

**MINUTES OF DYFFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DYFFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 07.06.16**

**6.1 APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Emrys Jones (Vice Chairman), John Ceri Evans, John Ellis Williams, Owen Gwilym Thomas,

**6.2 PRESENT**

Cllr. Edward Griffiths (Chairman), Edward Williams, Catrin Edwards, Sian Edwards, Margretta Cartrwright, Sion Ifor Williams, Mike Tregenza, Eryl Jones-Williams.

**6.3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

There were no announcements to make.

**6.4 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on May 3rd were found to be correct.

**6.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Item 5.9 (A) in the absence of Cllr. Owen Gwilym Thomas the Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from him stating that what he had referred to on leaving the Chair in the last meeting had not been minuted i.e "he had been completely honest with the people of Dyffryn and Talybont that his time as Chairman had been worthless and a waste of two years. That it was only right for people of the area to know the use that is made of their money as the money given to the Council is to make a difference in the two villages and if we cannot do this, as Councillors, we should not be there".

**6.6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Edward Williams declared an interest in the planning application regarding Bron Werydd, Dyffryn Ardudwy and he signed a Personal Declaration of Interest form.

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams declared an interest in the financial application of Dyffryn Ardudwy Primary School and he signed a Personal Declaration of Interest form.

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams declared an interest in the financial application of Ysgol Ardudwy and he signed a Personal Declaration of Interest form.

**6.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that since the last meeting he had attended the following:- 9 May, 9.30-2.00 Dementia training Porthmadog. 10th all day South Snowdonia Access Forum, Bontddu, Abergwynant, Dinas Mawddwy, Aberdyfi & Tywyn. 12 Gwynedd council all day 8.30-5. Caernarfon. 18th 9-12 Snowdonia National Park, observer. 19th Alltwn Hospital Investigation. Video link, Dolgellau. 20th 9.30-1.00 Gwynedd Older Peoples Council, Porthmadog. 1.-5 Cambrian Railway Forum. Porthmadog. 23 Dyffryn School 24th 1.30-5. Merioneth Access Forum, Dolgellau. 25th 1-5 Licensing Caernarfon. 26th 9-12, Education and Social Services, Caernarfon. 1-4 Ysgol Ardudwy Profile Presentations. 8-10 Village Hall AGM.

Gwynedd council is supporting the establishments of Dementia Support groups with one having been set up in Porthmadog. During the training it highlighted the fact the people with dementia and their families were reluctant to seek help until the dementia had got worse. Seeking help at an early stage was very important. The meeting accepted that people wanted to hold on to their independence for as long as possible. A new wheelchair accessible path for the disabled at the Bontddu Farchynys car park down to the estuary is now open. The SNP will promote new paths including Farchynys and Abergwynant in the near future. Prior to the full council meeting the Independent group highlighted that fact that local businesses were losing contracts to firms outside the county and in one case when a bakery lost a school contract local five staff were laid off. A local electrical company also lost a contract to a firm outside the area are was laying off staff. There was a lively debate on the supply of meat for schools when one school was purchasing Polish beef. The council decided to pay the highest salaries to the Cabinet members £29k instead of £26K and £23k to committee chairs and not £20k. A recommendation that councillors should also take cuts was lost. Three Gwynedd Arfon members have resigned from Gwynedd for various reasons.

Gwynedd has adopted the Gwynedd.llyw.cymru e-mail address. At the meeting of Alltwen Hospital investigations it was felt that the new Vanguard system of making care plans to meet the needs of individual patients be rolled out to cover a wider area. There are however some concerns regarding the NHS working 24/7 and social service assessors not working after 4 pm on Fridays. Suppliers of home equipment for patients were not meeting the needs of the patients and that is to be investigated further. The services committee agreed that the work should be extended. The Merioneth Access forum was concerned at the closure of public toilets and plans to charge for collecting brown bins. I was re-elected vice chair of the Access group. At the last meeting there were five mayor or ex mayors at the group. Parking on dropped kerbs was highlighted as a major problem. Many local year 10 pupils received their profiles at Ysgol Ardudwy presented by Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas. 14 people, including some younger members of the community attended the AGM of the Village Hall. Cllr O G Thomas was re-elected chairman, I am sure that he will report on the outcome of the meeting when it was stressed that much of the repairs expenditure should be borne by the community council. A balance sheet is available. I received complaints about the traffic lights near the school in Dyffryn on Tuesday after the Bank Holiday and passed it on to the highways. The lights were removed shortly afterwards. Double yellow lines have been placed in front of the middle garage, this should help to make it safer for children walking to school and for mothers with prams. Arriva Trains Wales want to Welsh Government to pay an extra staff wage in order for the 8 pm north train from Barmouth to stop at villages. Complaints have gone to the Welsh Government. I am available on 01341242758 or 07796833767 or e.joneswilliams@btinternet.com It was agreed to send a letter to the Post Office asking why the village post office had not been opened on time following renovation works.

