

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday January 17 2019 at 6.30pm.

Present: M.Skerrett, E.R.Noble, Marion L Hughes, M.Chapman, C.Brewer, Liz Roberts, T.W.Jones, C.Ll.Price.

Welcome. The Chairman welcomed Carwyn as a new member congratulating him for being co-opted. Clerk had arranged for him to receive a copy of the Code of Conduct.

Translation. Clerk confirmed because of the change of date no translator was available as they were at other meetings and that he was prepared to do the work as required.

Minutes. Council Minutes 8.11.2018 confirmed following a comment from C.Brewer noting the need to thank S.Hewitt for his excellent work relating to commemorating the local soldiers in the First World War, proposed T.W.Jones, seconded C.Brewer.

Police. Agreed that attention will have to be paid to getting 'local signs' and to obtain estimates for flashing warning signs and to discuss with Helen and Adam Elen's Castle as to having a 'Police Official' again near the Hotel in the Spring. An 'incident' had occurred at the Railway Station at Christmas time when panels at the shelter were damaged, this had been reported to the Police but no further information has been received. Liz Roberts confirmed that she would contact the new Sergeant and let the Clerk have her contact details.

The A470. Confirmation from James Gibson at the National Assembly that the complaint regarding the condition of the A470 from Beaver Bridge to the A5 had been received. A reply from Capel Garmon Community Council confirmed they had also been complaining about this. A reply from Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas confirmed that he would speak with Ken Skates about this and also send him a letter as a 'citizen' in the Lledr Valley. Ensuring the highway was safe for the workmen to work on whilst resurfacing parts of the highway between the A470 and the A5 was the reason for the traffic control in the area. Clerk to note that the Council were disappointed that they did not receive information about the work at Pont y Pant bridge.

County Council. M.Skerrett confirmed that workmen had been working on the road at Pont y Pant. L.Roberts confirmed that the 'scoring' regarding the condition of all the bridges in Conwy County was poor which will result in expenditure on some of them but not on others, discussions are continuing.

Footpaths. Clerk to continue to liaise with Ioan Davies regarding a date for a meeting.

Station site. The wall near Tŷ Isaf has been repaired.

Harvesting Drosgol. Further letter to be sent to seek a reply to previous Council correspondences.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. It was agreed that the 'exhibition' at the Cenotaph grounds to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War for Remembrance Sunday had been a great success. By chance the Clerk had seen Clive and Darren from CCBC at the Cenotaph and went to speak with them, they felt that even 'though the moss situation had improved that further treatment was required, they are also prepared to remove the rhododendron bush and to obtain and to plant 6 new trees each side of the Cenotaph. They would also like to discuss other aspects regarding the site, the Clerk had said that he would have to put their suggestions to the full Council at their next meeting. Members agreed that the condition of the site had improved and that the Clerk should ask to meet with them at the Cenotaph in early Spring for a full discussion.

Review Town & Community Councils. Nothing to report.

Review of Electoral Arrangements Conwy. No definite information to hand about this.

Council Charter. No response from CCBC but the afternoon of this Council (January 17) a detailed letter was received (by e.mail) from Sian Williams CCBC noting many areas of services in the County which are under threat and where possibly Town & Community Councils can contribute towards them? These can be considered whilst discussing the 2019/20 Precept. The Llanrwst Town Council Clerk has already responded forcibly regarding the delay in receiving this information.

Dolwyddelan School. It appears that some Councils have responded positively and contributed towards the cost of funding pupils' travelling costs.

Surgery Building. No reply from Gary Doherty to date.

Christmas Tree. Clerk confirmed that Alan 'Ginge' Farrar had obtained a tree put it in place and erected a safety fence surrounding it free of charge, this with help from Iolo Hughes and other workers. Selwyn Hughes had assisted with the lights. Clerk to write to thank all concerned.

Financial Remuneration IPRW. Information received about the Annual Report and the remuneration procedures to Members, agreed to discuss at the May meeting.

Bus Service. Once again the Clerk expressed his thanks to M.Skerrett and Liz Roberts for all their work with this issue in arranging and attending many meetings on behalf of the Council. It seems that the situation is improving and that Travel for Wales is working, but problems do occur from time to time, understood that new stock will be available by Easter time. The new bus arrangement also seems to be working but is being regularly monitored. It appears there may be difficulties in obtaining correct timetables for the public. What is the future for Community Buses?

Correspondences.

Skip. A community skip will be at the village January 23rd between 9am and 2pm.

Precept. Final payment of £3000 received from CCBC.

Thanks. Letter received from H. Davies thanking Council for the flowers on her retirement.

Youth Service. Clerk had distributed the new Newsletter.

Pre-Deposit Participation. Clerk had distributed the information about the meetings.

Town & Community Council Forum. Information about the meeting on January 29.

Planning applications

Tŷ Llwyd: Understood that the application had been withdrawn?

Flooding. Clerk had spoken with E.Williams who confirmed that he was happy for CCBC to clear the whole stream and had confirmed this with the Council. Agreed that the December 18 meeting had been very constructive, it would appear that CCBC and NCM have much work to carry out in the village. Clerk had met with K.Phillips whilst meeting C.Humphreys at the Cenotaph, she was with the CCBC workmen clearing drainage gaps for the water to flow from the road to the meadow opposite St Gwyddelan's Church. She was intending to contact the Council to arrange a meeting. Agreed that the Clerk should ask her for dates in February/March and to ensure that Shaun and Dyfed can be present at the meeting.

Hydro Scheme. L.Roberts confirmed that B.Burchell had told her that the funding application had been withdrawn and that the scheme will not be proceeding. Barbara to prepare a newsletter for the area confirming this, Clerk and Liz to arrange distribution. Question asked whether other schemes are to be considered/prepared?

Toilets. Reference was made to the December 18 meeting with S.Teale, the various options offered by Steve were discussed in detail and Option 5 with the payment slot outside the toilet door was agreed on, proposed by E.R.Noble and seconded by T.W.Jones and all in favour. Clerk to send an official letter to Steve confirming the decision and asking him to move the scheme forward and keep in contact with M.Skerrett as his main contact copying the Clerk into any correspondence.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members which was fully discussed.

Bills. Audit payment 2017/18 £383.25; Emptying dog waste bins November/December £383.25; M.Chapman flowers for H.Davies £15; CCBC Community Centre 18/12 & 17/1 £20; Clerk October to December £250. Bills for payment proposed T.W.Jones, seconded M.L.Hughes. Following bill payments new balance £8494.30 in the account.

Other Issues.

Leaf clearing. Liz Roberts confirmed she had contacted the relevant department at CCBC to ask them to clear leaves in the area.

Flower beds. It was agreed that Shaun and Paul are carrying out excellent work, Clerk to write to thank them.

Carreg Alltrem bridge. It was understood that work is required on the bridge, Clerk to make contact with Miranda Grant.

Tŷ Isaf road. Work required on the road, Clerk to contact ERF CCBC, also to thank them for repair the wall alongside the school field and erecting a fence along the top of the wall.

Date of next Council: Thursday March 7th 2019 at 7:00pm