

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at the Llangennech Community Centre.

**PRESENT:**                      **Councillors:**                      N Lloyd (Chair),  
G F Davies, L M Morgan, R Willock,  
S Hughes, G R Jones, M I Slader,  
G Thomas, I M Williams

**APOLOGIES:**                      **Councillor:**                      J A Seward, J C Lee, W D Griffiths

1.        **Declaration of Interests**

There were none.

2.        **Public Participation**

The Chair welcomed Mr Emyr Williams from the LBSA.

Mr Williams had come to the meeting to present information on the latest position as to the proposed grant application to the Wales Grassroots Facilities Fund run by the Football Association of Wales. This is with regard to the improvement proposal for the tennis court in the recreation ground. The application is for a sum of £25,000 to £30,000 which will have to be match funded. The success of the application will be dependent on a commitment from the Community Council of a match funding sum and also to grant the LBSA a ten year licence of occupation of the tennis court area.

The application has to be sent in by January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The Surveyor asked Mr Williams if a grant application will be made to Sportlot. He stated that there is a need to establish that all possible grant sources are approached. He believes that a maximum of £50,000 grant would be possible from this source.

Discussion took place on the need for a joint approach between the Council and the LBSA and that Mr Emyr Williams and the Surveyor will have to work closely together.

The Surveyor proposed that a joint report be prepared.

Councillor G Thomas asked if there were other grant sources possible.

Councillor M I Slader asked as to the total cost of the project and likely grant sums available.

The Clerk commented as to the present financial position of the Council. He stated that it is not possible to give a definitive statement this evening of the sum available to fund the project. There will be a need to prepare a financial budget for 2022/23. Such a budget cannot be prepared before the end of this month which will be considered by the Council at its February meeting. He also referred to the statement he made to the Council in the July meeting which referred to a probable surplus of funds of some £20,000 a year from 2022 onwards subject to no major expenditure required in the period. Some Section 106 money might come available as well.

Councillor G F Davies stated that the Council cannot give a guarantee on a financial contribution sum this evening. The Council has to consider all projects and come to a decision in the February Meeting of the Council.

Councillor G R Jones suggested a special meeting possibly next week to consider the Tennis Court project.

The Clerk replied that he would not be any further forward by next week on a definitive financial sum that the Council would have available to fund the project.

Councillor M I Slader asked if the project could be scaled down and therefore reduce the financial cost.

The Surveyor replied that there is a need for a definitive statement on the likely cost of the project. This would include quotations regarding costs etc. from contractors.

After due discussion it was agreed that Mr Emyr Williams will supply the Surveyor with information on costs etc., he has in hand and will obtain over the next few days. He will also keep Councillors informed of the position.

### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor G F Davies and seconded by Councillor I M Williams that the Minutes be accepted subject to amending Minute 6(vi) to read before Christmas and Minute 6(vii) to read for sale of local goods.

It was so RESOLVED.

i) **Pavilion Changing Rooms**

The hot water boiler providing hot water for the ladies toilet area and kitchen has now been repaired and is working properly.

ii) **Bridge Inn**

Councillor R Willock asked if the Land Registry has provided a reference number for the application made.

The Surveyor replied that the application to the Land Registry refers to two title numbers.

Councillor L M Morgan suggested that approaches be made to the Council Solicitor asking him to contact the Land Registry to establish what are the reference numbers.

The Surveyor agreed to contact the Council Solicitor in the morning.

iii) **Mwrwg Flooding**

The Surveyor referred to the recent work by Councillor G R Jones on the river and the outcome was that some logs have been removed but there is one larger log remaining which needs equipment to remove it. It has been moved and will not cause any flood risk in its present location.

iv) **Youth Club**

Councillor M I Slader stated that the Club would prefer to be in the park but will have another location to hold meetings for the near future.

The Chair again referred to the layout of the hall pavilion as set out by the Ysgol Feithrin and the difficulty of moving items to allow the Youth Club to meet.

v) **Cricket Club Licence for Ten Year Period**

Councillor R Willock raised concern with Clause 5.3 which referred to granting free use of electricity and mains water to the Cricket Club.



The Surveyor replied that there would be minimal cost affect on the Council and to request a separate meter for this facility would result in additional work and cost.

Councillor G Thomas also replied that the Council had agreed to this at its previous meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. It was agreed to grant a 10 year licence to the Cricket Club.

vi) **Memorial for T G Lewis**

The Clerk stated that the photographer organising the framed photograph has been ill with Covid and therefore no progress has been made. He will meet the photographer next week.

4. **Surveyors Report**

i) **Bulb Planting**

The Surveyor stated that the outcome of the grant application is awaited.

