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Minutes of the remote meeting held on the 9th of March 2021 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Daniel Williams	Cynog Prys
Lliwen Griffith-Williams	Nerys John
Iwan Huws	Emyr Gareth
Eifion Williams	Dafydd Huws
	Llŷr Evans
Cynghorydd Sir Gareth Griffiths	
	Wynne Barton – Financial Officer

1.0 CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES

1.0 The meeting was opened formally by the Chairman Iwan Huws. Apologies were received from Eiliw Williams and Casi Roberts.

1.1 The Chairman welcomed Llifon Foulkes of Gwynedd Council to present a report regarding the transfer of responsibilities for the village playing fields from Gwynedd Council to the Community Council. Information on costs and annual reports had been forwarded previously for the Community Council to consider. He stated that he had been in post for 12 months and that the previous officer had forward letter to community councils to see if they would be interested in taking over the responsibilities for the playing fields. To date some councils have done this. His line manager could not be present at the meeting and that he would answer questions as much as he could.

It was asked why Gwynedd was doing this and the County Councillor stated that this was being done as it was one of the items on the savings identified by Gwynedd Council.

Councillor Nerys John asked for an explanation on the £3000 cost on the playing field on the Wern; this cost included painting and the replacing of the timber around the rubber mats. The painting does not happen annually but usually around three or four years. Usually, inspections are carried out monthly which will identify when the painting is required. Annually the mats are jet washed to remove any moss that has grown over the winter, the cost also includes the grass cutting.

A request was made from Councillor Daniel Williams for the work schedule that is required, and the qualification needed for the person undertaking the inspections. Llifon Foulkes said that the information would be forwarded.

The Officer stated that there is a procedure that exists in Llanberis that the monthly inspections are still being carried out by Gwynedd Council and that any required works are also carried out by Gwynedd, but the Community Council receives an invoice for the work. He did not believe that the Llanberis Community Council is invoiced for the monthly inspections as

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	<p>Gwynedd are inspecting other playing fields in the vicinity as part of their inspecting schedule.</p> <p>The officer stated that he would find out and inform the Clerk of the required information.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that nothing would happen until April 2022 and that there is enough time to consider and arrange the budget etc. the officer was thanked for his time.</p>	
2.0	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
	Gareth Griffiths the County Councillor was present throughout the meeting and would contribute as required.	
3.0	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
	None	
4.0	CONFIRMATION OF LAST MONTHS EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORT	
4.1	The expenditure for February was presented by the Financial Officer. He stated that some cheques for some societies had not been presented but they may have by now, but a bank statement has not been received to date. The report was accepted as correct. He also said that he has written to the Regatta requesting a bank statement but had not received it yet.	
4.2	Clock Maintenance Plan – an explanation was provided by the financial officer in that a three-year scheme was available for £477 or an annual cost of £177. The three-year plan was accepted.	
4.3	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Annual Report 2021 to 2022. This document was presented during the month for information purposes. The financial officer stated that cheques for members had been sent and requested that they be presented to the banks before the end of the month as it was the end of the year and he required to close the books.	
5.0	CONFIRMATION OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES	
5.1	The minutes for February were accepted as correct.	CLERC
5.2	<p>Painting of the Public Toilets – Councillor Daniel Williams stated that he has received some information from the contractor that the building surface is rough cast and that this could not be painted satisfactorily and that a sand and plaster mix skim on the surface would provide a better painted finish. The Council accepted this, and Councillor Daniel Williams will arrange for a quotation for this work to be carried out.</p> <p>Garner – Councillor Casi Roberts was not present so no information on this matter was available.</p> <p>The bench on top of the quay steps – the contractor will complete the work by the end of March.</p>	

