

PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES Tuesday July 30 2024

P 1 7.24 Present : Councillors:- Trefor Jones; Aled Griffith (Chairman); Gwilym Jones; Carol Hayes; Michael Roberts; Dr Melfyn Edwards Elfyn Lewis (Chairman of Cae Pawb Allotment Society) Marian Roberts (Clerk)

P 2.7.24 Apologies: Councillors:- John Gwynedd Roberts (Vice-Chairman); Alwyn Gruffydd

Before formally starting the meeting the Chairman wished to express his condolences on behalf of the Town Council to the family of the late Dewi Lake - in particular his son Dafydd Lake who has been a member of the Town Council in the past and his brother in law Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards who is the current member for Gest ward. Dewi Lake's contribution to the cultural and educational life of the Porthmadog and Blaenau Ffestiniog area was enormous and he will be greatly missed by many local organisations and societies.

Cae Pawb

P 3.7.24 Decide on a request from the Chairman of the Cae Pawb Allotment Association to ask new tenants for a deposit to ensure that the allotment is left in an acceptable condition when they decide to leave the allotment.

Decision :- to act on the motion and the Clerk to change the rules immediately.

P 4.7.24 Decide on a request from the Chairman of the Cae Pawb Allotments Association to organise a service for the Cae Pawb strimmer.

Decision :- to act on the proposal and the Town Council to pay for the service and the Clerk to check the age of the strimmer according to the proposal of Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding.

P 5.7.24 Decide on a request from the Chairman of the Cae Pawb Allotments Association to give a trial period of 3 months to new tenants and to refund their rent if they have not made any effort to cultivate the allotment. During the trial period.

Decision :- to act on the proposal and the Clerk to change the rules and contracts appropriately according to the proposal of Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding.

It was decided to allow a request from Elfyn Lewis to add 2 more items :-

P 6.7.24 Decide on a request from the Chairman of the Cae Pawb Allotments Association to change the payment year from April / April to January / January.

He explained that it is easier for someone to give up their allotment at the end of the year and easier for the new tenant to start work in the spring.

Decision :- to act on the proposal and the Clerk to issue the 2025 invoice in April 2025 for 9 months which is £15 and then for a whole 12 months (£20) in January 2026 according to the proposal of Cllr Dr Mlefyn Edwards, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding .

P 7.7.24

Elfyn Lewis explained that the Association's funds are scarce this year as the financial contribution of the Town Council and Rebecca's charity has decreased significantly. Significant financial costs are anticipated in order to improve the condition of the road into Cae Pawb and as the Town Council is responsible for the road and paths in Cae Pawb it was agreed that the Town Council should therefore bear the financial burden for maintaining them.

Decision:- Elfyn Lewis to consult with the Cae Pawb Allotments Association Committee to prepare a list of improvements needed in Cae Pawb and forward it to the Clerk in order to include it on the agenda of the plenary meeting on 10.9.24 as proposed by Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Michael Roberts seconded.

Elfyn Lewis left the meeting.

Pathways

P 8.7.24 CIIr Aled Griffith – Proposal to make an application to Gwynedd Council to install signs on the new path between Peniel chapel and the Cut path.

Decision :- to act on the proposal, Cllr Gwilym Jones seconding.

P 9.7.24 Cllr Aled Griffith - Proposal to make an application to Gwynedd Council to turn the Peniel path into a safe and pleasant cycle path from Tremadog to Porthmadog.

Decision :- to act on the proposal, Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding.

Cae Bodawen

P 10.7.24 Update on new gate and railings.

Despite requesting a quote from 3 companies only 2 quotes were received.

Decision :- to accept G.L.Jones's quote and the Clerk to enquire if it is possible to have the gate and the railings painted in red and green like the play equipment as proposed by Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Gwilym Jones seconding.

Bryn Coffa

P 11.7.24 Update on installation of handrail.

According to the Clerk the work will start on 9.8.24.

P 12.7.24 Bus Shelters

According to the Clerk, Morfa Bychan shelter has had 2 new windows fitted following the recent vandalism of the site and Gwynedd Council will provide a new Bus stop sign.

P 13.7.24 Statue of Mr. Madocks

Decision :- to continue the discussions with Ffion Gwyn to design an information board tracing the history of Madocks and the Clerk to ask Howard Bowcott about the possibility of repairing the Madocks statue.

P 14.7.24 Ideas to develop the town

The Clerk had prepared a table outlining current projects for the town :-

	Arltist	Coordinator	Further information	Next meeting	
MADOCKS INFORMATION BOARD	Ffion Gwyn	Clerk		To be arranged	
LLEWYRCH O'R LLECHI	Howard Bowcott	Haf Roberts	Public art scheme erport	Pencei 23.7.24	Maentwrog 8/24
CYMUNEDOLI / GRYMUSO GWYNEDD		Lindsey Ellis; Elin Pritchard; Pauline Williams; Clerc	Savills Place making plan		
CYNLLUN CREU LLE		Haydn Jones; Clerk	Hannah Joyce Information attachment	Blaenau Ffestiniog 1.8.24	

More details about the projects were also shown on the screen. It was noted that all projects apart from Ffion Gwyn have been funded by grants and that there are **no costs for the Town Council.**

The meeting ended at 19.35

Marian Roberts (Clerk) 1.8.24