**MINUTES OF DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 06.09.16**

**9.1 APOLOGIES**

None.

**9.2 PRESENT**

Cllr. Edward Griffiths (Chairman), Emrys Jones (Vice Chairman), Edward Williams, Catrin Edwards, John Ceri Evans, John Ellis Williams, Sion Ifor Williams, Sian Edwards, Margretta Cartrwright, Owen Gwilym Thomas, Mike Tregenza, Eryl Jones-Williams.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Rhian Davenport to the Council so that she could give a more detailed background regarding the tapestry that she had received and bring them to show the Members and ask if the Council had an interest in purchasing them and displaying them in the hall. Mrs Davenport explained that she had received these from Mrs Williams, Tanforhesgan, Ynys who had stated that she wanted £200 for both and Mrs Davenport stated further that as she collects money for the Air Ambulance the Council could give part of that donation that they give to the Air Ambulance every October to Mrs Williams for the tapestry. The Members were surprised to see how much work had gone into them and it was agreed to discuss the matter further as it was an item on the agenda. The Chairman thanked Mrs Davenport for bringing these to show the Members.

**9.3 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT**

On behalf of the Council the Chairman sympathised with the family of the late Mr. Eurwyn Williams, Gorsdolgau.

**9.4 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on July 5th were found to be correct.

**9.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**9.6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nobody declared an interest on any matter.

**9.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that since the last meeting he had attended the following:- July 4th, Dyffryn school Governors.7th, Housing, Pwllheli 10-1. 7th Social services care, Porthmadog, 2-4.30. 8th Railway meeting Machynlleth 11-3. 13th Alltwen Hospital investigation, 1-4. 14th Dyffryn School Governors. 18th SNPark, Tanybwlch 10-1.21st Licensing, Dolgellau 12-4. Meeting with Annwen Davies, Village Hall 6-9. 22nd Penmaenpool memorial service 10-1. 26 Prep meeting Services committee, Penrhyndeudraeth 1-5. 27th Alltwen Hospital video link 1-4. Farewell dinner Salmon Williams, 20 years as Governor Ysgol Ardudwy. 28th Licensing site visit Dinas Mawddwy 10-1. Village Hall meeting 7-10. 4th August Harlech leisure 4-5. 15th Licensing Dolgellau 1-5.

I also attended as many local events as possible during August.

A teacher at Ysgol Dyffryn Ardudwy is moving to Cardiff and am pleased to announce that there were eight applications. A new young teacher previously at Ysgol Brithdir has been appointed. Essential maintenance and improvement work is to be undertaken on the Barmouth Railway Viaduct. The plans have to be approved by CADW and the bridge could be closed for up to three months. Gwynedd transport officials were not aware of this and the council will be informed in good time of any railway closures. Members of the committee would like to see a train running between Barmouth and Pwllheli should the bridge close for a long time. I am informed that the 8 pm train north from Barmouth WILL now stop at villages. However several Arriva trains have been cancelled due to staff shortages during the summer and that 8pm train is the first to be cancelled. There was a positive meeting between members of the Regen group and Annwen Davies at the village hall. Pressure is being put on the NHS to make more use of Alltwen Hospital to avoid travelling to Bangor Hospital. The Vanguard Care system of putting the patient first,

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and care plans to suit their needs, could be extended to other parts of Gwynedd. The scheme is working well.

I am looking into delays of getting paramedics to attend calls at patients homes, this is due to the triaging of calls.

Former police sergeant Salmon Williams has retired after 20 years as a governor of Ysgol Ardudwy. The school is looking for replacement governors from this area. The village hall committee seems to be working well and Cllr Edward Griffiths has been appointed vice chairman. CCG and Gwynedd council want local contractors to tender for work for the housing association. A meeting is being arranged for 7 September between 5.30 and 6.30 at Ty Menai, Parc Menai, Bangor. Info 01248 677338, or caffael@ccgwynedd.org.uk. The new special school at Hafod Lon Newydd, Penrhyndaedraeth is due to open in the autumn. The GCSE results for Gwynedd were very good A\* to C were 70.2% compared to 66% for Wales. A\* to G passes were 99.6%. A\* to C passes were 68.4% an increase from 63.3%.There are grants available for community and voluntary schemes. Contact 01286 679153 or cistgwynedd@gwynedd.llyw.cymru. Gwynedd council is clamping down on fly tipping and waste dumping. The public are being encourages to contact the council to "report a problem" on 01766771000 or safmas@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

The council has agreed to retain a pest control officer and warned the public to use the service or lose it.

