



Pentir Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday Evening 9th March 2023 held in Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre at 7.00pm

1. **Present:** Cllr D W Jones – Chair. Cllr L A James; Cllr D Jones-Morris; Cllr J Lewis, Cllr J Pierce, Cllr I Ellis; Cllr C W Owen, and the Clerk E Jones
2. Apologies Cllr M Lynch; Cllr M Baines; Cllr B Jones, Cllr A Joyce; Cllr Dafydd Meurig
3. Declaration of interest Councillors L A James, declared an interest on 8 as they were members of the Management Committee of the present Ganolfan
4. To receive the Minutes of 9th February
Cllr L A James proposed that the minutes were correct and was seconded by Cllr C W Owen
5. Matters arising
The route of the old road past the Lodge Pentir.
The Clerk has received confirmation that the old road was the property of Gwynedd Council and not private property, as such Gwynedd Council is responsible for maintaining it like any other 'public road'. It was inquired whether it was possible to take over that responsibility. **Clerk to make inquiries.**
6. Financial matters
 - Financial balance sheet
The financial balance sheet that had been shared with everyone showed £35,632.00.39 in the current account and £45,125.79 in the deposit account
 - External Audit
The Clerk had been asking for the 2021-22 final report but had not received a response other than an invoice for the previous two years
Clerk to contact One Voice
 - Audit costs 2019-20 and 20-21
Cost for 2019-20 was **£360.00** whilst 2020-21 was **£320.00**
 - Minutes of the FSC meetings 22/02/2023
The minutes of the last Finance Sub-committee were circulated
7. **Planning**
C23/0153/25/LL Vaynol Arms, Pentir, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4EA
Change of use of ground floor from a pub to holiday letting units
It appeared this was a re-submission of the original application apart from a letter of support that was not in itself a planning reason.
It was agreed to object in accordance with the original objection that there was a plethora of holiday units already in the area compared with social venues that have historically been in the location in question
8. **Clerk's Matters**
 - Advertising Empty Seat / Co-option
An advertisement of the vacancy had already been on the Website and that period has



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expired. We will therefore be seeking names for co-option in the hope of co-opting at the April meeting.

- New Ganolfan
 - Any update

No indication of being able to move in but several things have happened since our last meeting which are causing concern

- No response received from Gwynedd's legal department to our solicitor's email
- School capacity had been approved at governors' meeting although the project had not been completed to address the parking needs for a school of its size
- Staff and parents parking in the car park of the existing Ganolfan, which is for users of the Ganolfan only
- Children and parents walking between cars with no form of protection from the school
- The Management Committee's insurance is insufficient should anyone have an accident on the grounds of the Ganolfan
- Staff and parents using the car park to gain access to Ysgol y Faenol
- Gardening/cleaning company has said that they will not do any work to tidy up the car park area if there are cars there, and have given a date to LAJ
CIlr LAJ to write to the School

- The existing Ganolfan
 - Refurbishment/upgrade costs

The condition of the Ganolfan is unacceptable to say the least due to lack of maintenance over the last 3 years. Its condition is so poor that it cannot be marketed to new users and it is unreasonable to expect existing users to pay for its hire. The finance sub-committee has recommended that the Council spends money to make the location safe and secure

The recommendation was approved

It was agreed to

- Refurbish the toilets
- Refurbish dangerous floors
- Paint
- Clear and tidy up the car park
- Signage for the Ganolfan and across the Council
- Purchase of kitchen appliances and other equipment that can be moved to the new Ganolfan when the time comes
- Electrical – lights are defective and need Pat testing

- Cemetery Chapel
 - Joinery
 - Painting

The painting was done as the scaffold was being taken down

- Electrical work
 - Quotes for new lighting

Accept the estimate for LED lighting and hope to have them installed while the scaffold is still there

- **Bus Shelters**
 - **Gwynedd council – no further response regarding refurbishment or relocation**



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- **Distribute letters to the nearest Residents Letters have been distributed to nearest houses**
- Training Plan
 - Councillors' Learning Plan Forms
 - Everyone has now submitted and therefore we are able to move forward to organise a plan
 - Application to purchase graves in the new Cemetery

Application received from one undertaker asking whether the Council was willing to sell plots. It was agreed years ago, due to a lack of sites, not to sell.

Examples exist in the old cemetery where a plot was acquired decades ago and there is no certainty whether the buyers are still alive

It was agreed not to sell plots

- Section 6 Biodiversity Report

Email received that a Biodiversity report was required as a follow up to the report provided several years ago to see/identify how the council responds to planning applications as well as establishing habitats itself

- Cemetery Grass Cutting Prices - D W Lewis

E-mail received from D W Lewis stating that due to an increase in energy/fuel costs there will be a 10% increase in his costs for 2023-24.

The request was agreed given that his costs had not risen for many years and the quality of his work was very commendable

- Clerk's Annual Costs

The Clerk submitted his annual balance sheet for his travel costs and his telephone costs which this year amounted to £554.39p

The Clerk was thanked for his work The request was approved and payment recommended

9. Councillors' Matters
None forwarded

The meeting concluded at 8.50