

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday July 13th 2017 at 6:30pm.

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

Minutes. Council Minutes 11.5.17, confirmed, proposed by T.W.Jones, seconded M.Chapman.

Police. John Morris from the Community Speed Watch Scheme, on behalf of the Police, was at the Carnival and quite a few people spoke with him, Clerk to ask him what he thinks the next step should be, was there sufficient interest? Clerk to ask him who showed interest locally? No reply from NEWTRA to the suggestion to move the current speed warning sign and to have 2 other signs showing the exact speed, 1 on the brow of the Castle Terrace hill, the other at Pentrefelin.

The A470. Clerk had spoken with Ms D.Williams re the speeding at Castle Terrace, she was grateful for the local Council's efforts. A letter from Inspector Gareth Jones confirmed he had arranged regular 'speed gun visits' in the village, around 10% were speeding during the last 3 visits. He felt that the Council's suggestion to have flashing signs showing the exact speed of cars was an excellent way of warning drivers.

County Council. Reply from CCBC confirmed they had surveyed the condition of Ffordd Tŷ Isaf as far as Hendre and noted that no problems were raised but that they will monitor regularly. Confirmation received that work on the bridges is to commence soon. Repairs to the wall near Pont y Pant Bridge has been completed, work on the River Bridge is underway and the repairs to the pathway at Bwlch Bridge will commence on July 24th – apologies for the delay were received. This work will result in the path being closed for a period. The information was welcomed.

Street Signs. Clerk reported on his meeting with Dafydd Hughes CCBC regarding moving the Glan Aber sign and 'replacing' the Maes y Llan sign. They agreed on new sign locations and D.Hughes will recommend that the work is undertaken. Clerk was thanked for his work.

Footpaths. New sign erected for the Lluest path. Understood that there is a problem with the path near to Lledr Hall and running along the river at Pont y Pant, it is possible that the 'landslide' may have caused some of the problem. Clerk to ask Ioan Davies to visit the area, is there a need to contact Network Rail and Lledr Hall management, agreed to wait for Ioan's response.

Station site. Nothing to report.

Village History. The Film evening to show the DVD was a great success with wonderful village support, Clerk thanked everyone for arranging the evening, especially the ladies for the refreshments. Agreed to accept Paul's estimate to 'burn' 20 copies of the DVD to sell, and a proposal from C.Brewer, seconded by E.R.Noble, to charge £3 per copy was agreed.

'Odd job' Post. The names of 2 local people the Clerk could contact in future if work was required were suggested.

Recycle More. Liz Roberts confirmed that Alun Jones and his team from CCBC had been unable to attend the Carnival, it is difficult for them at weekends.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. Resurfacing work near the Glan Gors houses has taken place.

The Cemetery. L.Roberts will arrange the drainage work during the Summer. C.Brewer had discussed getting 6 new like sized trees for the Cenotaph with E.Roberts, and a 'landscaping plan' around them. His estimate for between £10 to £15 per tree was accepted proposed E.R.Noble,

seconded A.Fawcett. Sub committee to meet at the Cenotaph prior to commencing the work. A.Jones had confirmed that moss was an ongoing problem and offered to carry out further work on this, it was unanimously agreed to leave it for now and reconsider in the Spring.

Local Walks. The new ‘Walks Information Board’ is now in place at the Station Car Park.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. It appears that the local Council’s letter regarding large ‘holes’ in the road surface has lead to discussions between Neil Dyson and CCBC, meeting arranged and Clerk invited. A letter from N.Dyson confirmed that the work should be completed by the end of August and suggesting that the company would be prepared to support local projects, Liz Roberts agreed to discuss a project under consideration by the the School with him.

Precept 2017/18. The first Precept payment of £3000 has been received.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. No response, can Arfon Hughes come to meet the Members? Inquiry received asking if the land in front of Tan y Benar was included in the LDP, Liz Roberts will make inquiries.

3 Day Eryri Event. There was some disappointment that the runners’ route did not go ‘through’ the village, Clerk to contact T.Breese to note this and to suggest a new route for 2018?

Mandle Terrace Information from the Secretary confirmed the Community Council need to appoint a new member. E R Noble proposed T.W.Jones, seconded by L.Roberts and all in agreement, Clerk to confirm with the Secretary. Interest declared by M L Hughes.