Councillor I M Williams referred to information that he has received that the County Council's housing department is to plant wild flowers at three locations in the village, Maesydderwen, Cycle Path and Brynhyfryd.

Councillor G F Davies asked as to why the Community Council was not informed.

It was agreed that the County members will follow up.

ii) **Tennis Court**

This has been the subject of discussion earlier in the meeting.

iii) **Centre tree removal**

The Surveyor reported that 3 tenders had been received. The sums were £4,680 plus VAT, £4,500 with no VAT and £5,850 with no VAT.

It was agreed to accept the lowest tender and the work will be carried out in March of this year.

The Surveyor reported that a bat survey is necessary for procedural reasons and will cost £250 plus VAT. The Surveyor hopes that the report will show a low risk position.

iv) **Cemetery Plinth**

We will be going out to tender in the near future on this.

v) **Cricket Club Licence**

It was proposed by Councillor M I Slader and seconded by Councillor G R Jones that the draft licence agreement be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

vi) **Recreation Ground Sheds – Health and Safety Issue**

The Surveyor will produce a detailed report in due course. The Council is not complying with Health and Safety Regulations at present.

The Council has no facility to store the tractor and trailer at present and is reliant on the groundsman to keep them at his home.

**5. County Councillor Report**

Councillor G R Jones reported:

- i) Not much has happened recently.
- ii) He cleared logs from the Mwrwg River recently.
- iii) The village pharmacist is operating a limited service at present.
- iv) Dog fouling in the village - the dog warden is unlikely to be able to catch offenders at present.
- v) **Education Scrutiny**

There will be a procedure to follow in closing schools and in dealing with language issues. There are a number of schools with a low number of pupils.

Councillor G F Davies asked as to the policy of the Welsh Government.

Councillor G R Jones replied that there are several conflicting policies.

Councillor G Thomas reported:

- i) Dog fouling. Individuals are not inclined to become witnesses of such events and to come forward to testify.
- ii) Gypsy Lane. Water and leaves collect at the bottom of the road and poses a risk to users. Councillor Thomas has reported the problem to the County.
- iii) Budget setting. There are proposed budget meetings starting next week in advance of budget setting.
- iv) Social Services. There is to be an update on mental health services and support for young people and children.

**6. Review of Staffing Resources by Paul Egan**

The final report was received yesterday and will be put forward for Council consideration at a special meeting later this month or early February.

**7. Budgetary Control**

The following is a statement of the forecast variances for the year ending 31/03/2022.

## **BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022**

Forecast Variances at 31/12/2021

Favourable (F)

Adverse (A)

### **Expenditure**

£

#### Wages/Salaries

Pay, NI, Superannuation

7865 A

(Excluding any effect from review of staffing resources)

#### Admin

Website translation

2000 F

#### Cemetery

Environmental, hedgerow work, new plinth

6750 F

#### Playground Maintenance

2450 F

#### Asset Transfers

Maes Ty Gwyn, Bryn Park

1890 A

#### Footpaths

Bulb planting

1500 F

#### Bowling Green

Repair to side

2000 F

#### Pavilion

New fire alarm, new partition door

90 A

#### Day Club Taxi

1800 F

#### Bryn Hall

Rates, water charges

2640 F

#### Centre

Rates, heat and light

9720 F

#### Review of Staff Resources

2685 A

### **Total Expenditure Variance**

**16330 F**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Centre</u>	1000 F
<u>Bryn Hall</u>	1000 F
<u>Sale of Land to Bridge Inn</u> Possible that sale will not be completed by 31.03.2022	15525 A
<b>Total Income Variance</b>	<b><u>13525 A</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL VARIANCE</b>	 <b><u>2805 F</u></b>



**8. Risk Assessment Document**

The Clerk had prepared a risk assessment document which had previously been circulated to members.

It is a requirement that the Council carries out an assessment of risks and take appropriate steps to manage these risks.

After due discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the document and its content as presented.

**9. Ysgol Feithrin – Storage Container**

The Clerk had received a request from the leader of the Ysgol Feithrin for permission to locate a container measuring 20ft by 8ft next to the two containers purchased by the local sporting bodies and located near the “deadball line” of the recreation field. The purpose of the unit would be to store equipment currently located in the pavilion alcoves.

After due discussion it was RESOLVED to give permission and for the Surveyor to meet the Ysgol Feithrin leader to determine and agree the exact location.

**10. Planning Applications**

It was RESOLVED not to object to the following applications.

PL/03275 - Deheubarth, Mwrwg Road – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use as residential dwelling.

PL/03258 - 27 Brynhyfryd - ground floor dining and living room extension.