

CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FELINHELI

Minutes for the meeting of the 11 th November 2014 held at the Felinheli Memorial Hall at 7 p.		
PRESENT		
Ken Brown (KB)	Pat Jones	
Lena Ashley (LA)	Louise Hughes (LH)	
Iestyn Harris (IH)	Siân Gwenllïan (SG)	
George Smith (GS)	Mair Bebb Jones (MBJ)	
Nerys John		
Wynne Barton – Financial Officer		
1.0	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS	
1.1	The Chairman welcomed the members to the November's meeting.	
	Apologies: Gwyneth Williams, Sarah Riley	
1.2	The Chairman welcomed Dylan Bryn to the meeting and he was invited to address the members. He said he was there to represent the Felinheli's Junior Football Club and he wished verbally to present the club's proposed future plans to the Council. In the past it was the aim of the Felinheli's Partnership to develop a multi purpose but because of drainage problems it did not materialise. Recently it was proposed that the school football field be turned into a 4G field, a constructive discussion has been had with the Headteacher. At the club's meeting it was decided to move forward with the project. Discussions have been held with Dafydd Einion and Councillor Sian Gwenllïan to discuss the project and finance. He stated that the club is well in regard to its financial situation and that there is a demand for such a field. The field at present belongs to the County Council and the Council are willing to consider a long term lease if a statutory body would take up the lease. Therefore the purpose of this address is to officially verbally request the Community Council to take up a long term lease on behalf of the Junior club. Dylan Bryn was thanked for his time.	
1.3	The request was considered by the members and Councillor Sian Gwenllïan confirmed that the County Council were happy for a Statutory body to take up the lease, there would be a need to make the lease three folds. If the Council agreed then there would be a need for the process to proceed forthwith. It was decided that the Clerk inform the County Council that the Community Council were willing in principle to take up the long term lease on the school field.	CLERK
3.0	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	

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3.1	Delaration of interest form was received from Councillors Sian Gwenllian, Ken Brown, Nerys John and Louise Hughes in regard to item 1.3.	
4.0	MINUTES	
4.1	The minutes for 14 th and 22 nd of October 2014 were presented. Both sets of minutes were accepted as correct and signed accordingly.	CLERK
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	Kronos –The Clerk explained that a request has been received from Caernarfon Town Clerk for a joint meeting between the two councils to take place at Caernarfon on the 25 th November 2014 in order for the matter to be discussed. It was decided that Councillors Ken Borwn, Iestyn Harris and Sian Gwenllian represent the Council at the meeting.	
5.2	Housing Questionnaire – Councillor Nerys John gave a summary of the Housing Questionnaire report. The full report can be seen in Appendix A. It was decided that a copy be sent to the CCCounty Council’s Housing Strategy Team, Joint Development plan Section, Cynefin, North Wales Housing and Gynedd Community Housing. Councillor Sian Gwenllian to prepare a press release.	CLERK SG
5.3	Halfway – the Clerk presented a statement from Iwan Evans legal Officer of Gwynedd Council on the request of County Councillor Sian Gwenllian.. “I am not of the opinion that convening a meeting within the community as a local member to look at the site’s potential for the community in itself would be creating a personal interest. Being supportive to the specific initiative is not in contradiction to the Planning Protocol from a local member’s stand point. However if the discussion lead to a definite development, formal group/initiative that would ensure interest or use of the site then there would be a need to consider if you have anything to do with the development and its management. This could move the balance to a personal interest situation.”	
6.0	MEMORIAL HALL’S SU-COMMITTEE REPORT	
6.1	Councillor Iestyn Harris gave a short address in regard to the floor and fire alarm problems of the memorial Hall; a meeting has been held between the architect and the builder, hopefully a report will be provided shortly. The matters are at present in the architect’s hands.	
7.0	CONFIRMATION OF LAST MONTH’S EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORT	

