

**MINUTES OF DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 01.03.16**

3.1 APOLOGIES

Cllr Owen Gwilym Thomas (Chairman).

3.2 PRESENT

Cllr. Edward Griffiths (Vice Chairman), Edward Williams, John Ellis Williams, Sion Ifor Williams Catrin Edwards, Emrys Jones, Margretta Cartwright, Sian Edwards, John Ceri Evans, Eryl Jones-Williams.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was Chaired by the Vice Chairman

3.3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

None available due to the absence of the Chairman

3.4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on February 2nd were found to be correct.

3.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 2.9 (B) need the sentence to read Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that there was no point in setting the CCTV cameras up until advice has been received from the police.

3.6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. Emrys Jones declared an interest in the planning application regarding Sea Nymph Caravan Park, Islawffordd, Talybont and he signed a Personal Declaration of Interest form and he was not present when the matter was discussed.

3.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that since the last meeting he had attended the following:- 1st, 1.00-4.00pm Partnerships in Care, Caernarfon. 6-9 Dyffryn Ardudwy school Governors. 9th, 1-5, Licensing hearing, Penrhyn. 10th, 9.30-12.00, (video Link) Home from Hospital, investigation, Dolgellau. 2-3 CSSIW investigations via Video Link. 12th 9-5 Railway meeting, Welshpool. 22nd 4-6 Penmaenpool ferry disaster memorial meeting. 23. 1-5, Education and Care meeting, Penrhyn. 24th 11-12, Staff monitoring, Ysgol Ardudwy. 6.30-9.30 One Voice Wales, Dolgellau. 25th 9.30-2-30, Alltwen Hospital report re care, Caernarfon. 29th. 10.30-12.00 Licensing, Dolgellau. 2-5, Merioneth Access Group, Dolgellau.

During February it has been the changes in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act that has taken a lot of my time, together with proposed £5 million in cuts by Gwynedd council. I am very concerned about cuts in social services, highway maintenance, tourism support, and the effect that the cuts will have on this area.

As well as the cuts there are efficiency saving of millions of pounds. There has been a lot of discussions regarding the proposed closure of Llanenddwyn Church. I contacted Rev Canon Beth Bailey regarding consultation with the public and she has sent a letter to the council. I have also met with officials of the Barmouth tourism information centre who have been told that the TIC will close in September. Residents from this area work there. A petition calling for it to remain open has been circulating and will be presented to the Chief Executive of Gwynedd. The CE has also visited Barmouth council to discuss what services the town council could take over. The Partnership in care meetings with the NHS, private carers, voluntary groups etc has expanded to include Ynys Mon. I have already noticed that the majority of members are only concerned with Bangor Hospital, whereas this area is also serviced by Maelor, Wrexham, Glan Clwyd, Boadgreen and Gobowen. It will be a battle from now on. The blessing is that Alltwen and Dolgellau hospitals are doing well. The Home from Hospital investigations is going well with all the councillors taking and interest and making improvements that will benefit the patients. It has become evident that patients are being sent home without care packages being prepared. The CSSIW investigations into the way that Gwynedd was dealing with young and old people with mental health problems was an eyeopener. Passengers numbers are up on the local

railways and millions have been spent on storm repairs etc. This area has lost out on grants for addition car parking at stations. The railway franchise is up for renewal in 2018 and there is a meeting at Dolgellau on 8 March to put the views of Cambrian line users. The 8 pm train north of Barmouth and not stopping at villages between Barmouth and Porthmadog is being taken up by the Transport Minister Edwina Hart. A 50th year remembrance service for the 15 people who drowned at Penmaenpool in July 1966 when the ferryboat sank will take place in July. I represented the harbour committee at a meeting. With the Assembly elections in May there are strict rules regarding Welsh Government announcements prior to the elections. As a result the education and care committees dates have been brought forward. Shortage of teachers and doctors and nurses are being highlighted. I am still calling for dual registration at residential care homes to avoid dementia patients travelling long distances for nursing home care. The Vanguard scheme at Alltwen hospital is going well and putting the need of the patients first and asking them the sort of care they want before care packages are put in place. There is a lack of home carers in Meirionnydd. If there are to be cuts in social services the matter will only get worse. I have not done a report on the One Voice Wales meeting that OG and I attended in case OG has already done it. A joint meeting of the CCTV and village hall committee has to be arranged, but it is difficult to get the police and PCSO's to attend and they have to be involved.

3.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Demolish part of the existing hall and construct 1 affordable dwelling and install 1000 litre oil tank - The Old Womens Institute Hall, Talybont, (NP5/58/572)

Support this application but Members have concern with regard to the height of the house compared to the nearby houses.

Proposed extension of existing caravan park for the siting of 23 touring caravans, creation of hardstandings, awnings bases and car parking spaces, construction of combined sloar powered shower/wc untis for each caravan, provision of bin store, creation of access and internal circulation routes and construction of dry stone walls on the north eastern and north western boundaries of the site, creation of a play area and extensive landscape treatment and tree planting - Sea Nymph Caravan Park, Islawffordd, Talybont (NP5/58/439D)

No comment on this application until the Members have held a site visit.

