



## Pentir Community Council

### Minutes of the Full Council on Thursday 13th April 2023 held in Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre at 7.00pm

In the absence of our Chair, Cllr Menna Baines was elected as chair for the evening

1. **Present:** Cllr M Baines, – Chair; Cllr D Jones-Morris; Cllr B Jones, Cllr J Lewis, Cllr J Pierce, Cllr I Ellis, Cllr C W Owen, Cllr A Joyce; and James Griffith

Sioned Jones (Translator) and the Clerk, E Jones

#### Co-option

Following the resignation of a member, and an advert on the website, one name came forward to express an interest in being co-opted, the former councillor James Griffiths. Co-option was proposed by Cllr D Jones-Morris and seconded by Cllr J Pierce.

Cllr A Joyce commented that the vacancy had not been advertised sufficiently and that it had been advertised amongst News on the Website rather than on the front page of the Website Notice Board where an old vacancy advertisement had appeared.

#### The comment was noted

Cllr James Griffiths was welcomed back to the Council.

2. **Apologies:** Cllr M Lynch, Cllr D W Jones, Cllr L A James, Cllr Dafydd Meurig

3. **Expression of interest**

Cllr M Baines, Cllr A Joyce and Cllr J Pierce expressed an interest as members of the Community Centre Management committee

4. Receive the Minutes of 9th March

Cllr J Pierce proposed that the minutes were correct and was seconded by Cllr C W Owen

A request was received from Cllr A Joyce that a translation of the Minutes be available prior to meetings so that he could express an opinion on their accuracy

It was explained that they were currently sent by the Clerk to Cymen for translation once they had been accepted.

His request was noted and the Clerk was asked to send the minutes for translation before meetings

5. **Matters arising**

A query was raised whether there was any development regarding the planning application of the Vaynol Inn. The Clerk had not received any update

6. **Financial matters**

- I. Financial balance sheet

The financial balance sheet circulated to all showed

£13,959.73 in the current account and

£45,125.79 in the deposit account

- II. External Audit`

The Clerk had again asked about the final report for 2021-22 but had not received a response. Several other community councils had complained at the Unllais meeting

- III. Minutes of the Finance Sub-committee 29/03/2023

Prior to the start of the Finance Sub-committee meeting, an urgent meeting was held to discuss a letter sent by the Headteacher to parents of pupils at Ysgol y Faenol

Such was the concern of Councillors regarding the safety of school children using our Centre's car park, it was agreed that an urgent meeting needed to be arranged between representatives of the Council



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and our solicitors. Despite numerous efforts by the clerk to arrange this the Solicitors had not responded and that was disappointing

**The Clerk to make contact again before seeking a response from the Company**

### 7. Planning

#### **Late application that had been circulated but not on the Agenda**

C23/0278/25/AC Location: Fferm Tŷ'n Pwll, Caerhun, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4DU Application to revoke condition no. 4 (supplementary use for residential use of the dwelling only) from planning permission C21/0779/25/LL, for external alterations to the workshop/studio, and substitute a personal condition restricting the use of the building to the applicant only.

**No Objection**

### 8. Clerk's Matters

- New centre
  - No update from Gwynedd or the Church  
It was suggested that a letter be sent from the Local Member to the Bishop to express the dissatisfaction of the whole community
- The existing centre
  - Update regarding the refurbishment  
Although not present tonight, Cllr L A James was thanked for his commitment and the arrangements in relation to all the refurbishment work. The Centre is now in a fine condition
- Cemetery Chapel
  - Flooring Works  
The Clerk had received a second estimate for removing the wooden floor and laying a floor to both sides of the walkway. He was keen to receive professional advice before commencing any works to supply water in and out of the building as it would be too late once a floor had been laid.  
It was agreed to contact Cadarn Consultancy Company to discuss this whilst emphasising that the priority for 2023-24 was to have the floor in place and that any additional work would be done in future years
- Bus Shelters
  - Letters had been sent out to Residents and although the Clerk had received objections on the phone, no written objections had been received. The consultation period was now finished. No update on the installation of a Shelter at Capel Graig. The Clerk to ask Gwynedd again and enquire whether it was possible for them to install more shelters as has happened in neighbouring communities
- Training Plan
  - Forms for the Councillor Learning Plan  
All forms had now been received and therefore we need to get started on the Plan
- Section 6 Biodiversity Report  
Email received at the beginning of the week asking for a report as a follow up to the report provided prior to the pandemic
- Decommissioning the Septic Tank at Glasinfryn  
The 6 month period given to the owner of the old Church to make his own sewerage provision has expired, since January, and we therefore need a contract and estimate for decommissioning the septic tank.



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The Clerk to ask a contractor for prices and a date and to ask our Solicitors to write to the owner to confirm our arrangements

- Florence Family Application to lay a Bench in memory of Mrs P Florence  
The application was accepted in principle as there was already one bench in both churchyards but it was added that we need to formulate a policy to control the size and make of such benches and possibly also to set up a maintenance system

**The Clerk to contact the family**

### 9. Councillors' Matters

#### ➤ Cllr J Lewis

- Grass cutting on 'the Green': PP wishes to have at least one cut covering the whole area including the wildflower area.

**The Clerk to contact the contractor, D W Lewis**

- Path passing the 'Lodge': PP would be glad if Pentir Council was to take on responsibility for maintenance of the path.

The Clerk had received confirmation from Cyngor Gwynedd that the old road is public property and responsibility for maintenance therefore rests with Cyngor Gwynedd

**The Clerk to enquire further whether it is possible for the Tidy Crew to carry out the work**

- Interpretation board: PP welcomed the idea. ( Does this need to go before the full council before contracting a facilitator?)

**Cllr happy to contact the facilitator to request a breakdown of the estimate to its separate elements**

- The chapel: LAJ and JL had discussed the recent improvements. PP keen to visit after the work has been completed. **No problem for that to happen**

#### ➤ Cllr J Pierce

As a member of the Centre's committee he enquired whether accounts received recently for 2021-22 had been audited and whether it was possible to arrange an Annual Meeting and receive the accounts for 2022-23. It was confirmed that the accounts had not been audited but that they would be by the Annual Meeting.

**It was agreed to try and hold the annual meeting during May.**

#### ➤ Cllr M Baines

Treborth Path Update – it was understood that over 200 witness forms had been received and 26 people had been interviewed. No timescale for when it is likely to come to an end

The meeting concluded at 9.10