



Notes of the Llanberis Development Group Meeting 8th March 2022, Gwesty Plas Coch

Present

Name	Organisation
Emlyn Baylis	Chair
David Crombie	Vice Chair / Boulder Adventures
Fiona Nicholson	Plas Coch
Ann Owen	Royal Victoria
Eric Baylis	Pentref Taclus Llanberis
Diane Rowlands	First Hydro
Lisa George	Dol Peris
Cadi Iolen	Amgueddfa Lechi Cymru
Andrew Thomas	Resident
Rob Nicholson	Secretary & Treasurer
Amy Theaker	Lake View Hotel

Apologies

Julie Williams; Ross Worthington; Lowri Vaughan; Tam Tomkinson

Apologies of the secretary to Beth Holding (Community Council) as RN did not have an email address for her and had not therefore informed her of the meeting.

Matters Arising from the AGM 15th March 2022 not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- RN has applied to the Gwynedd Enterprise Grant Fund for costs of hosting the website and printing map/leaflets (post meeting note- this bid was successful)
- RN has drafted a 'subscription' letter to small businesses in Llanberis – ready to go but not currently available in Cymraeg.
- The group thanked Heather Jones for kindly translating Development Group materials
- RN has set up a new email account for the Development Group and this is now in use and is now the contact for the Llanberis.org website.
- RN does not yet have 'ownership' of the FB group. DC recommended starting a new FB group and asking Jacquie Waterton to take the old FB group down. DC advised that there are in fact two FB pages / groups for the Llanberis Development Group- one designed to share information with the community and one more outward-looking to complement Llanberis.org focused on potential visitors to the area and village. DC agreed to give RN admin rights to the second FB page which he currently controls

Programme of Events

- EB asked RN to introduce an activity for the meeting to brainstorm activities to form a 12 month programme of events. The group was asked to think about the core aims of the Development Group and write on post-it notes activities they knew were going to happen and activities that they would like to see to benefit and build the community. It was felt important to not find ourselves with nothing planned for the winter months after a busy tourism season.
- RN noted that this would become an ongoing process to build an ongoing programme that would be added into the Llanberis.org website. The group noted that many people depended on notice boards for information rather than online.



- It was suggested that a community board be developed where anyone could post suggestions and requests for activities
- The Group recommended making use of Eco'r Wyddfa to publicise events and provide information. There was a comment that Llanberis can look a bit thin for events in the paper and website
- EB advised that Huw Edwin Jones from Cyngor Gwynedd is in the checking stage of information sheets about village businesses and services
- The group felt that services for youth and young people were important.
- It was agreed that the programme was not necessarily made of events and activities run by the Development Group itself but that the Development Group would try and bring together all the separate events into one place to the benefit of residents, businesses and the community.

Month	Activities taking place	Activities Wanted / Needed
March	Penwythnos Caru Llanberis (Pentref Taclus) Mother's Day event (st Padarns) School Litterpick (Eric & Ysgol Dolbadarn)	World Earth Hour- volunteers
April	Shop-front Easter Egg hunt (St Padarns) Easter Bonnet Competition (St Padarns) Easter Nature Trail (Pentref Taclus) Community Easter Egg hunt (Royal Victoria)	
May	Slate Museum 50 th Birthday Slate Man Race event	
June	Flower Festival & Afternoon Tea (St Padarns) Love Swim Run event	Community picnic
July	Snowdon Seven event Snowdon Race event	
August		
September	Rat Race event	
October	Snowdon Marathon event	
November		
December	Christmas Nature Trail Stable Service Ffair Nadolig?	Christmas activities
January		Community quiz nights / bingo nights
February		

This list isn't exhaustive! Hopefully we can bring together information about community and village events to fill in the gaps and encourage more participation.



Christmas Lights

- EB reminded the Group that it was the Community Council (not the Development Group) who was responsible for the main lights connected to the municipal street lighting. The Development Group does not have the authority to arrange this lighting
- HJ noted that the Community Council has no mechanism to receive a donation of funds toward the municipal lights. Therefore any funds donated to the Development Group so far for 'Christmas Lights' (such as a substantial donation from Y Gwynedd) would need to be spent on decorations other than the main street-lamp display. HJ would be raising this with the Council.
- RN suggested that the Development Group could fund and coordinate a shop-level display that would create a coordinated, organized and attractive display throughout businesses from the Royal Victoria through to the Lake View. The group suggested that this could include small Christmas trees displayed in flag-pole brackets.
- The group suggested that competitions and guidelines could be used to incentivize businesses to each add their own contributions to the overall display and Christmas programme.

Summer Activity

- HJ is working on a proposal for a Car Boot Sale pilot- potentially in the Electric Mountain Car Park. DR agreed that this may be feasible pending risk assessments. AT suggested that Good Friday might be a good pilot day.
- FN suggested a community picnic in line with a nationwide 'Big Lunch' day to thank the community on the Sunday of the new June bank holiday. After discussion it was agreed that the Ganoflan should be booked in case of rain, the exact area should be identified and that the event should not be linked overtly with the platinum jubilee

Gwynedd Mentrus / Enterprising Communities Grant Bid

- RN informed the group that he had applied to the Enterprising Communities Grant Fund for two projects
- The first is the main running costs of the Development Group- leaflet printing and website hosting which are big expenditure costs for the group at present
- RN said that he had been intending to bid for a programme of training from Partneriaeth Ogwen and for support to set up a Young People's Social Enterprise to encourage the Village's young people to open a shop. He had been advised that these were worthy ideas and should be kept back for future bidding rounds
- RN sought the group's approval that he should continue to bid for grants where the funding criteria were in line with the aims and objectives of the Llanberis Development Group. The Group agreed.
- HJ noted that a shop unit may become available in the basement (street level) of the Dolbadarn Hotel.

Information Sharing

- EB informed the group that the wooden planters by the Spar need to be replaced. Spar and the owner of the flats in the same building were planning to make a donation and RN was to submit a grant application to Electric Mountain. There may be the opportunity to also use a 'Proceeds of Crime' Grant
- RN informed the group that Pentref Taclus had been awarded a grant for environmental projects to mark World Earth Hour on 26th March. The group is planning Penwythnos Caru Llanberis with volunteering opportunities to plant a hedgerow, pull Himalayan balsam, pick up litter and create flowerpots of wildflowers followed by a free lunch 26th/27th March.



Date of Next Meeting

- It was felt important to keep momentum going and look closely at the possibilities for the Ffair Nadolig and therefore to meet again in April.
- AO kindly offered to accommodate the next meeting at the **Royal Victoria on Tuesday 19th**
April- 18.30 for a 19.00 prompt start.