

Minutes of the meeting 11th June 2013 held at the Felinheli Memorial Hall at 7p.m.

PRESENT

Ken Brown
Lena Ashley
Sarah Riley
Pat Jones
Sian Gwenllian
Ken Brown

Bethan Jones
Hywel Vaughan Jones
Iestyn Harris
Louise Hughes
Nerys John
Bethan Jones

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND REPORT

1.1 The members were welcomed to the Council's monthly meeting of June.

Apologies George Smith, Daniel Williams, Wynne Barton Financial Officer

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2.1 None

3.0 MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of 14th and 21st June 2013 were presented.

The minutes for the 14th were proposed and seconded as correct but the minutes of the 21st are to be added to. The minutes will be signed at the next monthly meeting following the additions.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Gwynedd and Môn Joint Local Development Plan – Councillor Hywel V Jones gave a short oral presentation on the development plan but as there was a lot of information and the need to forward observations it was decided that a special meeting would be convened to discuss this single matter

It was decided to convene a special meeting to discuss the plan on the 18th June 2013 at 7 pm at the Memorial Hall.

4.2 **Rowen Footpath** – The Chairman gave a short report on the matters discussed at the site meeting; although Councillor George Smith was absent he sent word to say that he was happy with what was discussed.

4.3 Walking and Discovering – Gareth Roberts's letter on the project was presented. A discussion was held in regard to the printing costs (approx £2,500). It was decided that there was a need to move ahead with the project but delay any decision on the printing for now. There will be a need for Community events in order to collect ideas from local people as well as work

with the primary school. Noticeboards can also be erected as part of the project; however notice boards may be erected as part of the Lon Las Project. It was decided to wait until confirmation was received that this was the case before any decision is made.

It was decided that the Clerk should contact Dafydd Einion for mor information in regard to grants for publishing the leaflets.

5.0 MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 5.1 Not much to report; however the Caretaker reported that the Hall's Gas Box has disappeared.
- 5.2 No information has been received fromt he Architect in regard to the independent fire safety report. The Hall Chairman to make further enquiries.
- 5.3 The roof of the hall has had some storm damage during the winter. Two estimates for the repair work were presented, as the estimates were fairly low is was decided to consult with the Financial Officer to see if there was a need to make an insurance claim.
- 5.4 It was decided not to co-opt new member onto the Hall Management Committee for now, postponing this for 6 months would allow the committee to assess the running hall costs, income and events held at the Hall..

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF LAST MONTHS EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORT.

- 6.1 May's expenditure was confirmed.
- 6.2 Although no form has been received back from the Ysgol Feithrin following their application for financial assistance the matter was discussed and it was decided to forward a payment to them.
- 6.3 The Employment Sub-committee has convened a meeting and it was decided that the Clerk and Financial Officer's salaries would remain the same whilst the Caretakers would increase to £7.50 to reflect the responsibilities and duties of the position.
- 6.4 It was decided that Councillors Sarah Riley and Iestyn Harris would act as internal auditors for the Council in regard to the accounts.
- 6.5 It was decided that the present Council's policies would be adopted with a view that they would be reviewed within the year.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Gwynedd Council – The Gwynedd Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (Penygroes, Nantlle and Y Felinheli) Order 2013 – **No objection.**

9.0 PLANNING APPLICATION

- 9.1 C13/0402/20/LL and C13/00401/20/CR– application for demolishing existing conservatory and replace with a new window and erect a single storey extension – 6 Llanfair Hall Caernarfon LL55 1TT. **No Objection**

10.0 CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 10.1 It was reported that an individual cuts the grass of a family grave but cuts across of other graves in order to get access which is unsightly.

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

- 11.1 The rubbish within the Car Park has been removed. The weeds have now grown again and the Chairman stated that he would deal with it.
- 11.2 The Chairman is in contact with Menter Fachwen in regard to dealing with the lavender on the Moriah Site.

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

- 12.1 Councillor Pat Jones presented a report on behalf of Councillor George Smith in regard to the bus shelters and that the dig fouling has now ceased and one shelter need to be spruced up.
- 12.2 Some benches require attention especially the one near Carreg Goch on Tafarngrisiau.
- 12.3 The members were congratulated for their efforts in changing the route of the Bontenwydd and Caernarfon By Pass.