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7.1	Expenditure for October was contimed.	
7.2	The Financial Officer said that there was a need to consider a new service agreement for the clock. The agreement cost is £411, the same as that of 2011. It was decided to renew the agreement.	FINANCIAL OFFICER
7.3	Translation services – the Financial Officer stated that the Menter Iaith arrangement has finished. The translation arrangements will remain with Ann Llwydand agreement of £70 for the translation services of two hours including the hiring of the equipment (£20). It was decided to continue with this agreement.	FINANCIAL OFFICER
7.4	One Voice Financial Regulations – the Financial Officer stated that the appropriate regulations were included in the Council’s handbook already. It was decided that adoption of the regulations would be considered at the Council’s next meeting.	FINANCIAL OFFICER
7.5	The Financial Clerk stated that there were some interesting articles in the Clerk Magazine that required the council’s attention; employment matters and Council’s administration.	
8.0	CORRESPONDENCE	
8.1	Your Service, Your Choice – report by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service – it was decided that the Council were not in a position to forward any observations.	
8.2	Speed Limit Review- Welsh Government - it was decided that the Clerk forward the Council’s observation on the speed, pedestrians and cyclists on the bypass.	CLERK
9.0	MEMORIAL CLOCK REPORT	
9.1	The Clerk stated that the tender documents for the work on the clock had been finalised and that Peter Wray was about to invite contractors to tender for the work and the electricity work. The members stated that they would like two local companies to be invited to tender for the electricity work.	CLERK
10.0	PLANNING APPLICATION	
	An application to erect a garage at Glan y Môr Lodge, Y Felinheli had been advertised in the local press. The Community Council had not received a consultation. The Clerk to make enquiries with Gwynedd Council.	CLERK
11.0	CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT	
	Nothing to report	
12.0	CAR PARK, LON LAS AND MORIAH SITE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT	
	Nothing to report	

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13.0	PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AD BENCHES	
13.1	The work to cut back the overgrowth on the footpaths by the Trunk Road Agency has not been done to done. The Clerk to consult with Merfyn Morris of the Trunk Road Agency.	CLERK
14.0	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
	See Appendix B	
15.0	COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN	
15.1	Steps at the Sailing Club – meeting between Daniel Williams and the Officer has not taken place to date as the officer is ill and off work.	
16.0	ROAD SAFETY	
16.1	Councillor Ken Brown said that he has had a constructive meeting with Dylan Jones of Gwynedd Traffic Section and that there is a project means for advisory 20 mph speed limit signs to be designed and erected between the primary school and the traffic section for the Wern.	
17.0	TOURISM SIGNS	
17.1	A request has been received from the Hen Gei Llechi for a tourism sign to be erected for the Dock – the request was considered and it was decided that the Community Council are in principle supportive however no financial support could be given. The Clerk to forward a letter to Gareth Cleaver.	
	The meeting came to an end at 09:45 p.m.	
Signature:		Date:

APPENDIX A

Y Felinheli Community Council Local Housing Survey

In order to respond fairly to Gwynedd Council in constructing the Local Development Plan, Y Felinheli Community Council decided to arrange a survey on the housing need within the village. In July 2014, 1180 forms were distributed to each household within the village with a request for it to be returned to the Council's Chairman by 31 July 2014.

The Table below states roughly the survey's results.

Questionnaire that were returned **128 from 1180** **11%**
Total received stating the need for another home in Y Felinheli **37**
Percentage of the responses received that required a house **29%**

<u>Rhesymau a roddwyd</u>	<u>Reasons given</u>
Pobl hŷn eisiau tŷ llai/heb risiau Older residents wanting smaller house or without stairs.	14(11%)
Tŷ mwy ar gyfer teulu Larger house for growing family	10(8%)
Oedolyn yn byw efo rhiant ac eisiau byw yn annibynnol Adult living with parents and wanting to live independently	5(4%)
Rhentio ac eisiau prynu Renting and wanting to buy	1(0.8%)
<u>Eisiau gardd</u> <u>Wanting garden</u>	1(0.8%)
<u>Tŷ presennol mewn cyflwr gwael</u> <u>Current housing in neglected condition</u>	1(0.8%)
<u>Eisiau tŷ mwy cyfeillgar i'r amgylchedd</u> <u>Eco-friendly house</u>	1(0.8%)
<u>Tŷ llai</u> <u>Smaller house</u>	1(0.8%)
<u>Parcio mwy hwylus ac o fewn cyrraedd trafnidiaeth cyhoeddus</u> <u>Easier parking and convenient to public transport</u>	1(0.8%)
<u>Problemau efo Cymdogion</u> <u>Difficulties with neighbours</u>	1(0.8%)
<u>Ni roddwyd rheswm</u> <u>No reason given</u>	1(0.8%)

Accommodation needs of older and disabled people

The relevant responses have been divided by the resident's ages

65+

44 Responses were received from people of 65+ (34% of the returned questionnaires)

9 expressed the need of a house/ground floor flat/smaller house/assisted living house.

