**MINUTES OF HARLECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY OVER ZOOM AT 7.30 P.M. ON 02.11.20**

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Huw Jones (Chairman), Gordon Howie.

**PRESENT**

Cllrs. Freya Bentham (Vice Chairman), Ceri Griffith, Wendy Williams, Thomas Mort, Martin Hughes, Sian Roberts, Edwina Evans.

In the absence of the Chairman the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on September 7th 2020 were found to be correct.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nobody had any declaration of interst to make.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Budget Plan**

It was reported that the Council had spent £36,783.45 since the start of the new financial year and this was  £24,092.73 less expenditure than what  was earmarked in the budget for the year. This was mainly due to the fact that the £10,032.59 earmarked for Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure had not been paid and this was earmarked for May and it will be paid this month. Also the Council had earmarked £10,000 towards the toilet partnership and had only paid £8,000.

**Harlech Community Forum**

As Cllr. Freya Bentham is on maternity leave no report is available.

**Toilets by the Castle**

The Chairman reported that he was still waiting for a reply from the company and it was agreed not to reopen these toilets until April 2021.

**Defribillator**

The Clerk reported that the forms to adopt the phone box by Engedi Chapel had been completed and sent to BT. The Clerk has not, as yet, contacted Mr. Tomos Hughes from the Welsh Ambulance Service until she has been informed if an additional defribillator would be needed and installed somewhere in the town itself. Cllr. Sian Roberts reported that CADW had agreed to install one outside the visitors centre by the castle but this had not happened as yet and she will look into this matter. Also Cllr. Freya Bentham agreed to look for a suitable location to install one the other side of the town.

**Election of Councillor**

The Clerk reported that she had received eight names showing an interest to fill the two vacant seats that were on the Council, but because one of the candidates did not send the Clerk relevant information when asked for it, the Chairman took the decision to eliminate this person from the list. It was agreed to send the names of the candidates to the Members through e-mail so that they could vote and ask them to contact the Clerk with the two names that they wanted to nominate and for the Clerk to send these e-mails onto the Chairman and Vice Chairman for clarification. The two successful candidates were Ms Rhian Corps, 70 Cae Gwastad and Mr. Tegid John, Coed Golau and these two along with Mr. Joe Patton will be invited to the December meeting of the Council.

**Gwynedd Council Matters**

As Cllr. Freya Bentham is on maternity leave no report is available.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Outline application for erection of a dwelling (Open market) - Morfa Newydd, Beach Road, Harlech (NP5/61/505B)**

Support this application.

**Boundary Treatment – Erection of house on multi levels with 3 bedroom, Land between Trem Arfor & Hiraethog, High Street, Harlech (NP6/61/560D)**

The Clerk reported that she had received the above from the National Park and asking if the Council had any comments to make on the plans. It was agreed that nobody had any further comments to make.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that there was £71,668.32 in the bank, £31,091.72 in the reserve account, £100.00 in the Chairman’s account and £2.82 in the cemetery account.

**Invoices needing payment since last meeting**

B. T. Payphones - £1.00 - adopt the kiosk by Engedi Chapel, Penrhiwgoch

Mrs Annwen Hughes - £143.88 –purchase zoom programme

Mr. G. J. Williams - £144.00 – cut grass in football field and rest of King George field

British Legion - £17.00 – poppy wreath

Mr. Meirion Griffith - £1,650.00 – cut grass in the public cemetery

Mr. Meirion Griffith - £1,985.00 – cut grass of the public footpaths and Llyn y Felin playing field

**Monies received since last meeting**

None come to hand since last meeting.

**Applications for financial assistance**

Harlech & Ardudwy Leisure - £10,032.59 – S 19

Tanycastell Primary School - £1,000.00 - S19

**CORRESPONDANCE**

**Mr. Joe Patton**

Received an e-mail from the above voicing concern that there is no permament post office in the town although one business has agreed to have the post in their premises but this has not yet happened. Cllr. Martin Hughes stated that there is a need now to take this matter further and contact Liz Saville Roberts as there is only one post office left in the area. It was agreed before doing anything further that Cllr. Freya Bentham would contact the Officer from the post office to ask what the latest situation was with regard to having a permament post office in the town.

**ANY OTHER MATTER**

Concern was raised that some speed along the road around Cae Gwastad estate and children outside playing and Cllr. Freya Bentham agreed to look into the matter to see if it would be possible to erect a sign “children playing” somewhere on the estate.

It was suggested there was a need to look into getting a dummy installed on morfa road so as to slow down speeding.

Cllr. Martin Hughes stated that there was a need to look into getting people to sign to say that they have been walking the path that goes from Branwen past the golf club house and down to the beach for over 20 years so as to register it as a public footpath.

The Clerk reported on behalf of the Chairman that he had visited King George playing field with Mr. Geraint Williams with regard to the mess that badgers have been doing there and that Mr. Williams has agreed to deal with the situation as he has done in various other locations and everybody agreed for this to be done.

Cllr. Freya Bentham reported on behalf of the Chairman that he had contacted Mr. Rhydian Roberts from the National Park with regard to trees that need attention on the nature trail and that now he is waiting for a letter from Mr. Roberts before proceeding further to getting the work of sorting the trees in question out. Also Mr. Meirion Evans is going to carry out the work on the path near Pant Mawr but at the moment the weather is too wet to carry on.

**SIGNED..........................................**Chairman

**DATE..............................................**

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