## **6.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Replace existing single garage with new double garage - Y Waun, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/119C)**

Support this application.

### **Erection of single storey extension - Bronant, Talybont (NP5/58/579)**

Support this application.

### **Creation of new vehicular access from lay-by off the A496 and formation of new drive - Bryn y Bwyd, Talybont (NP5/58/58D)**

Support this application.

### **Installation of rooflights, installation of external wall insulation, rebuild garage and extend veranda and garden terrace - Bron Werydd, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/585)**

Support this application.

### **Planning Applications with decisions received on them**

Advertisement Consent for the display of one information panel - Morfa Dyffryn National Nature Reserve, Talybont (NP5/58/AD582) - granted

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Erection of garage and workshop (to replace existing workshop) - Streamside House, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/581) - granted

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

## **6.9 MATTERS ARISING**

### **A Business Plan**

It was reported that the Council had spent £6,100.07 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**

Because of the absence of Cllr. Owen Gwilym Thomas it was not possible to have a report on the AGM of the above committee.

### **D Inspection of bus shelters, cemeteris and play parks**

Cllr. Edward Griffiths reported that he had carried out the above inspection on behalf of the Council and he reported as follows - that the bus shelter were fine, the two play parks were fine, the public cemetery was fine. Llanddwywe cemetery and Llanenddwyn cemetery were fine but there was a need to refix a cap on lamp post no. 23 by Llanenddwyn and the grass needed cutting in both cemeteries, Penybont garden was fine but there was a need for a new seat there and the benches sub committee agreed to deal with this matter, Morlo Park was fine but the bin needed emptying. It was agreed to ask Cllr. Emrys Jones to carry out the inspection next month.

### **E Council's Website**

Cllr. Mike Tregenza reported that he had found a website that would be willing to take both welsh and english and it was agreed that Cllr. Tregenza carries on and ask the company Quick and Simple for a quote.

### **F Work in the Community by Ysgol Ardudwy Pupils**

It was agreed to ask the above pupils to carry out the work of cleaning the beach in Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talybont and the Chairman and Cllr. Mike Tregenza agreed to deal with this matter with the assistance of Mrs Dianne Tregenza and Mrs Tina Triggs.

### **G One Voice Wales Meeting - Tywyn 25.5.16**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the above meeting on behalf of the Council and he reported as follows - that Cllr. Heulyn Williams, Dolgellau had been appointed Chairman and Cllr. Bryn Jones, Trawsfynydd was appointed Vice Chairman. Mr. Jonathan Cawley from the National Park who was suppose to address the members did not turn up to the meeting. It was made known that the Manager of the Cambrian Line cannot get Arriva Trains Officials to talk with them and also there were complaints that the training courses that One Voice Wales were offering were held too far away.

## **6.10 CORRESPONDANCE**

### **A Gwynedd Council - Regulatory Department**

Received a letter from the above regarding change in the reimbursement procedure for public footpaths maintenace costs in the community and stating because of the implementation of cuts that are being made, this arrangement will be changing from now on and the most the Council will be able to claim is 75% of the cost in 2016/17 i.e £793.88.

### **B Gwynedd Council - Corporate Support Department**

Received a letter from the above stating that the Public Services Board that is responsible for Gwynedd need to come to an arrangement with the communities on the sub-county communities and before that Gwynedd Council are eager to discuss exactly the areas to be recommended to the Board with the county's residents and asking for the Council's comments on these community areas. It was agreed to send comments stating that this Council was unwilling to be part of Dolgellau and that it wanted to be kept in the Ardudwy area as was agreed in the last meeting of the Meirionnydd Area Forum.

### **C Gwynedd Council - Legal Department**

Received an e-mail from the above together with a copy of the Amendments to Model Code of Conduct for Members and asking the Council to adopt these changes to the Code of Conduct. Also stating that all Councils must publish a notice in a newspaper stating that it has revised its Code and that a copy is available for public inspection. They are stating further in an effort to avoid the cost to Community and Town Councils of publishing a notice, they are willing to include our Council in their notice if they receive confirmation that the Members have adopted the changes. After a discussion regarding the Code of Conduct it was unanimously agreed to adopt these changes and ask Gwynedd Council to include us in their list in the newspaper.

