

Council Minutes Thursday December 14 2023 at 7pm

Present: E.R.Noble, C.Brewer, T.W.Jones, C.L.Price, Liz Roberts, M.Skerrett, M.L.Hughes, I.W.Griffiths

Declaration of Interest. None

Council Minutes: Council minutes November 16 confirmed proposed E.R.Noble, seconded C.L.Price and all in favour.

Police. Reply from PC Peter Jones confirming that he had called to see the damage caused at the Station. It is under the jurisdiction of Network Rail, there is no CCTV and they do not have funding for CCTV. There were no other reports of anti-social behaviour over the last month. The area they have to cover is massive so visits to Dolwyddelan depend on other calls, they are urging people to report issues on 101

The A470. Clerk to contact Paul Sagar regarding the situation at the entrance to Roman Bridge road. No response regarding moving the 30mph sign back to its original spot.

County Council. It looks likely that the lack of funding is preventing any work at Cyfyng Hill.

Scottish Power. Hopefully work will take place in the New Year.

Toilets. Liz Roberts is very hopeful that the £500 payment from CCBC will be paid this year. At their recent visit officials from CCBC they were able to adjust a door which had been giving Zac problems. The payment by card situation is a general problem. The officials commented as to how clean the toilets were kept. Toilets income to be banked monthly.

Cenotaph. C.Brewer confirmed that Dolwyddelan in Bloom members had been working in the Cenotaph grounds preparing for Remembrance Sunday, this was greatly appreciated. C.Brewer noted that the Clerk would need to pay Alison Liederbach for buying a bag of sand for the work.

Work at the Cemetery. C.Brewer and Liz Roberts continue to work so hard to get funding to carry out the work, they were warmly thanked for their tireless efforts and commitment

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed C.Brewer, seconded M.L.Hughes, and all in favour. M.Skerrett agreed to meet with the Clerk in relation to arranging online Banking.

E.R.Noble was felt that Council should have a Personnel Committee and an Appeals Committee, this was agreed and T.W.Jones, L.Roberts, E.R.Noble, M.Skerrett and the Clerk were appointed for the Personnel committee, C.L.Price, M.L.Hurges, C.Brewer and I.W.Griffiths were appointed to the Appeals committee. Personnel Committee to meet January 3 at 7pm.

Defibrillator. Nothing to report.

Bus Service. Liz Roberts confirmed that the service was being well supported and the service now supports Roman Bridge residents.

A470 Crimea. Clerk to contact Neil Dyson again to ask if he has been to have a look at the situation where branches are 'masking drivers' view along the A 470 near the Roman Bridge turn off.

Website. M.Skerrett had mentioned upgrading the website to Nick and discussed costs.

Christmas Tree. Agreed that the ‘event’ had again been a success and well supported, Clerk mentioned how C.Brewer had worked hard with the arrangements along with many local people. Thanks are due also to Wayne and Darren for their work with the ‘lights’ along the A470 through the village.

Precept 2024. A figure for the 2024 Precept will need to be set by January 19 2024.

Tree Felling. Clerk had received a vague response from Simon Billington CCBC regarding work to cut down trees and branches at Pont y Pant along with a large tree near to Tanrallt houses - Clerk to follow up.

Audit. Clerk confirmed that the 2023 figures have been audited and forwarded to the Auditors.

Congratulations. Liz Roberts was congratulated following the news that a grant of £9980 had been awarded to carry out a ‘community needs’ survey in the village, more news will be forthcoming soon.

Dog bins. I.W.Griffiths noted that bags were required for the bin at Bwlch Bridge.

Flooding. No knowledge as to whether Owen Conry and Rob Jones had visited the village as promised.

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday December 14.