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	<p>Footpath along the shore of the strait – no response has been received, this item to be placed on the agenda for next month.</p> <p>Dog Fouling – information on the areas mostly affected around the village has been sent to Gwynedd Council.</p> <p>No information has been received on the “taskforce” by Gwynedd Council to look at this problem.</p>	
6.0	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
6.1	<p>Application No.: C21/0151/20/DT Location: Cil Dderwen, Y Felinheli, LL56 4JR</p> <p>Proposal: Application to erect a two-storey flat roofed extension to the side and rear of property</p> <p>NO OBJECTION</p>	
6.2	<p>Consultation before applying for planning permission – land on 14 Porth y Llechen, Y Felinheli.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development would overdevelop the area, the area is already developed enough. • The development offers nothing for the benefit of the village or the preservation of the Welsh Language. • The development design does not suit the character of the area. • The development would increase the current traffic problem of the area. • The size of the development does not suit the area. • The development displaces the boats being stored on the present site. • The development of one-bedroom flats is unsuitable for the local demand for family homes. • The development only appeals as second homes or holiday homes. • The language assessment is inadequate. The developer has missed the opportunity to look at similar flats in the area and the ratio available for local use. <p>The Clerk to request a copy of the long-term strategy regarding boat storage for the area. Presently the car park is being used for boat storage.</p>	
6.3	<p>Case No.: Y21/0165</p> <p>Location: Pant Erys, 34 Glan Y Môr, Y Felinheli, LL56 4RQ</p> <p>Details: Codi 3 tŷ/Erection of 3 dwellings.</p> <p>OBSERVATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design does not suit the character of the area. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles crossing the pavement is of a concern regarding safety of users of the pavement such as children and families. • There are three floors to the development which is too big and does not suit the area – it was questioned whether three floors have been introduced due to the flood risk at the time the development was presented originally and prior to the flood defence scheme. Maybe the implementation of the flood defence may help the developer in reconsidering the three storeys. The development does not state if the houses are affordable housing or that they are for local people. The council was unanimous in stating that they did not want to see further second homes or air B & Bs in the village. 	
7.0	HIGHWAYS, BENCHES AND SHELTERS	
7.1	Benches as a subject will be considered under projects.	DW
8.0	PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND LONL LAS	
8.1	Councillor Nerys John and the Public Footpaths Sub-Committee had met remotely with three officers of Gwynedd Council and that the meeting was especially useful. The Clerk will forward the minutes of the meeting. It was minuted that Gwynedd Council have delivered way marker signs for erection by the Community Council on land where a good relationship with landowners is in existence. There will be a need to record their location and forward the information to Gwynedd Council. The minutes for the meeting can be seen in the appendix.	CLERC
9.0	CEMETERY, CAR PARK AND MORIA SITE	
9.1	<p>It is understood that the abandoned vehicles in the car park have now been moved.</p> <p>The obstruction of the shed access in the car park was discussed. This occurs although there is yellow hatching marked on the surface of the car park. It was decided that the sub-committee would meet to consider what measure can be introduced to resolve the matter.</p>	CLERC –
10.0	PROJECTS	
10.1	<p>Benches on the Beach – a report was provided by Councillor Daniel Williams that one bench needed to be relocated following the work carried out on the flood defence. Maps of the area was presented showing the location of the benches. Some were facing the straits whilst others faced inland especially the ones within the playing field. He has visited the site with Councillor Eiliw Williams</p> <p>The original location of the beach was outside the playing field and due to the installation of the fence. He stated that there were three options:</p>	EG,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating the bench by the gate of the playing field facing the sea this would also allow the parents or guardians of the children to observe the children at play. • Facing the sailing club – this would also allow the parent/guardians to observe their children at play. • Some along the front facing the strait. <p>This was an opportunity to consider whether the benches along the green were located appropriately as well as the benches within the playing field.</p> <p>It was decided that the bench would be relocated within the playing field, Councillor Emyr Gareth to discuss with Officers of Gwynedd Council regarding taking responsibility for the benches within the Memorial benches are allowed within the Cemetery e playing field and the relocating etc.</p>	
10.2	<p>A request had been received to locate a bench on the green as a memorial or place plaque on the wall.</p> <p>It was decided that the Community Council could not give permission as the land or the wall was not their property. The Clerk to inform the family of this and for them to contact the County Councillor.</p> <p>The Community Council does not have a policy on Benches. It was decided that the Clerk would investigate this by the next meeting. The project sub-committee had identified a need for further benches and that there is a need to ensure the design and materials prior to implementation.</p> <p>This gave the Community Council the opportunity to consider that the benches in the ownership of the County Council to be placed on the green whilst the benches in the ownership of the Community Council to be placed within the playing field. It may be possible for the relocating of the benches within the playing field can be part of the transfer of the playing field.</p>	Financial Officer
10.3	<p>Community Flood Plan 0 Councillor Daniel Williams stated that a meeting has been held. He thanked Councillor Nerys John for arranging the zones.</p> <p>15 zones have been identified, adverts for volunteers have been placed on Facebook and the website, posters have also been erected. There are 9 community councillors willing to be flood wardens and 12 members of the community have volunteered. He thanked Councillor Emyr Gareth and Casi Roberts for establishing the form for reporting defects directly to the Clerk. There will be a need to establish that the form goes to the Clerk. the draft of the plan has already been started. Councillor David Williams will ensure that</p>	qt1

