



Minutes of the Full Council meeting on Thursday 12th January 2023 held in Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre at 7.00pm

1. **Present:** Cllr M Lynch - Chair. Cllr L A James; Cllr B Jones, Cllr M Baines, Cllr I Ellis, Cllr A Joyce; Cllr C W Owen, Cllr D W Jones
Sioned E Jones (Translator) and the Clerk E Jones

2. **Apologies** Cllr D Jones-Morris; Cllr J Pierce, Cllr J Lewis; and Cllr Dafydd Meurig

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Sioned E Jones who had come to provide simultaneous translation

3. Declaration of interest Councillors L A James, A Joyce, J Pierce, and M Baines declared an interest on 8 as they are members of the Management Committee of the present Ganolfan

4. To Receive the Minutes of 10th November
Cllr M Baines proposed that the minutes were correct and was seconded by Cllr L A James

5. Matters arising
Management of the New Ganolfan
The Ganolfan's Annual Meeting had still not been arranged to discuss the way forward
It was agreed that the matter would continue to be included as part of the monthly agenda

6. Financial matters
The minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee on 30th November together with a financial balance sheet had been distributed, showing expenditure and receipts. It was noted that there was £42,280.82 in the current account at the end of November and £45,064.37 in the Deposit Account. As no Finance Sub-Committee had been held during December it was noted that there was now £39,642.25 in the Current Account and £45,125.79 in the Deposit account following receipt of £61.42 in interest.

There was considerable discussion regarding setting a Budget for 2023-24 as money, due to various reasons, and specifically delays in developing the new Ganolfan had been standing for some time.

Although it was not a unanimous decision, it was agreed to recommend to Full Council that we reduce our Precept Application from £55K to £50K to try to reduce our balances

External Audit

No update from the Wales Audit Office regarding a final report for 2021-22

7. Planning Applications
No applications on which to express opinions

8. Clerk's Matters
 - Advertising Vacant Seat / Co-option
Following the resignation of Cllr E Jones a casual vacancy needs to be advertised. A discussion ensued regarding which ward needed a Councillor.
The Clerk reminded members that the correct division of Pentir Community Council in terms of wards was 8 Councillors for the Faenol Ward and 4 for Glasinfryn Ward.



The appropriate procedure to be followed is to advertise the seat publicly for 14 days. If a written application is made to the Gwynedd Returning Officer by 10 ward electors for an election, then an election must be held.

Following the 14 days the Council is then entitled to co-opt and to invite names to be put forward for a further 14 days before making an appointment

The Clerk to look into the existing division of councillors

- Second response to Menai Bridge letter

Response from Cardiff already shared electronically. Responsibility for providing local plans lies with the local authority

- Treborth Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the Defibrillator machine had been removed from the cabinet in an emergency but had not been returned. **Clerk to make further inquiries**

- Meeting of the Canolfan Glasinfryn Committee on Monday Evening 16-01-23 at 7.00pm

Request received to appoint or at least have representation from the Council to attend their meetings. **The Clerk agreed to attend if he was free next Monday Evening**

- New Ganolfan
 - Any update

No agreement had been reached between the Church and Gwynedd Council regarding the new Ganolfan but a meeting had been arranged for 24 January to have permission to increase the capacity of the School to 315. An attempt to try to push this matter through had been made before the holidays but was postponed because objections had been raised regarding parking problems that were supposed to be part of the planning application and the fact that unauthorised parking was taking place on the grounds of the existing Ganolfan, obstructing our own users.

Clerk to arrange a meeting between Gamlins and Gwynedd Officers

- Management **See matters arising**
- Caerhun Playing Field
 - 2 quotes We now had 2 quotes for the same type of work
 - Resolved

To award the contract to the lowest price namely G L Jones Company Bethesda

- Cemetery Chapel
 - 2 quotes We now had 2 quotes for the same type of work to remove the benches as insulate the ceiling
 - Resolved

To award the contract to the lowest price namely Mr G Hughes of Hughes & Hughes

- Electrical

Electrical work had commenced to replace/install 2 new heaters

- Electrical Inspection

The Owen and Palmer Company had agreed to provide a quote for inspecting 3 buildings once the electrician in the Chapel has completed his work

- Bus Shelters
 - Capel Graig Bus Shelter

Confirmation received that the present shelter will be removed and a new one installed by Gwynedd Council with the Transport for Wales Grant

- Quote Now 2 quotes have been received
- Resolved

Gwynedd Council will need to be consulted so that there is no need to make a planning application and also to consult with nearby residents to receive their views

- **AGREE A BUDGET FOR 2023-24**

When considering setting a budget for 2023-24 and as a result of the above costs as well as the



increase in prices for everything, a proposal was made by Cllr I Ellis to go against the recommendation of the Finance Sub-committee (30-11-22) to reduce the Precept but rather to keep it at the same level of £55K

The proposal was seconded by Cllr L A James

The motion was carried unanimously

- Training Scheme
 - Councillors' Learning Scheme Forms

An appeal was made for each Councillor to return their assessment forms and those who had already done so were thanked either electronically or in writing

- Members' profiles for the website

Awaiting 2 responses for posting on the website

9. Councillors' Matters

a. Cllr B Jones Lighting on Ffordd Menai/Allt Dywyll

Several complaints have been received regarding the lack of street lighting on this road which has recently increased due to the fact that so many are walking along it since the Menai Bridge was closed due to the emergency.

Clerk has already contacted Gwynedd Council

b. Cllr J Lewis in his absence passed 2 matters forward for consideration

i. Adoption of a Path past the Lodge

Enquiry made regarding the condition of the former A4244 road which used to come through Pentir square from Lodge Pentir in the direction of Rhydygroes. An attempt was made, many years ago now, to clear it but it was understood at that time by the owner of the Lodge that the old road was Private land and the matter was left at that. The Lodge is now on sale and it may be easier to find out who exactly owns the old road with a right of way along it

Clerk to make enquiries

ii. To have a board in the square in Pentir telling the story of the Square

A request for the Council to consider installing a board somewhere in Pentir Square to outline the history of the area. No objection in principle but may depend on size of board and whether permission is needed?

Clerk to make inquiries

Cllr J Lewis happy to ask a person who does this sort of thing about the content and cost

The meeting concluded at 8.45