

**Dolgarrog Community Council**

**Canolfan Porthllwyd**

**Conway Road**

**Dolgarrog. LL32 8JU**

Meeting No: 070725

**Minutes of the meeting of the Dolgarrog Community Council.** Monday 7th June 2025.

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

**Members of the public**: Osian Kay

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 Pete and seconded by Nikki

**4. Matters Arising**

**Cleaner position**: The Clerk advised that at present the council budget and projected spend would not support the hiring of a regular cleaner. It was decided to look at income and expenditure in the October meeting and look at the position again. In the meantime, users of the Community Centre would be reminded to sweep and if necessary wash the floor after use and remove all rubbish – even though this is a standard term.

**ACTION**: Clerk to look at other CC precepts and to look again at financial position in October. In the meantime, collective cleaning by the councillor group as and when necessary would continue.

**Community Centre:**  A separate Electrical Safety Inspection Certificate has been requested by the current leaseholders of the shop. Access will be required for our electrician on Saturday 26th July at 7am. The Community Council will meet the cost of the certificate. Concerns were raised about rubbish at the rear of the building and access to the stairs linking the shop and the Community Centre.

The varying of the electricity tariff that has been requested by the tenant is proving problematic as EDF are being difficult about accepting changes to mandate and authorised persons.

**ACTION** : Clerk to write to tenant advising of arrangements made for attendance of electrician and to ask for the rubbish and items on stairs to be removed immediately. Chair to sign. Chair to deal with EDF.

Community Centre Grants: The application for the Democratic Engagement Grant has not been successful however the UKSPF funding, for which we have applied for funding to replace the roof, appears to be encouraging as further details have been requested from the administrators. However, as a public body we will be required to provide 20% of the capital cost, which on current quotations would appear to be in the order of some £4,000.

Proposed by Phill and seconded by Nikki that we should agree to meet this if successful.

**Ash Trees behind Community Centre**: Albert has spoken to the landlords and the work will not be done by power companies etc as the trees are not affecting power lines/phone cables.

**ACTION:** Pete to look at trees and see if the issue is Ash dieback and advise.

**Banking Mandate** – The banking mandate has now been changed and we can sign cheques with any two of our three authorised signatories. However, on-line banking set up will require a visit to the bank to validate two step verification.

**ACTION**: Clerk and Chair to visit bank.

**Update on Dolgarrog 100:** Jackie reported that all was in hand and that music recordings and the film are in progress. Oral History training took place and the group are now in place. **ACTION:** Work is required on the CC webpage and there will be a group discussion about this after our next meeting.

**Facebook progress** – Jackie has now been added as an administrator.

**Website/email/etc**: Only 2 updates have been received from councillors of pictures and information. Clerk is waiting for a few more before uploading and adding email. It is not possible for the Clerk to use the previous photos as she does not have access to the old website. There is an issue with email at present as the host company have been compelled to change their email hosting arrangements.

**ACTION**: Clerk to resolve issue with email and members to submit photos and biogs.

**Welcome to Dolgarrog sign**:

ACTION: Jackie has not yet spoken to Giovanni Jacovelli asking if he’d like to quote for two bilingual Welcome to Dolgarrog signs. She will do this asap.

**ACTION**: Albert to look at potential sites for sign placement/Gillian to work out Dolgarrog boundaries on electoral register.

**Training date for ‘Your Archive** ‘ website – Clerk advised that we must give Your Archive at least a month’s notice. Open to other Community Councils/Groups to upload photos and content onto site.

**ACTION**: Chair to advise a selection of dates at least one month hence so that we can organised that with Your Archive.

**Bingo:** Change of council dates to Tuesdays to accommodate Bingo in the community centre on Mondays has caused attendance problems for council members. Nikki has spoken to the members and they are more than happy to move to a Tuesday once a month thus allowing council meeting to go ahead.

**Nature Networks:** Jackie advised that the landowner has now given permission for the work to start. Therefore the job of Project manager will be seconded from North Wales Wildlife Trust and the Warden job will now be advertised.

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

Gill gave her financial report. Details of income and expenditure published in the monthly report.

6. **Correspondence**

Clerk thanked for creating Correspondence pack sent to all councillors. No actions required.

7. **Planning Applications**

None

8. **Any other business:** the following items were notified correctly and discussed.

**Welsh Translation and design of Welsh sign for Memorial Garden.**

A broad discussion was held about the design of the above and it was agreed that Osian would do this for the Community Council. His labour and skills would be FOC and the Community Council will meet all the expenses of providing the materials.

**Hedges**

A number if complaints had been received about privately owned hedges encroaching on pavements and obstructing free passage on pavements.

**Action**: Clerk to write a letter for the Chair to be sent to all those that the Community Council were not able to talk to.

**Yellow Lines**

The council intended to open a date for public consultation on yellow lines for one end of Graham Road however the council were confusing the further complaints about the other end of Graham Road. (Map provided in correspondence pack)

**Action**: Clerk to advise when public consultation on lines is open so we can publicise and email the council to explain the confusion.

**Correspondence from Richard Brunstrom**

Correspondence has been received from Mr. Brunstrom requesting the Community Council’s support for his request to CCBC that they write to the landowners/maintainers of the Zig Zag path. This public right of way is currently obstructed by fallen trees and NRW who are responsible for the land do not appear to be meeting their legal responsibilities in keeping the path clear.

Proposed by Jackie and seconded by Phill that we did this and the Clerk agreed to email a letter of support to the Council.

**Youth Representative**: The Clerk suggested that in view of Cllr. Fabby’s resignation the Community Council may wish to ask Osian Kay whether he would be interested in taking the position of Youth Representative on the Community Council. Osian indicated he was interested.

**Action:** Decision to be formally agreed at the next meeting and Osian to be invited and copied with paperwork of this meeting.

The meeting closed at 19.52.

Next meeting: Monday 4th August, 6.30pm Community Centre.

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

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

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