



Minutes of Development Group Meeting 7th June 2022, Plas Coch

Present

Name	Agency
Dave Crombie (Vice Chair)	Boulder Adventures
Merlin Tomkins	Y Festri
Fiona Nicholson	Plas Coch
Diane Rowlands	Engie
Julie Williams	National Slate Museum
Marc Roberts	Marc Consulting
Elin	Gallt y Glyn
Lowri GwrddNi (by Zoom)	GwrddNi
Eric Baylis	Pentref Taclus
Ann Owen	Royal Victoria
Glyn Hughes	Eryri Consulting
Rob Nicholson (secretary)	Development Group / Plas Coch

Apologies

Emlyn Baylis; Kim Jones; Tam Tomkins; Lisa George; Toby Keep; Ross Worthington; Lynsey Fielden; James & Amy Lakeview; Bethan Holding

Action points (see also the updated Work Plan)

Action Point	Who
Issue an online survey about a proposed Farmer's Market	MR
Distribute the survey and encourage residents and businesses to complete	RN
Look into land ownership of the Nant Padarn area	RN EB
Attend briefing about Future Prosperities Grant	MT RN
Attend September Climate Change Assembly	MT EB RN
Update the Development Group Work Plan	RN
Make amendments to the safeguarding policy as discussed and distribute	RN
Remind businesses to pay their subscription (now that Llanberis.org is up and running) and that they are entitled to a 50% discount on online training from eonlinetraining.co.uk once paid up	RN

Opening remarks

DC took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that KJ had suffered a sudden bereavement that day and the group expressed their condolences. It was noted that following elections Bethan Holding would no longer represent the Community Council (but is welcome to attend a resident) and that the Community Council will allocate a rep in a forthcoming meeting (post meeting note Nia Jones will attend on behalf of the Community Council and Bethan Holding may attend as a resident). James and Amy Lakeview were unable to attend as they are still experiencing considerable impact to their business from the roadworks

Minutes of April Meeting and Matters Arising and Development Group Workplan

RN went through the action points of the April meeting (see below)

MEETING



Action	Who	Progress
Arrange to meet with Delwedd (web hosts) to ensure Llanberis.org will work as the landing page for the Smart Gwynedd village wifi service	EB and RN	Done
Liaise with Menter Mon and businesses based at Gilfach Du around access to village Wifi Scheme	EB and RN	Not yet completed
Liaise with Lon Las users group around sensors on the cycle lanes and links with village Wifi Scheme		Not Yet completed
Ffair Nadolig- set up a meeting of local groups and associations to start planning for the event (provisional date 8 th December)	RN and EB	Done- first meeting complete
Ffair Nadolig- inform Stryd Fawr shops and cafes to think about the FN and their role with late opening / food and drink sales / doorway market stalls / publicity	RN and EB	In progress
Ffair Nadolig- set up a working group to begin detailed planning of FN as a procession event focused on Stryd Fawr and Maes Padarn	RN, TT, DC, EB	Done first meeting complete, next meeting end of June
Look into starting a 'pledge' scheme for high-street and side street businesses to show that they commit to keep business frontages weed and litter free, reduce litter generated and make business fronts attractive.	EB and RN	Initial consultation- only one (positive) response so far
Liaise with Pentref Taclus on hanging baskets for businesses in the High Street linked to the Pledge scheme	Eric B and RN	Baskets ordered and in process of putting them up EB & RN
Organise new photos of Stryd Fawr businesses for the revamped Llanberis.org website	EB and RN	Done- EB
Establish options for the development of open spaces in the village for landscaping and potential sites for markets	RN and EB	Done (see item on market feasibility)
Investigate options for updating signposts and finger posts to steer visitors toward the Stryd Fawr (including access to Wifi) ensuring signage is up to date and (hopefully) reducing impact on Victoria Terrace	RN and EB	Not yet actioned
Check on progress with Menter Mon project to provide business and enterprise support to young people in the village. Commission a training programme for young people to help them develop enterprises	EB, RN, Eryrie Consulting	Programme commissioned to start later in June
Use new FB group to report issues of sheep damage, near misses and welfare concerns so these can be raised with appropriate bodies	All . Eric B	FB page in place
Discuss with Cyngor Gwynedd / Bid for a project consultant to develop a feasibility study and potentially a business plan for a Pump Track (possibly near to the current Electric Mountain Centre)	EB and RN	Bid submitted to Cist Cyngor- awaiting outcome