Alterations and extension to farmhouse and adjoining outbuildings/garage - Llwynwcws Farm, Llanaber (NP5/58/80A)

Support this application.

Planning Applications with decisions received on them

Use of land edged red and marked "1" on the plan for winter storage of touring caravans between 1st November and 28th February in each year, the number not to exceed thirteen in total at any one time and the number to be stored upon the land edged red and m,arked "2" on the plan not to exceed two in total at any one time - Land at Dalar, Talybont (NP56/58/LU285A) - granted

Use of land within the area edged green on the plan for siting four static caravans, such caravans to be occupied between 1st March and 31st October in each year. Use of chalet located in the position shown edged blue on the plan for the purposes of holiday accommodation beteen 1st March and 31st October in each year - Land at Dalar, Talybont (NP5/58/LU285B) - granted

3.9 MATTERS ARISING

A Business Plan

It was reported that the Council had spent £22,928.23 since the start of the new financial year.

B CCTV cameras

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that there was nothing to report on the above matter.

C Village Hall

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had left an invoice from Mr. Gary Martayn for the work carried out to repair the problem by the back door.

D Council's Website

The Clerk reported that she had been in discussions with Mr. John Morris from Barmouth asking him if he would be willing to take over the work of looking after the above website. She stated that Mr. Morris had said he was retiring and not willing to undertake this work over but all the Council had to do was ask the former user of this website for the password. The Vice Chairman agreed to try and retrieve the old password.

E Llanenddwyn Church

The Clerk reported that she had sent a letter received from the Rev. Beth Bailey to every Member for information and Cllr. Margaretta Cartwright reported further that she had received a more up to date letter from the Rev. Beth Bailey and it was agreed that the Clerk should make a copy of this letter also and send it to every Member. It was made known that a public meeting is been held on the 17th of this month at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall to discuss the above site.

F Election of Councillor

The Clerk reported that she had received information from the Electoral Officer in Caernarfon that 10 names had been received by them asking for an election at the closing date of 5th February and therefore she had placed a notice on the two noticeboards stating this and that any name stating interest had to be received in the electoral office in Caernarfon by the 19th February. The Clerk reported further that she had received a copy of the Statement of Persons Nominated and that two had put their names forward and therefore a by election for one seat in the Llanenddwyn Ward will be held on the 17th March. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquires with Catrin Williams to see if she would be willing to return to the Council to translate.

G Opening of Grass Cutting Tenders

The Clerk reported that she had received two tenders and after a discussion it was agreed that West Coast Properties be awarded tender 1 (cemeteries) and tender 3 (play parks) and Eurig Hughes and Rob Carter be awarded tender 2 (public footpaths) and tender 4 (various locations around the village).

H One Voice Wales Meeting - Dolgellau 24.2.16

As the Chairman was absent it was not possible to receive a report on the above meeting until next month.

3.10 CORRESPONDANCE

A Gwynedd Council - Highways Department

Received a reply from the above regarding matters that were discussed at the last Council meeting regarding the fact that the work of cutting back the overgrowth by Bron Eirian had still not been done and stating that it was the owner's responsibility to do this work and that the Inspector had consulted the owner back in November. They will now be organizing for the Enforcement Department to send an enforcement letter to the owner giving him 28 days to carry out the work or the Council will be doing the work and reclaiming the costs from the owner. Also they will be arranging for the Inspector to re assessd the situation.

3.11 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was £11,936.53 in the current account, £1,319.20 in the play park account, £7,537.32 in the reserve account and £33.00 in the Chairman's account.

Invoices needed to be paid since last meeting

Mrs Annwen Hughes - £147.00 (wages) + £174.41 costs = £321.41
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £380.00 - opening of grave re the late Ms Julie Denise Smedley
Mr. Gary Martayn - £446.42 - repair part of committee room floor

Monies received since last meeting

Glyn Rees & Son - £560.00 - burial of the late Ms Julie Denise Smedley

Applications for financial support

Meirionnydd YFC - £225.00
Roc Ardudwy - £275.00

3.12 ANY OTHER MATTER

Concern was voiced that one of the stone pillars at the end of Gors y Gedol drive had been damaged and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department with regard to this.

It was decided to write to the National Park office voicing concern that the Bwlch y Rhwygyr footpath has deteriorated especially up from Egryn to Sylfaen.

It was reported that one of the footpaths in the public cemetery needed attention and the Vice Chairman and Cllr. Emrys Jones agreed to deal with the matter.

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams, John Ceri Evans, John Ellis Williams, Edward Griffiths and Edward Williams agreed to attend a meeting at Ysgol y Moelwyn, Blaenau Ffestiniog on the 8th of this month with Anwen Davies, Gwynedd Council to discuss the latest with the Gwynedd Challenge.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

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