From the ones that wanted to move, only one was paying rent and looking for a more suitable accommodation to rent.

One was a house owner and willing to consider renting in order to get a more suitable house for his /her needs.

The others were in a position to buy a bungalow or sheltered housing.

Of the 65+ adults who did not want to move house, 10 lived within a terraced house with two bedrooms.

There are many terraced houses in the Felinheli- some are quite big with 3 or more bedrooms. These are probably with at least two rooms on the ground floor with the option of staying in their home if the occupants mobility declined and they could no longer use the stairs. Unfortunately there are more smaller two bedroom houses within the village (namely Rhes Helen, Glan y Môr, rhai o dai Brynffynnon, Uwch Menai) there is no means for a toilet to be introduced to the ground floor in these houses. Whilst distributing the questionnaires a verbal response was received by a resident of Glan y Môr; she and her husband were worried in facing the difficulties concerning using the stairs but they were firm in their response that they were not looking for another home. This is likely to be the response of many of the elderly people in the same situation. However it may be a sign that this is the type of house that should be built for their future needs.

Because of the geographical nature of the village, there are many houses in the Felinheli who access their main door via steps.

Aged 45-65

5 of the questionnaires by people between 45 and 65 expressed that they needed a smaller house/bungalow/less steps

It is important to consider the needs of people within this age category as they can foresee their needs in the long term. 3 saw that they needed to move in 5+ years, one in 2 – 5 years and one was unsure. They were all home owners.

What is presently available?

One floor houses are in short supply in Y Felinheli and the need for them are not being met. These homes include houses that belong to social housing as well as some within the private sector.

There are some private ground flats for rent but these are in short supply – the majority are in the Hen Marina which are inconvenient for the elderly and disabled when requiring the bus and other services in the village.

There are some bungalow (prices of £200,000+) in the village. The majority of these are not on the main street or on the bus route. Many of these have steps to their main entrance.

Any deficiency in provision

There are no extra care/sheltered housing)

There are not enough social housing ground floor flats or within the private sector.

There are not enough bungalows at suitable locations within the village.

People's consideration when choosing suitable accommodation

Access to local services (see below)

Access to Public Transport

Access to local even public footpaths (there is a footpath which is suitable for wheelchairs within the village.)

House without stairs

House with ground floor toilet and bedroom

Sheltered accommodation on one location or extra care housing.

Effects of decline in health

There is a medical centre with a dispensary within the village. Therefore there is no need for people to go to a Chemist.

Steep hills makes walking difficult if people live away from the main road and bus route.

Location of local services for the elderly and disabled:

The following are located near the main road which runs through the village.

- Medical Centre
- Shop and Post Office
- Hairdressers
- Felin Sgwrsio – Community meeting place which is open daily.
- Church and Chapel
- Village Hall
- Church Hall (Community Charity Shop)
- Pub and Restaurant
- Take away (Chinese)
- The Ion las/ Public Footpaths – cycling and walking without having to go up and down hills

Bus Services

There are steep hills but a bus is able to go along the main street and up to the Wern. A bus cannot go up Brynffynnon , Ffordd Llwyn or down to the Beach.

Parking

There are parking difficulties for homes along Bangor Street which create problems for the elderly and disabled.

Measures that are being taken already by the Community Council in considering accommodation needs of the elderly:

For some time the Council have taken these needs into consideration when discussing all planning applications that have been presented.

Observations on this have been made on a recent application made by CCG to build new houses in the Wern area. The application included two bungalows and four houses. The Community Council made a request for the proposed plan to be reconsidered to include two bungalows and two ground floor and two first floor flats. This would have doubled the number which would have been suitable for the elderly and disabled. Unfortunately our efforts were in vain.

The Council is also aware that creating suitable homes for the elderly and disabled within the village will release some houses for the use of young families.

We will be interested in learning what Gwynedd Council's vision is in providing suitable accommodation opportunities for the elderly and disabled. The situation in the Felinheli is causing concern and this is likely to worsen in the next decade and further into future.