#### **D Gwynedd Council - Highways Department**

Received a reply from the above regarding matters raised at the last Council meeting and stating that they note the Council's concern regarding one of the pillars at the bottom of Gors y Gedol drive and because this pillar is part of the boundary wall the responsibility of maintaining it lies with the landowner. Also stating further that they are arranging for an Inspector to assess the site on the basis of safety for the road users. Also stating that the edge of Gors y Gedol drive are private and it is the owner responsibility to maintain it but perhaps that the Street Enforcement would have the powers if it is dangerous and Bethan Owen would be in a position to give the Council some advice and they are asking her to contact the Council direct with regard to this matter.

#### **E Gwynedd Council - Highways Department**

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received regarding the Council's request for a bus stop by the hall and the reply stated that it is not possible to erect one at this site because it would effect the flow of the traffic and also there are rules that no bus stop should be erected within 250m to each other and the nearest one is only 140m away. Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that he had replied to this e-mail stating that he was not in agreement with their decision as there are plans to close the toilets in the village and use of the toilets in the hall would be made, and that there are plans by the Community Council to extend the village hall car park so as to help Gwynedd Council with parking problems in the village.

#### **F Snowdonia National Park**

Received a letter from the above together with the dates of when the Authority's meetings are being held for Council information.

#### **G Snowdonia National Park**

Received a letter from the above inviting Members of the Council to the annual meeting that is being held between the Authority and the Community and Town Council and that the nearest meeting to us is being held at Coed y Brenin Dolgellau on the 18th July between 6.00 and 9.00 p.m. It was decided that Cllrs. Eryl Jones Williams and Mike Tregenza would represent the Council at this meeting.

#### **H Dyffryn Ardudwy Primary School**

Received an e-mail from the above stating the the primary school and the cylch meithrin are at present working together on the "project in the garden" a place for the children to go and learn how to plant and grow flowers and see the develop and asking if the Council would be willing to give a financial donation towards this project. It was agreed not to contribute financially to them but to help them to get merchandise to develop the garden.

#### **6.11 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that there was £15,526.63 in the current account, £1,319.62 in the play park account, £7,538.65 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) + £206.30 costs = £353.30  
Mr. Gary Martayn £1,352.00 - grass cutting of cemetery and play parks  
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £380.00 - opening grave re the late Mrs Myfanwy Jones  
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Mr. M. J. Kerr - £380.00 - opening grave re the late Mr Joseph Kenneth Willetts  
Mr. Eurig Hughes - £86.00 - grass cutting of various locations  
Mr. G. J. Williams - £104.15 - purchase and plant flowers by Talybont toilets

**Monies received since last meeting**

Gwynedd Council - £10,000.00 - half the precept  
Glyn Rees & Son - £580.00 - burial of the late Mrs Mavis Duffy  
Pritchard & Griffiths - £580.00 - burial of the late Mrs Myfanwy Jones  
Pritchard & Griffiths - £178.00 - burial of the ashes of the late Miss Mary Elizabeth Williams  
Aubrey Kirkham - £580.00 - burial of the late Mr Joseph Kenneth Willetts

**Applications for financial contributions**

Ysgol Ardudwy - £200.00

**Invoices paid since the last meeting**

Catrin Soraya Williams - £156.12 - translator

**6.12 ANY OTHER MATTER**

The Clerk reported, in the absence of Cllr. Owen Gwilym Thomas that she had received an e-mail from him stating that the double yellow lines by Dynstil House, Station Road had been removed and asking if the Members remember discussing removing the lines in question in a meeting of the Council, as he remembers vaguely for the Council to work hard to get these lines in the first place. Also stating that an Officer from Gwynedd Council had told him that this matter should have been discussed by the Members.

Cllr. Mike Tregenza voiced concern that a reply with regard to the siting of rubbish bins by the beach in Talybont had not been received by Gwynedd Council.

Concern was voiced that the grass at the side of the roads had not been cut.

It was decided to draw the attention of Gwynedd Council to the dangers that are by Llanddwywe junction especially when a service is being held in the church.

Cllr. Margretta Cartwright reported that she had received comments that extracts from the minutes are never been placed in Llais Ardudwy and the Cambrian News and it was agreed to put this matter on the agenda next month.

**SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN**

**DATE.....**