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**Dolgarrog Community Council**

**Canolfan Porthllwyd**

**Conwy Road**

**Dolgarrog. LL32 8JU**

Meeting No: 06052025

**Minutes of the meeting of the Dolgarrog Community Council.** Tuesday 6th May 2025.

**In attendance**: Cllr. Jackie Ley (Chair), Cllr. Peter Kay, Cllr. Nikki Mills, Cllr Phill. Groom, Cllr. Ffion Cash, Cllr. Derek Fabby, Cllr. Goronwy Edwards, Cllr. Albert Hindle and Cllr. Gillian Fraser.

Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Baldon.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Code of conduct – declaration of interest – none.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be an accurate record. Proposed by Phill and seconded by Pete

**4.** Matters Arising

**Cleaner position**: Job description has been prepared. It was agreed that a “deep clean morning” would be held at the Community Centre on 19th May at 10.30am. The Clerk asked that we wait until after that had happened and a draft budget prepared before we consider recruitment.

**Defibrillator Training**: Phill asked for suitable dates. It would agreed that a public session would be held on 6th June 6.30pm. Ffion will publicise it to the local community and all interested parties would need to provide names and email addresses to Phill. Phill and Pete will get the screen set up for the session which will be held at the Community Centre.

**Nature Networks update:** Jackie reported that permission to start has not been obtained yet. However, clear parameters need to be set as it would appear that some clearing and weed killing has been done which is not what is intended for the habitats etc. This was discovered during the visit earlier in the month.

It was discussed and agreed that Mr. Jacovelli will be asked to provide a design and ideas for the entrance to the Memorial Garden and the clerk is to write and ask him to undertake this.

Pete agreed to be the point of contact for the volunteers.

**Electrical update:** Gill reported that all electrics had been inspected and all issues remedied. Also four new smoke detectors had been fitted to replace the out of date ones. Also the outside plug is now working. The parts for this work are £250.00 but we have not yet had a bill. Clerk to progress.

**Litter pick:** Ffion reported that although numbers were not substantial the turnout had been enthusiastic and a total of two bags of rubbish were collected. Apparently the worst littered roads were Tayler Avenue and Bryn Morfa. Jackie offered sincere thanks to Ffion.

**Christmas Lights:** The clerk reported that the costs of doing something similar to Conwy were prohibitive at this point and the council asked her to look at what we could do within a reasonable budget.

**Community Centre Bookings/Runnning:** Nikki reported that she had been waiting for Jackie to return from holiday before convening a meeting. It was agreed that meeting would be Clerk/Jackie/Nikki and Gill after the clean up on 19th May.

**Banking Mandate**: Gill reported that the altered Bank Mandate had been submitted on Friday 2nd and that the change should happen within (according to the bank) – 11 working days. So hopefully by the middle of May we will have internet banking.

**Facebook**: Ffion reported that she has started attracting followers to the Community Council Facebook page and will be doing more in the following weeks.

**Floor:** No formal representations have been made to the council and the lease is clear.

**Training date** for Councillor Training It was agreed that this would happen at the Community Centre on 12th June at 6pm. Phill and Pete will set up screen etc.

5. **Finance: Financial officer report and feedback**

Gill reported that as at 30th April 2025 our bank balance was £10,528.70. This included a donation of £1,000 which was ringfenced for Dolgarrog 100. Our income was £5813.44 (this included the grant applications where we had already met the expenses) and our outgoing were £546.73.

6. **Correspondence**

The council had previously had Clerk Appendix A provided to them showing details of all correspondence that has been received. The discussion of potential grants at 8.2 on the agenda occurred here and it was agreed Jackie would make applications for both – potentially looking at a Youth Council/Group of some sort and ensure that accommodation was made for someone to run this within that application. Goronwy said that he would make some enquiries of education to run together with this.

7. **Planning Applications**

None

8. **Any other business**

8.1 – Dolgarrog 100 – Jackie ran through the events organized for 2nd November. The road closure for eight hours on 2nd November had been agreed in principle for that date but process now follows. Pete was concerned about how this would dovetail with the potential 12 week closure to the lower part of the B5106 which hopefully will start later in the year. We must be minded of community sensitivities but Jackie proposed that in July we should hold a community engagement event.

So far the provisional schedule is:

Road closure and set up.

Service to open the event at the Memorial Site.

ICE have agreed to provide a plaque for the Memorial Garden to commemorate the date but would like a formal unveiling.

The composer is now working on the “Dolgarrog Song” which will be performed at the closure of the event.

There will be opportunities for the public to wander around Dolgarrog with exhibitions at St. Mary’s Church, COG and the Community Centre. The Community Council will be hosting the “museum” and also serving teas and coffees.

Ixora Hotel have offered free event space and discounted room rates for the Sunday evening for our guests – it is thought the events here may well be lectures/showing of the film etc.

It is also planned to run walks potentially with on some, performance events.

Keith from ICE is going to give a talk on the Thursday (30th November) about the structural and engineering side of the Dam Disaster. There may be other events in the run up.

COG are applying for a grant of £20K to pay for the infrastructure of the event. The Community Council (through Ruth Fabby) are applying for £10K for the Arts Events.

It was agreed we would ring fence £500 to contribute towards expenses.

Goronwy mentioned risk management of the event which Jackie confirmed that the Conwy Events Team were running.

Jackie also mentioned that a grant should be in place to pay for training for the taking or oral histories which we can upload to our own website.

8.2 – Previously minuted.

8.3 – Website/Email/Councillors Biographies: The Clerk asked the councillors to provide biographies and photos by the end of next week and asked which councillors wanted DCC email addresses. A number of the councillors did not feel that they would use them – so their contact email will be the generic one and individual queries forward to them. The other councillors email addresses will be put in place.

The new website is up and running and we will add a page for the Dolgarrog 100 celebrations and also a link to our photographic archive which should also include the oral histories – providing more content for people to look at ahead of the event.

We will also publicise that all of our meetings are open to the public.

8.4 – Any other business: Jackie invited Derek to speak. Derek announced that he was stepping down as a councillor through ill health but would be happy to help and support wherever. It was agreed that we would advertise for an additional councillor to co-opt if suitable.

Jackie fulsomely thanked Derek for his fantastic contribution.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm with a short chat about upcoming local events and Albert’s idea for a “Welcome to Dolgarrog” sign and planters.

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Proposed as a correct record by: …………………………………………………………………………………….

Seconded by …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..