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	contact forms for the volunteers are forwarded to National Resource Wales.	
10.4	Flood Defence Scheme – an official opening will be made remotely in April. It was reported that some of the coping stones were loose and there will be addressed. It was acknowledged that some of the slates are sharp on the corners and what to do about these are to be investigated. There will be a period of 12 months to identify any defect, and which can be corrected by the contractor. One matter had been identified that vehicles are parking over the pavement reducing the width of the pavement and causing obstruction. This situation is extremely hard to solve and installing bollards would not be suitable for the scheme. The matter will be monitored.	
11.0	MEMORIAL HALL AND CLOCK	
11.1	The hall remains closed. CCTV for the outside had been completed. The Clerk to arrange that the invoice is received. There are some minor works required within the hall prior to it being open when restrictions are removed.	DW
12.0	WEBSITE	
	updating the website is ongoing.	CLERC
13.0	School Playing Field – this matter has been sent to Gwynedd Council. Gareth Griffiths stated that this matter was discussed by the Governors at their last meeting. Feedback is required from Councillor Iestyn Harris at the next monthly meeting. No further meeting of the Governors has been held	
14.0	Japanese Knotweed – contact has been made with the residents of Bangor Street and Gwynedd Council to make arrangement for a site visit.	
15.0	Japanese Knotweed – no further information received – The Clerk to request an update.	
16.0	Retaining Wall – Marina – the owner of the wall has not been identified. Some work on the wall will be carried out by Gwynedd Council.	
17.0	Old Railway Land – The Clerk stated that an email had been received from Mr Glyn Jones requesting an update on the matter. Following the email, the Clerk had spoken to Councillor Daniel Williams prior to speaking with Mr Jones. An explanation was given to Mr Jones that an agreement already exists between Gwynedd Council and another person, an agreement made by Gwynedd Council following the transfer of the lease for the land. It was also explained that the Community Council has been in contact with the Housing and Property Department of Gwynedd Council to try and sort out this matter but unfortunately there have been no recent development. Mr Jones was thankful for the information and would make arrangement to discuss the matter with the department himself.	
	The meeting am to an end at approximately 21:30	
Signature:		Date:

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Minutes of the remote meeting between the Public Footpath Sub-Committee and Countryside Officers of Gwynedd Council 3 rd March 2021 at 3p.m.		
Present		
Nerys John - CCF	Wyn Williams - CG	
Dafydd Huws - CCF	Dewi Owen - CG	
Emyr Gareth - CCF	Gerallt Jones - CG	
Heather Jones - Clerc CCF		
	The meeting opened and it was decided that the meeting would follow the footpath numbers within the village, therefore the arrangement followed the pattern of the footpath's inspection.	
FP1	It was stated that way marker signs were required. There is a need to receive the landowner's permission to erect the signs. The matter was discussed, and it was decided that Gwynedd Council would allow the Community Council to erect the signs where agreement can be ascertained from landowners whilst difficult with agreement existed Gwynedd Council would take charge. Gerallt Jones to arrange dropping of the way markers.	
FP 2	Erect way markers - Felinheli Community Council	
FP 3	There are some inconsistencies with this footpath - GC to look into it.	
FP 23 & 23a	Still inspection required - GC	
FP 4	Sign being obstructed by overgrowth. GC to make a request to the individual. Sept are in a bad state - GC to investigate	
FP 5	Responsibility of Trunk Roads - The Clerk to arrange with the Officer in Charge of Trunk Road Mr Merfyn Morris.	
FP 6	-	
FP 7	Board walk has been repaired	
FP 8	Cerrig yr Afon - fence maintenance has been carried out by the CC	
FP 9	-	
FP10	Annual Inspection not to be carried out from this year onwards.	
FP 11	The start of the footpath is fine then it goes into the farmyard through some silage - no signs.	
FP 12	No signs not able to use it.	
	The three footpaths above start in the Felinheli and finish in Llanddeiniolen. Whilst the footpath in the Felinheli is a category 2 the category in Llanddeiniolen is 3 or 4. There is a way to establish that the footpath does not go Via the farm yard - GC	
FP 13	As FT 10 and 12	
FP 14	Overgrowth at Llanddeiniolen side (FP 147)	
FP 15	Responsibility of the Trunk Road - sign obstructed by overgrowth.	
FP 16	New Handrail - hopefully, new surface will install this month - GC	

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FP17	There is need to look anew on this footpath to finance a new surface - GC	
FP 18	Clean the surface and handrail – on the work schedule of GC	
FP19	This is an important historical footpath. the present owners do not acknowledge the footpath, but the site is for sale and any searches on the land will show that the footpath exists. GC to look at the footpath.	
FP 20	No Sign	
FP21	-	
FP 22	Afon Heulyn Footpath – GC Conservation Officer Eryl Williams needs to sort out the problem regarding the wall (the wall is a listed structure (CADW) the land has been bought recently. There is a danger to the footpaths users as the overgrowth are pushing the coping stones. The surface of the footpath also needs to be looked at – concrete to be considered – a matter for Ymgynghoriaeth Gwynedd Consultancy. Grants to be investigated. GC to update the CC as soon as possible regarding the reopening of the footpath.	
FP 23b	Inspection required. The bridge has collapsed there is a means to cross the river. Signs are in place to state that caution is required. the footpath ends in Llanddeiniolen. (FP 111a)	
FP 24	Overgrowth	
Rowen FP	Sign required at the mouth of the FP by the Surgery. The footpath is on the 2021-2022 work programme. Registration work required by Euryrn Williams GC.	