13.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- 13.1 Councillor Sian Gwenllian stated that she tries to provide a written report most months for the Community Council although other county councillors do not, however sometimes time does not permit it. An oral report was presented to the Council.

Up to date reports were given on Ger y Nant, The School Playing Fiel, Public Transort Service for Brynffynnon, and Access to the Faenol from the Marina. A short discussion was held on the matters.

She also stated that concerns were being aired withi the community that there could no Welsh speaking Doctors in the Village. It was asked if the clek could forward a letter to the Surgery expressing the concerns.

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 None.

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

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1.0 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND REPORT

1.1 The members were welcomed to the Special meeting of the Council to discuss the matter of the Gwynedd Môn Joint Local Development plan.

Apologies George Smith, Daniel Williams, Sian Gwenllian, Lena Ashley, Sarah Riley

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2.1 Sarah Riley

3.0 PRESENTATION

Councillor Hywel Vaughan Jones gave a presentation on the plan. There was a need to present some observations in a form of a questionnaire by 5 p.m of the 27th of June 2013. Discussion was held and the following answers provided.

3.1 Question 1 (Chapter 4) Overview of the Area, page 31 of the Preferred Strategy. "Are there any other land/building issues that should be considered?"

Answer: The Council agrees that the village is a rural coastal village but believes that the village has reached its saturation in regard to multi bedroom houses as the following are not adequate: Services, Highways, Agricultural Land, the Primary school and Green Areas, the saturation came into being with the Ger y Nant development. However the Council would support erection of bungalows with one bedrooms for the elderly. Land by the Wern Estate has been previously earmarked for such a development but has not materialised to date. The land by the New Surgery would also be appropriate for such a development.

The Council agrees with the aim of "Ensuring Jobs for Local People" and because of this the Council would like to see land being used to erect workshops and units for local people. There is not enough lock up units within the village for present local businesses.

3.2 Question 2 (Chapter 5) the Plan Area in 2026 – The Vision and the Objectives, page 39 of the Preferred Strategy Document. "If you 'disagree', what additional objectives need to be considered and/or how should the Vision be amended?"

Answer: Agree.

Although the Council agree to the vision and objectives but is of the opinion that the objectives should be developed in order to fulfil the vision to ensure that the Felinheli remains a rural coastal village providing work for local people and that houses are erected for the purpose of satisfying local needs such as houses/bungalows for the elderly. The Welsh language is imperative to the community in Felinheli and any development should strengthen this and preserve the heritage. The village is of an unique character with coastal land, agricultural land and it is reassuring to see that the plan preserves and improves this.

- 3.3 **Question 3** (Chapter 6) How much growth and where should it go?, page 44 of the Preferred Strategy Document. "Do you agree that the Preferred Housing Growth option is the most appropriate to meet the social, economic and environmental issues of the Plan area?"

Ateb: Council Choice is T4.

Felinheli is an attractive and popular village located on the Menai Straits and is near to Bangor and Caernarfon where employment centres and services are located, 62% speak Welsh, a statistic which has decreased by 10% in the last decade. There are 200 houses on the Marina, the majority are private rental houses or have been let out as holiday houses, there are little settled families residing there, the situation is the same at Hen Gei Llechi. Although houses have been built on the Ger y Nant site only a small percentage are for local people with means to buy them. There are not many houses for social housing within the development either. It is a concern that development in Caernarfon and Bangor would spread to Felinheli with houses being erected for people commuting to employment centres along the A55 corridor.

The Council believes that the T4 option is best for achieving growth for the social, economic and environmental issues.

- 3.4 **Question 4** (Chapter 6) How much growth and where should it go?, page 44 of the Preferred Strategy Document. "Do you agree that the Preferred Spatial Option is the most appropriate means of distributing growth in the Plan area? If you disagree, what do you consider to be the most appropriate spatial strategy?"

Answer: Agree.

- 3.5 **Question 5** (Chapter 7). The Preferred Strategy, page 94 of the Preferred Strategy Document. Do you agree that the Preferred Strategy and Strategic Policies provide an appropriate framework for the delivery of the Joint LDP's vision and strategic objectives as set out in Chapter 5?

Answer: Agree.

- 3.6 **Question 6** (Chapter 8)

Answer: Agree.

3.7 **Question** 7, 8 and 9 no observations.

The meeting came to an end approx 8:30 p.m.

Signature: Date:.....