Market Feasibility Study (Presentation from Marc Roberts)

Marc introduced himself and his presentation in advance of the full report at the end of the month. The Development Group has commissioned Marc using a grant from Gwynedd Council Enterprising Communities Fund.

See separate presentation. Some key points from Marc's presentation were: -

- Llanberis should be performing much better for retail than it is
- A farmers / artisan market should and can raise the profile of Llanberis and support High Street shops
- There are environmental benefits around reducing food waste and nutritional benefits of having a market- these need to be emphasized in bidding for funding for a market
- A market would support social cohesion and the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act by promoting community regeneration

Marc had completed a SWOT analysis. His key points were: -

- Llanberis is already well known
- There are existing local food producers
- The Caernarfon Food Festival is only once a year
- There could be a link with Morbego (our Italian twin town)
- There is a bypass so a road closure is possible for a high-street market
- There is an interesting street-scape
- Parking could be an issue
- There will need to be a management arrangement and regulatory issues of licensing, road closures, insurance and costs
- A successful market would probably be quite small, well controlled (so no tat) and monthly
- The High Street is by far the best location

The biggest issue will be how (and who) to manage a market- it was felt that to outsource it to a third party may not result in the type of market we want and need.

Next steps will be an online survey

There was a discussion about whether the Nant Padarn area could be landscaped for us a market and pleasant seating area. It was agreed to see if we can discover who owns the land and see if an arrangement is possible

Climate Assembly

Lowri GwryddNi joined the meeting via Zoom and provided an update following a very successful Climate Change Assembly at Y Ganoflan in May. Some key points from her presentation were: -

- 48 local people had attended bringing a huge amount of local knowledge and expertise
- Talks had been well received- especially the one from Bro Ffestiniog on social enterprises
- A full report will soon be on the website
- Suggestions included allotments; communities buying land; improving insulation in social housing; community councils working together (as in the Ogwen Partnership) and improving cycle path connections
- The next sessions of the Assembly will be in September



Vision for the Village

RN flagged that he and MT were attending a briefing on the Future Prosperities Fund on 8th June. There was a short discussion on what we would want for the village from a new grant for Gwynedd.

From the short discussion, two main things emerged:-

- A multi-purpose community and visitors' facility with office spaces, a visitor centre, youth facilities, cinema, shops and catering. Potentially combined with a new museum linked to UNESCO world heritage status or using the existing Electric Mountain Centre and including outdoor facilities such as a pump track
- A paid Development Officer to help establish and grow a social enterprise to run this multi-purpose venture, bid for funding (including funding for their own salary) and raise income for the village. A social enterprise could also act as management for the Market if that is something we can take forward

In response to a question from GH, DR explained that it was not possible to use the existing Electric Mountain Centre as there are multiple issues with the site.

JW said she had very little information on the Museum of the North but there were going to be interviews for a project officer soon.

Safeguarding Policy

RN thanked MT and GH for help with the draft policy which was approved pending some additions around GDPR. It was noted that the policy would need to be easily accessed for organisations working with and on behalf of the Group.

GH had arranged access to online safeguarding training through his business website. GH kindly offered a 50% discount on any online training course to paid-up business members of the Development Group

Information Sharing

MT felt that we could be better at sharing information across the village community. Notice boards, Llanberis.org, social media could all be better used. GH noted that Facebook Groups tend to become huge and the moderation of them becomes a huge task.

RN felt that this again emphasized that the village needs a Development Officer to help the flow and sharing of information as currently all this work is done on a voluntary, unpaid basis.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be an evening meeting. The Royal Victoria has kindly agreed to host the meeting on

Tuesday 19th July at 7.00 PM at the Royal Victoria