willing support over the two years of his chairmanship.
- 2.2 Ann the translator was congratulated on her daughter Alice's success over the weekend on the BBC "The Voice" programme.
- 2.3 The Chairman introduced Ms. Ellen Thirsk, Human Resources Manager and Mr Dafydd Arfon Jones Recycling Manager of Antur Waunfawr and invited them to address the Council with their presentation.

3.0 ANTUR WAUNFAWR

- 3.1 Mr Dafydd Arfon Jones took the opportunity to congratulate the Council on the success of the Memorial Hall's development.
- 3.2 He provided a thorough explanation on the purpose of Antur Waunfawr; a social initiative which is a Charity and Limited Company by guarantee with the intention of creating work opportunities and training for people with learning difficulties. Antur Waunfawr is a sustainable employer protecting the environment, culture and language.
- 3.3 The initiative provides services such as recycling with Gwynedd Council, re-using clothes and textiles and recycling furniture at their Warws Werdd. Craft Shop and Cafe on their Bryn Pistyll site and a Housing Project.
- 3.4 The presentation purpose was to introduce the re-used clothes and textile kerbside service: 3% of all waste bins are clothes which equates to 814 tonnes being available for recycling and re-use in Gwynedd each year. Last year 116 tonnes were collected and this year 117 tonnes have already been collected.
- 3.5 An explanation was provided on how the clothes and textiles are used; either through the Warws Werdd or as rags. The initiative works through delivering

leaflets and bags for collecting clothes every week throughout North Gwynedd. Bags will be delivered in the Felinheli area at the end of the month.

- 3.6 The presentation purpose also was to invite the Council to work with Antur Waunfawr in their clothes and textile recycling initiative. There is an opportunity for societies to make money through the initiative by collect clothes for recycling to re-use on behalf of Antur Waunfawr and in the process earn £300 per ton.
- 3.7 The bags are collected by Antur Waunfawr white vehicles which display their logo, unfortunately there has been an incident where their bags were collected by other collectors.
- 3.8 It was asked if the gardening service was still available, unfortunately it was not due to the mature age of its workforce.
- 3.9 Ellen and Dafydd Arfon were thanked for their presentation and time by the Chairman and stated that he would be in touch to further consider and discuss a recycling initiative within the village.

4.0 APOLOGIES

Gerald Roberts

Gareth Griffiths

- 4.1 The chairman explained that Councillor Pat White was still poorly and a speedy recovery is wished for her; he also stated that her election papers had not been presented. A further explanation was given in regard to the vacant seats on the Council and the legal process which has to be followed in order for the seats to be filled.
- 4.2 The statistics for each Councillors attendance was given and no councillor achieved 100%. Councillor Roscoe was disqualified on the grounds of his attendance, no election papers have been presented for him either.
- 4.3 The new Clerk for the Council was introduced to the Councillors and they in turn introduced themselves to her.

5.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

6.0 MINUTES

- 6.1 Minutes of 13th of March 2012 were presented.
- 6.2 Item 10 of the minute in regard to no places being available at the school was correct as far as what was stated at the meeting; however Councillor Siân Gwenllian ensured the Council that 30 places were vacant at the school.

Councillor Daniel Williams proposed, seconded by Councillor Lena Ashley that the minutes together with the above were correct and to be accepted.

7.0 MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Felinheli Community Website

Heather Lynne Jones

7.1.1 There were 45,578 "hits" for the month of March.

7.1.2 Unfortunately as no one was present, further information was unavailable.

7.2 Sustainable Communities

7.2.1 Councillor Siân Gwenllïan gave a report – The steering group met regularly with 6 members of the Community Council being members. A sub-committee of the main group have designed a questionnaire to seek opinion on the idea of Community Transport. There is scope to change ideas.

7.2.2 Assistance is required to distribute the questionnaires as well as filling them in at the same time. Opinion is asked on 4 projects: i. Community Transport; ii. Solar Panels – green energy for public buildings e.g. The Chapel, this is also a means for income generation; iii. Create a Recycling Centre which there is a means for income generation, iv. Vegetable growing and selling.

7.2.3 Questionnaires are ready for distributing next week, maybe a suitable date or period can be arranged for the work to be completed.

7.2.4 Councillors Daniel Williams and Councillor Lena Ashley offered their assistance.

7.2.5 Councillor Ronald Gray asked if the questionnaires were available in either Welsh or English – the Chairman replied that the questionnaires would be bilingual.

7.3 Recycling Bins

7.3.1 Mr Dafydd Arfon Jones from Antur Waunfawr agrees with the initiative and will follow it up in arranging to speak to Steffan Jones Waste and Recycling Manager for Gwynedd Council.