Accommodation needs of young adults.

There were 10 responses from young adults who wanted new homes within Felinheli.

There was one couple under 25 and the others were between 25-45.

3 of these were without children, 4 with 2 children and 3 with a child.

3 were in private rental accommodation. These 3 wanted to buy their own home. One could buy a house between £75,000 and £100,000, one between £100,000 and £150,000 and one between £150,000 and £200,000.

7 were already home owners within the village. One could aim for a house between £150,000 and £200,000, four between £200,000 and £250,000 and two for over £250,000.

Young Adults living with their parents

The 5 responses that were received from within this category are interesting for the reason that they are not on the social housing waiting list.

Three of the five are looking at buying a house as part of the low cost scheme. Two of them are employed and one in post graduate education. One is unemployed and looking into renting.

Response to the information in regard to accommodation needs of young adults.

Based on the above information, creating houses for the elderly and disabled within the village has the potential to release 9 extra houses to the housing stock which would be available for the young adults.

With the great housing development in the Penrhosgarnedd area, to students of Bangor University and Ysbyty Gwynedd it is envisaged that there will be less demand for houses outside Bangor to satisfy the needs of the population of Bangor's University and hospital.

Over the years there are a number of houses in Y Felinheli which have been rented out to students and workers in Ysbyty Gwynedd..

To Close

Felinheli Community Council have received evidence of the housing needs of the residents within the village by means of a questionnaire distributed to every household. The Community Council hopes there are is a way to use the evidence by Gwynedd Council when considering planning applications and creating the Local Development Plan.

There are several houses to be erected again in the Felinheli as many of the approved planning applications are yet to be built. Unfortunately the Community Council is unsure that the proposed developments will reach the needs of the elderly and disabled. It is believed that the greatest need in the community is within this category. With future developments via the applications received by Gwynedd Council there is no evidence that there is a need for more houses except for houses that would be suitable for the elderly and the disabled.

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APPENDIX B

Councillor Sian Gwenllian November 2014 Report

Rhyd Y Fenai : I have met with some of the Residents of Rhyd y Fenai and an Officer of Catrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd to discuss the improvements for the estate. Some concerns had arisen following the planning application and there was an opportunity to discuss and give opinions to the officer.

Maes Y Felin : I have requested a meeting with an Officer CCG to discuss some of the residents parking problems.

Mapping the History of y Felinheli Project : The work is very exciting and there will be many events over the next few months including exhibitions, quiz, walking tours and talks. If you would like to know more, call at Y Felin Sgwrsio on Wednesday's (10 – 4) for a chat with the project co-ordinator Gareth Roberts. (tel number for Gareth 01286 872014). Gareth is keen to hear about your tales and see your photographs/documents on the village history.

Y Felinheli Language Group: the work is continuing in the wake of the Housing Questionnaire and an evening was held to receive opinions on the future of the language within the village.

Parking: I have been in discussions with the church in regard to using the land behind the Church Hall for parking.

Traffic Lights Caernarfon Road: These have been removed.

Planning Application Parciau Solar Energy Park : The company have offered £15,00 each to both Councils (Felin/Caernarfon) and the Town Clerk is researching how much Community Benefit is the norm by energy companies.

Hen Gei Llechi: the barriers have been moved from the road but the Council state that they must be kept on the side of the road for public safety purposes. The monitoring period for the steps has been extended because of a crack in the wall. The crack has been filled and it will be monitored to see if there is any movement over the low temperatures of the winter..

Website: www.felinheli.org Remember to send your photographs and news on all events to post@felinheli.org. There is information here on meetings and events. There is also a Felinheli Facebook which is very popular with over 500 followers. Nadolig Felinheli

FELINHELI CHRISTMAS

Sunday 21 Dec at 5 pm

Felinheli Memorial Hall

Menai Bridge Town Band, Carol Singing, Christmas Market Stalls, Father Christmas £2 including mince pie and mulled wine (children free)

A Welsh medium event organised by Gwyl Y Felin, sponsored by Hunaniaith with a warm welcome for Welsh learners.

Felin Sgwrsio: Christmas Coffee Morning 27.11.2014

Cymdeithas Heli'r Heulyn : Tachwedd (November) 13: Y Sw (The Zoo), efo (with) Tudor Owen