

Cyngor Cymuned Llangelynnin Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council – 11.10.23 - 7.00pm at Y Ganolfan

Present: David Griffiths (DG) (Chair) Geraint Edwards (GE) (Vice Chair) Huw Davies (HD), Nicola Roberts (NR) Megan Griffiths (MG) Jen Warne (JW) Geraint Micah (GM) Louise Hughes (LH) (County Councillor) Jane Jenkins (Clerk)

1. **Apologies Received:** Keith Carroll, Jane Lawrence, Ian Williams.
2. **Chairperson's Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to all to the meeting.
- 2.1 **Registration of Interest:** None.

Japanese Knotweed – Meeting attended by Cath Severn (CS) and Mike Senior (MS) remaining member of Llwyngwriol Environment Group

CS advised the group had been struggling, they were unable to secure funding or donations and were left with £23 in pot. This year's spraying of the Knotweed had been carried out and paid for, the cost this year being cheaper than previously. As the Knotweed reduces CS believes the cost to spray will reduce. The group has struggled to retain volunteers and after 5 years of hard work it is felt there is no option to close the group. Therefore, the purpose of the meeting was to see if the Community Council could take the work over which ideally should run for another 2-3 years to achieve maximum benefit. MS offered copies of the landowners consents if we take over the work and CS handed their accounts across to be reviewed. As it stood the total cost to the Council each year should not exceed £100. CS pointed out that a new clump of knotweed had been found in the field to the right of the river, the sheep were feeding on it. The land belonged to John Griffiths and MS has spoken to him. CS advised there is no actual contract in place with the sprayer so this is something that would need addressing if the Council took it over. MS advised he is going to be leaving the group, but CS stated she would be happy to remain as the point of contact and would assist when the spraying took place.

Decision: The Council unanimously agreed that it would be a shame to allow the hard work to date not to continue. However, as HD pointed out there is the fact that it would be public money paying for spraying on private land in some cases. The solution proposed was that CS would keep the group going with the assistance of one or two volunteers from the Council if required, which meant the cost could be met as a donation and covered by our donations policy. JJ to write to CS proposing this and explaining the concerns about public money being spent for private land.

3. **Approval of previous minutes – 12.09.23:** Previous meeting's minutes were agreed as a true account
Proposed – GE Second – HD Signed – David Griffiths.
4. **Matters arising from the previous meeting – 12.09.23:**
 - a) **Right of Way/Unclassified Road (Sunbeach)** – JJ to chase Gwynedd Council for a response. GM has spoken with Green Lane Association and will ask them to email JJ with details of the steps we need to take should the Council fail to response to chasing letter.
 - b) **Friog Boundary Wall** – reply received from Steffan Jones, Gwynedd Council with programme of works. Members still not happy as we have been in this position before and therefore it was agreed that JJ should still contact the Ombudsman to see if they can assist in this matter which is a case of gross negligence.
 - c) **Planning application NP/69/56M (Sunbeach)** – LH has had no success to date and will continue to chase and further there can be further discussions at next meeting. In the meantime JJ to write to Paul Evans requesting an update.

- d) **Welsh Water** – GE advised that as well as the Councils letter he had also made a complaint. He had been advised that both letters had been received and an inspection was scheduled. However, no further communication with either GE or JJ and therefore JJ to send a further letter requesting update and what action was proposed following their review visit. HD wanted it asked within the letter whether a concrete block as installed further down the river could be installed.
- e) **ROSPA**: GE had reviewed the Rotator (Spica) spinning pole and had established bearings had gone. He had phoned GL Jones and a quote had been provided in the sum of £1999.20 inc vat. He had then gone online and obtained a cheaper quote, but it did not include fitting. So agreed to look into the issue further and discuss at the next meeting. Because the item had been removed there was a safety issue with the area and cones were being removed constantly so GE and HD to visit site and ascertain what could be done to make the area safe until the Spica was replaced.

5. Correspondence:

Response from Snowdonia regarding letter in respect of parking at Galeri, Llwyngwrl and a letter from Debbie Ashton who had been advised of the issues raised. No further action to be taken, JJ to write to Debbie informing her of the same, and asking whether she could ask guests not to park on pavements where it could cause difficulties for pedestrians and road users.

6. Planning Applications:

- **NP5/69/50M – Olaf, Llwyngwrl** – no objections from any Council members. JJ to inform Snowdonia of the same as an extension had been given so then it could be dealt with at the meeting.

7. Financial Matters:

a. **Financial Report September 2023** - Agreed as a true account and approved.

Proposed: GE **Second:** JW **Signed:** DG.

b. **Payments** - Five Cheques to be signed. Clerk's Pay and Expenses (JJ), HMRC income tax, SLCC (training), Dail Dysinni and The Royal British Legion (Wreath)

8. Representatives' Reports: None received.

9. County Councillors: Louise Hughes had little to report save that at a recent meeting the issue of the 20mph speed limit had been raised. She stated a lot of people have contacted her about it and it had been established that Community Councils can lobby against it. There are 11 speed changes between Llwyngwrl and Arthog Hill which is a 4.5-mile stretch of road!

10. Any Other Business:

- **Llwyngwrl Beach Access:** The original work carried out on the watercourse diverting the course of the river has now failed and will need to be carried out again. HD holds the FRAP (Flood Risk Activity Permit), permit number FRA/NM/2021/0025 which is valid until 31st Dec 2024 and therefore there is no requirement to obtain another licence. In accordance with the permit any work must be carried out between April and October so the earliest this can be done is April 2024. JJ asked to approach Gwynedd Council and explain the river requires diverting again and asking whether they would consider funding as they did previously. Letter should be sent to Gwyn Lloyd Evans who is the Footpath Officer.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 08.11.23 at 7.00pm - "Y Ganolfan" Llwyngwrl

Signed

Chairman **Date**