Criwcelf is to start at Theatre Ardudwy. Information from 07711269202 or www.criwcelf.co.uk. Concerns were expressed by people living in Talybont about the recent circus. Gwynedd officials promised to keep an eye on the circus and there have not been any complaints. I am available for any concerns. Tel 01341242758 or 07796833767 or e.joneswilliams@btinternet.com. It was agreed to write to Mr. Ben Davies, Arriva Trains Wales asking for the trains to still be travelling from Barmouth to Pwllheli when Barmouth Bridge is closed.

**9.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Demolition of existing reception building and construction of new reception building to include extension to existing attached dwelling - Caerelwan Caravan Park, Talybont (NP5/58/224D)**

Support this application.

**Conversion of disused agricultural building into dwelling, installation of 3800 litre septic tank and installation of 1800 litre oil tank - Ynys Gwrtheyrn, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/13E)**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the National Park Office notifying the Council that the applicant’s Agent had withdrawn the above application on the 31st August.

**Planning Applications with decisions received on them**

Erection of two storey side extension (revised scheme to that approved under planning consent NP5/58/256B dated 20.10.10) - 12 Glanwerydd, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/256C) - granted

Construction of two storey extension - Plas Bach, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/446A) - granted

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

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

Structural refurbishment including installation of external cladding - 7 Bryn Awelon, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/568A) - granted

**9.9 MATTERS ARISING**

**A Business Plan**

It was reported that the Council had spent £13,376.93 since the start of the new financial year.

**B**   **CCTV cameras**

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that there was nothing to discuss with the above matter.

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**C Village Hall**

The Chairman was congratulated on been elected Vice Chairman of the village hall committee and also Mr. Gwynfor Edwards was thanked for erecting the plaque In Memory of Mr. Meirion Williams on the wall outside and Cllr. Owen Gwilym Thomas was thanked for filling in the holes in the car park. The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Mr. Peter Butterworth, Treasurer of the hall committee stating that the automatic doors were not working properly and it was the responsibility of the Council as owners of the hall was to mend them and he was enclosing a form for the Council to complete and send to a company called Gilgen. It was agreed to fill in this form.

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

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams reported that he had carried out the above inspection on behalf of the Council and he reported as follows - that the bus shelter in Talybont was fine, the bus shelter in the village was fine as were the bus shelters at Glas Gors and Ystumgwern but there was concern that marks were left on the perspect after selotape removal for posters, Penybont garden and Parc Morlo looked overgrown and needed cutting back and the paths needed weeding and it was decided to ask Mr. Eurig Hughes to carry out the weeding, the public cemetery was fine and visitors complimented the Council on the good condition and workmen were digging a grave and stated that they removed all stones away from the area. Llanddwywe cemetery was nice and tidy with flowers at the entrance but there will be a problem if the small self seeding trees are allowed to take hold and the Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed to deal with this matter, LLanenddwyn cemetery was fine with a sign stating that the church was closed due to roof not safe. The old play park was fine but the no adults sign in the new play park needed renewing and damage had been made to the main sign and the grass was untidy and also a new bin was needed and it was agreed the Chairman would deal with this matter and look into purchasing a recycled material bin. Cllr. Jones Williams stated that while in Talybont he noticed that some highway bollards had been dumped over the wall by the Talybont bridge and weeds and trees were growing between the stone bridge and the footpath and it was decided to contact the highways department with regard to this matter. Cllr. Catrin Edwards agreed to carry out the inspection next month.

**E Council’s Website**

Cllr. Mike Tregenzsa reported that the above website was now alive and at the next meeting of the Council he will give the Members a demonstration of the website. He also stated that he was going to create a group e-mail address and also it was decided to add a link for local events onto the website.

**F Toilets**

Nothing to report on this matter.

**G Tapestry**

Further to the meeting with Mrs Davenport it was agreed to purchase both tapestry and still donate £500 to the Air Ambulance and give £200 to Mrs Williams, Tanforhesgan, Ynys for the tapestry. It was agreed to finalise the matter at the next meeting.

**H** **Grave Stone**

Cllr. Owen Gwilym Thomas stated that he had been approached by a member of the public vocing concern that there was no headstone on the late Miss Anita Griffiths and her sister’s grave as it was still at the stonemason’s in Pwllheli. As Miss Anita Griffiths had been a headmistress in the local primary school Cllr. Thomas asked if the Council could do something about this. After a discussion it was felt that this was a matter for the family and Cllr. Thomas agreed and stated that he would try and find out where members of their family were.