8.0 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

8.1 Nothing to discuss – all information has been presented to Mrs Nia Davies, Planning Gwynedd Council.

9.0 REPORT OF HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

9.1 Councillor Daniel Williams has spoken to the architect. No instructions were provided from him to the builder to build the step as it is presently.

9.2 The idea of railings is not practical as the risk of them being collided with is high.

Councillor Daniel Williams and Alun Meirion to convene a meeting, after the Community Council meeting if time allows.

- 9.3 Caretaker position – applications are to hand and interviewing panel to interview on the 17th of April 2012 at 7pm at the memorial Hall.
- 9.4 The panel will consist of Councillors Ken Brown, Gareth Griffiths and Iestyn Harris.
- 9.5 The taking of bookings will be part of the Caretakers Job Description.
- 9.6 Risk Assessments – Councillor Daniel Williams is preparing them. Assistance was asked from the Clerk.
- 9.7 Fire Alarm System - Keys are will Councillor Daniel Williams and arrangement will be made for the fire system to be tested regularly, contact as been made with the Fire Service Control Room.
- 9.8 The arrangement that Council meetings and the Youth Club meet on the same evening is not working as the youth club activities are disrupting the meetings.

The Council to consider changing the council's meeting night at the next meeting, which will also be the first following the election and the Annual Meeting.

10.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 10.1 The Financial Report for March was presented together with the Income and Expenditure Account for 1011 – 2012.
- 10.2 It was asked what was the latest in regard to the Multi Purpose Pitch as a £1000 has been earmarked for it.
- 10.3 Councillor Siân Gwenllïan stated that she had asked to be present on one of their meetings so that she can be brought up to speed on its developments.
- 10.4 It is understood that at the present time they do not have a Chairman; Councillor Ken Brown will hold discussions with Iolo Jones in regard to the matter.

Councillor Siân Gwenllïan proposed the sum be kept as earmarked for the time being, Councillor Daniel Williams seconded the proposal.

- 10.5 Due to the circumstances with Councillor Roscoe it will be necessary to think of another person to deal with marketing and the website in order to secure direct income for the Council from advertisements on the website.
- 10.6 The accounts are required to be audited before the end of June 2012, fortunately the accounts are ready for internal auditing now.

Councillor Iestyn Harris proposed that the accounts as presented were correct, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Daniel Williams.

10.7 For information Mr Wynne Barton informed the Council that the deeds for the Cemetery are with him, the deeds for the Hall with Councillor Iestyn Harris and the Lease for the Railway with Emyr Thomas.

10.8 Mr Barton was thanked for his work.

Councillor Eluned Owen left the meeting at 8:25p.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 **Welsh Government:** Town and Country Planning Act 1990-Section 247, The Stopping up of Highways (11 Caernarfon Road, Y Felinheli, Gwynedd) Order 2012 the highway by 11 Caernarfon Road has now been Stopped Up.

11.2 **One Voice Wales** – the membership is due for renewal and the cost this year is £299, 3% up from last year.

It was decided that the membership would be renewed again this year: Councillor Daniel Williams proposed and seconded by Councillor Iestyn Harris.

11.3 There is a possibility that new member of the Council will require training; the matter will be discussed further in the Annual Meeting.

11.4 Councillor Daniel Williams enquired from Mr Wynne Barton if it were possible for him to receive the names of the Councillors who has received training so that he can prepare a training Matrix.

11.5 Email from Sara Catrin Jones Menter a Busnes – Business Planning Training has been arranged for the 23rd May 2012 at the Memorial Hall starting at 5pm.

11.6 The following Councillors will be attending the training: Ken Brown, Siân Gwenllian, Pat Jones, Lena Ashley and Daniel Williams.

The Clerk to advertise the training under the Community News of the Caernarfon Herald and to invite the Felinheli Partnership.

Councillor Ronald Gray left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

12.0 MEMORIAL CLOCK SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

12.1 Councillor Daniel Williams stated that the new timer would be installed now that the weather was drier.

12.2 Volunteer are required to look after the flower pots.

12.3 A discussion was held in regard to the flower pots and it was decided that paying for their maintenance would be looked into.

The Clerk to make enquiries with Menter Fachwen on the possibility of arranging a meeting with them and the Chairman to discuss the matter further.

13.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.1 Ysgol Y Felinheli, Y Wern, Y Felinheli. Engineering Works to Level the Football Pitch Together with Erecting 1.2 metre and a 5 metre Fence. – The matter was discussed and it was decided not to object.

No objection – Council unanimous.