Park Meeting. M.Skerrett confirmed that not much new information was received other than to confirm that they will be looking at improving transport in the community.

Lledr Hall. Clerk had met with T.Smith at Lledr Hall to discuss a community project, tidying up the area perhaps? L.Roberts will raise possible school children involvement with Mrs Artell?

Electoral Arrangements. M.Skerrett had attended a meeting at Conwy to discuss this, it is unlikely there will be changes nor a reduction in the number of Members of Parliament.

Clean Neighbourhood. Liz Roberts confirmed that this issue was still under discussion.

Defibrillator. The new defibrillator is in place, M.Skerrett was thanked for arranging this. T.W.Jones confirmed that it was possible that a donation towards the cost of a second one could be received from the Memorial Hospital Friends, M.Skerrett also in contact with SPAR.

Retaining Walls. No response to date.

P.Keith’ project. Understood that Betws y Coed is likely to be the area selected.

Smart Meter. Letter from Scottish Power offered a new meter at the Square site, annual charges discussed, felt it could be done cheaper. A.Fawcett will seek further information about this.

Carnival. Chairman had received facebook contact from P.Griffiths on June 24 complaining that flags had been draped on the Cenotaph railings again this year, he than received a detailed letter from him. Council Members received copies of the letter and the content was discussed in detail

along with the draft reply prepared by the Chairman, the Members were happy with the content of the reply and the Chairman confirmed that he had sent it to P.Griffiths.

Planning applications

Tan y Castell – Nothing to report

Mur Coch Farm – Nothing to report

Ty'n y Fron – Has the application been withdrawn?

Woodland Plot Glan Gors – Nothing to report

Bron Fedw – Nothing to report

Tanyclogwyn – No comments nor objections

Maes y Coed – No comments nor objections

New applications

Application to vary part of Condition 2 Bryn Moel – No comments nor objections

E.R.Noble proposed that it should not be required to list all the applications other than those where the Council have commented on them, seconded T.W.Jones with all in agreement.

Flooding. Detailed report received from D.Rowlands CCBC, Members had been sent copies. Various comments made, disappointment with the timetable for any work and some of the proposals suggested. Liz Roberts and A.Fawcett had a meeting on June 26 with the officers and Mr & Mrs Causer 1 Castle Terrace, the report includes references to this area. L.Roberts confirmed that CCBC are dealing with 39 similar reports in the County and that the situation is complicated. A.Fawcett agreed to ‘amend’ and complete his report by the time of the next Council meeting, he was thanked for his interest and his work with this issue.

Hydro Scheme. C.Brewer confirmed that B.Burchell at CCBC had confirmed that a newsletter would be produced during July and that much work has been completed in relation to collecting information to complete the funding application. A ‘Stakeholder’ meeting should be held in the near future. Capita staff are continuing with their research in the area.

Financial. The Clerk presented the Annual Financial report, audited and approved by the Chair and Vice Chair, to be approved by the Members, this was unanimously confirmed by them. These will now be forwarded to the Auditors BDO. Members were happy with the financial report which is prepared by the Clerk for each meeting and find it very useful.

Bills. A.Jones grass cutting May & June £716.66; Emptying Dog waste bins May/June £60; E.Roberts replanting flower tubs £97.50; Community Centre £10; Clerk salary 3 months £250; Menter Siabod Film night £10; A.Valintine Film night £10; Paul MACBEAR burning DVD's £26. Bills for payment proposed T.W.Jones, seconded M.Chapman. New Balance £4573.86.

Roman Bridge road. Comment made that poor quality grass cutting had taken place recently, was the machine too large and unsuitable possibly? Clerk to contact the ERF Dept at CCBC.

2018 Celebrations. It was understood that the Community Centre will celebrate 40 years & the Carnival 50 years in 2018 and that ideas to celebrate are in hand. Could the Community Council be part of this? The Ganolfan Committee are hoping to purchase new tables and question was asked if the Community Council could contribute towards the cost - £400? – no definite costings to hand, question asked if these could be confirmed? – can Menter Siabod also contribute towards the cost possibly? E.R.Noble proposed with T.W.Jones seconding that the Council should contribute in principle, agreed to discuss further following receipt of additional information.

Date of next Council: Thursday September 7th 7pm