**I**  **Eryri Local Development Plan**

The Chairman explained that he had not finished going through the above and would report back at the next Council meeting.

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**J**  **Meeting with Snowdonia National Park - 18.7.16**

Cllr. Owen Gwilym Thomas reported that himself and Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams had attended the above meeting on behalf of the Council and he reported as follows - The Chief Executive, Mr. Emyr Williams addressed the audience and stated that a new planning law had been decided and that the National Park had to make do on a reduced budget down from 6.1m to 4.3m and that they have had orders to raise more money on everything they do so as to

try and make the financial situation better. The National Park are suppose to give much more freedom to economic development to try and create work etc. Mr. Emyr Williams is the Chairman of the British National Parks at the moment and this is a 2 year role and Mr. Williams left the meeting after his presentation as one of his children was in hospital. Second to give a presentation was Mr. Jonathan Cowley, Director of Planning who stated that the proses of reviewing Eryri Local Development Plan was starting or had started and it was important for Community Councils to have an input into this. He then spoke about a second development plan that we have until June 2017 to do this and consultations evenings will be held before then. The third to give a presentation was Rebeca Jones and she will be responsible for contacting Councils to help form a new development plan and she will be in contact before the end of this year and she will be letting Community Council know what is going on. Catrin Roberts was the last to give a presentation and was speaking about finding open spaces and I enclose a list of places that could be of interest to her and I suppose we are to let her know about the places in our area. A few questions were asked during the evening on various items.

**K Meeting with Harlech & Ardudwy Leisure -11.8.16**

The Clerk reported that she had attended the meeting with the above in the pool cafe on the 11th August and there was representation from every Community Council apart from Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talybont and Barmouth. It was reported further that an e-mail was received fromHarlech and Ardudwy Leisure together with a copy of the minutes of the meeting and asking the Council to confirm that they were supporting option E. After a frank discussion it was agreed to support this and also to confirm that the Council will be donating £9,742 to Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure during the financial year 2017/18. An invitation was received from Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure to send one representative of the Council to the Board meetings and Cllr. Mike Treganza agreed to represent the Council at the next meeting.

**9.10 CORRESPONDANCE**

**A Mrs Sharma**

Received a letter from the above complaining about the noise coming from the adjacent field during the fun day which was held last month.

**B Bro Ardudwy Churches**

Received a letter from the above drawing the Council’s attention that according to the enclosed map, the Council are responsible for the following work at Llanddwywe Church cemetery - the boundary wall to the south-east side of the churchyard has bulged outwards and needs attention and to the north side of the chapel there is a stone wall which has remnants of iron railings on its copings and these are seriously corroded and very sharp and need removing, also they thanked the Chairman for erecting the fence around the long drop on behalf of the Council and the Chairman stated that he had erected the fence around this drop at his own expense. The Chairman agreed to meet Pam Odam on site as the Council were not sure if they were responsible for this part of the cemetery.

**9.11 TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that there was £20,471.07 in the current account, £1,319.62 in the play park account, £7,539.98 in the reserve account and £86.55 in the Chairman’s account.

**Invoices needed to be paid since last meeting**

Mrs Annwen Hughes - £294.00 (wages) + £363.25 costs = £657.25 (July and August)

Mr. Eurig Hughes - £425.00 - grass cutting of public footpaths

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Mr. Eurig Hughes - £126.00 - grass cutting of other public places (June, July and August)

Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams - £17.10 - travelling expenses

Mr. Gary Martayn - £1,220.00 - grass cutting

**Monies received since last meeting**

Gwynedd Council - £10,000.00 - half the precept

**Invoices paid since the last meeting**

Catrin Soraya Williams - £135.88 - translator

**9.12 ANY OTHER MATTER**

Concern was rasied that the construction of the new house on the former W.I site in Talybont was not conforming to the plans and the Clerk was asked to write to the National Park voicing the Council’s concern.

Cllr. Mike Tregenza asked what was the long term plan for the village and it was stated that this was decided by the National Park Office and Gwynedd Council.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways department to draw their attention that the ditch running through public footpath no. 50 needed cleaning especially near Pentre Mawr.

The Clerk was asked to write to enquire for more markers for the coastal path.

**SIGNED...............................................................CHAIRMAN**

**DATE...................................................................**

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