14.0 CHURCH HOUSE

14.1 Nothing to add on the matter at this time.

15.0 CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

15.1 No report – member not present due to illness.

15.2 The chairman will call at the home of Councillor Pat White to collect the Cemetery books.

16.0 PARKING GROUND/LON LAS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

16.1 The Chairman received a letter from Mr Fred Horrocks in regard to the introduction of CCTV inviting him to a site meeting and discussion on the matter. The Chairman was willing to meet but with another Councillor present.

16.2 Councillor Siân Gwenllian suggested that a date and time be arranged; Councillor Daniel Williams and Councillor Iestyn Harris showed their willingness to attend the meeting with the chairman.

The Chairman to contact Mr Horrocks to arrange a meeting.

17.0 PUBLIC FOOTPATH SUB-COMMITTEE

17.1 Proposed diversion to Tan y Maes to Garreg Goch (FP 10) - the public footpath is crossed by the by-pass and has not been used recently, at present it's unusable; because of this it may be better to consider an extinguishment.

18.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

18.1 **Building at Y Wern** – A site meeting has been held at the site with an Officer from the Highways Department following the planning application to build 54 houses at the Wern. The Highways Department is to hold a Traffic Survey in the area in order to produce a traffic plan for presentation at the planning meeting before a decision is made.

18.2 The traffic flow will not justify the installation of a pelican crossing but maybe a plateau crossing will be provided.

- 18.3 A bus shelter will be erected on the estate side so that buses can pick up passengers on its way from y Wern.
- 18.4 The visibility is also a concern and in order to improve the situation double yellow lines will be placed in the dip.
- 18.5 The application will not be considered next Monday.
- 18.6 It is necessary to record that successful meeting was held at the school to discuss the matter.
- 18.7 **Olympic Flame** – The application for a grant of £1000 has been successful. The monies are to be used for banners and art and craft supplies for creating posters.
- 18.8 The banners will be up for a period of two weeks for Gŵyl y Felin and the Urdd Eisteddfod. The banners will be Red, White and Green.
- 18.9 Councillor Lena Ashley asked if it was possible to use the old Caernarfonshire Flag – it was not possible.
- 18.10 As the Eisteddfod yr Urdd Appeal Committee of the village had arrived at their target of £8000 it was asked if it was possible for a letter to be forwarded to the committee to thank them on their work.

The Clerk to forward a letter to Mrs Angharad Harris to thank the committee.

- 18.11 **Moriah Site** - the site is nearly completed, a plaque requires to be erected, and it was asked if it was possible for a letter to be sent to Mr Peter Simpson Gwynedd Council to thank him for his work with the scheme.

The Clerk to send a letter to Mr Peter Simpson to thank him for all his work.

- 18.12 **New Lon Las Newydd** from Rowen to the middle of the village is moving ahead well.

- 18.13 **Area around Public Footpath No 4** from Lon Penbryn to Allt Gam, the small woodland near Gwylan Uchaf is of concern, trees have been felled in order that a planning application for a house can be made. Contact with the footpath section of Gwynedd Council requires to be made.

The Clerk to make enquiries in regard to keep the area free from development.

18.14 There will be No County Council Election this year as there was only one candidate and the Councillor will be serving for a period of 5 years.

The Chairman congratulated Siân on behalf of the Council for becoming a County Councillor once again.

18.15 Subsidence on Helen Terrace and the retaining walls by Sea view Terrace is of concern, it was asked if the Highways Department could be contacted in regard to the matter.

The Clerk to forward a letter to the Highways Department.

18 ANY OTHER MATTER

18.15 **Olympic Flame** – The Chairman stated that he had attended a workshop in regard to the Flame with representatives of the emergency services.

18.16 The convey will be approximately 22 vehicles long and will include Coca Cola, Samsung and Lloyds TSB vehicles, but arriving at around 4:40 will be a small convoy which will have street dancing.

18.17 Maybe people from the Bethel area will come down to Y Felinheli rather than going to Caernarfon; we will need to be watchful in case of traffic and parking problems. Traffic will be prohibited through Bangor Street for a period. This will be a matter for Gwynedd Council and the police. There will be 3 paramedics and an ambulance with the convoy.

18.18 It was asked if there was a chance of receiving help from First Aiders as the authorities will be very busy.

18.19 Tickets for the Concert will be free and will be available from the 28th of April 2012. Parking will cost £10. There are 7000 tickets available but if there are problems in obtaining them, tickets can be made available for clearing up volunteers as was the case during the "Big Weekend".

18.20 The headlining group will be "Kids in Glass Houses".

18.21 The Chairman will be holding discussions on the matter with Gŵyl y Felin.

18.22 **Jubilee** – The Chairman asked the Council's opinion in presenting a Jubilee Cup for the school children. A discussion was held and it was decided to leave the matter for the school.

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

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