

Council Minutes Zoom meeting Thursday January 13 2021 at 7pm

Present: M.Chapman, L. Roberts, E.R.Noble, M.Skerrett, Marion L Hughes, C.Brewer, C.L.Price.

Apologies: T.W.Jones

Minutes. Council minutes 10.12.20. confirmed, proposed M.Skerrett, seconded C.Brewer.

Report from L.Roberts. L.Roberts had produced reports relating to agenda items, once again they were very useful to Members.

New 'Lights'. All were agreed that the 'lights' on the poles along part of the A470 through the village were very effective and many positive comments had been made by villagers. Darren Jones was responsible for the lights with the electrician W.Faulkner assisting him, Clerk to thank them for their work. It will be possible to switch them on for any 'event' in the village. Clerk had paid the company for the lights, Liz to contact Darren regarding any payment due to him.

Police. Understood that the Police are visiting the village on a regular basis.

The A470. Nothing to report.

County Council. Understood that excellent work had been completed on the old Penrhiw to the Castle road and Sarn Helen, Clerk to thank CCBC for this. I.Davies had also made contact about this. Drainage work taking place on Singrig Hill.

Footpaths. L.Roberts had photographed stiles in the area and is in discussions regarding having dog friendly stiles. She has also asked why a gate on a path at Pont y Pant has been padlocked?

Station site. L.Roberts is discussing the poor condition of the picnic benches with SNP who may provide a grant for new ones, they suggested benches suitable for use by people with disabilities. A company at Llanrug supplies these and L.Roberts is in contact with them. Dolwyddelan in Bloom are applying for funding from the SNP Community fund to pay for these. They have already been successful with their application for funding for a bench and plants for the Station site from the 'Dref Werdd' at Blaenau Ffestiniog. M.Skerrett proposed with C.Brewer seconding that purchasing these items should go ahead, Liz to arrange.

Carreg Alltrem Bridge. M.Grant confirmed that the August work has settled and that work on the paths will be undertaken this month. They are being 'troubled' by Quad and motor bike users in the area and have sited boulders in an attempt to prevent them getting to the forest via the bridge.

Bus/Train Service. Disappointment was expressed at the reduction in the number of trains to 4 a day? X19 still running - news imminent regarding the Traws Cymru service - X19 will become the TrawsCymru electrified bus service!

Bridges in the Area. B.Shiland CCBC confirmed the Sarn Ddu bridge work had been refused but was hopeful after further discussions that work there could commence in May?

Members' Remuneration. Discuss at next meeting.

Planning applications

Llys y Gwynt. Nothing to report.

Flooding. No update provided.

Christmas Tree. Clerk to contact A.Farrar regarding payment for the tree and any related work.

Scottish Power. L.Roberts confirmed the company will complete the work in the New Year.

Broadband. Meeting held with R.Miller MP December 18, next meeting January 29. Work would be costly at Roman Bridge. W.Valintine had made contact with Clerk and L.Roberts regarding LoraWen gateway which CCBC have installed in all their schools. Information received as to a 'webinar' regarding this on January 20.

NRW. Report received from the meeting with NRW - historically High Street residents make their own parking arrangements, Members did not favour permit parking, Liz to convey to NRW.

Speed Limit. 20mph signs Maes y Braich, High Street and near the School - Liz would like Members' comments to convey to W.Roberts, one comment was would a 20mph sign throughout the village be appropriate? Agreed that some form of action was required.

Toilets. Agreed to place a notice inviting anyone interested in the post of cleaning the toilets to contact the Clerk. Once work is completed it will be easier to gauge what work is required. Clerk to contact S.Teale again to arrange a meeting and for a completion date for the work.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. Very constructive meetings held at the Cenotaph and Cemetery. At the Cenotaph it was agreed to ask a person to come and view the area and to produce a landscaping plan for consideration bearing in mind what A.Farrar (Ginge) had suggested. The condition of the benches at the site was checked. Clerk to thank Ginge for arranging the work of cutting down and clearing the trees at the site.

At the Cemetery the condition of the trees near the hut was checked, the smaller one is rotten at ground level and needs removing, agreed to ask Dylan to cut it down and also to estimate the cost of removing ivy and growth covering the hut.Clerk to contact D.Williams regarding access to his land. Agreed to ask Les Roberts for estimate to clear and level the land opposite the hut. Also decided to seek estimates to fence off part of the land opposite the hut and to rebuild parts of the boundary wall where required.

Financial. Clerk reported on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, also to replace an out of date cheque to CCBC for the Youth Club, proposed M.L.Hughes seconded C.Brewer.

Precept 2021/22. Clerk had distributed a detailed report to assist Members - detailed discussion followed bearing in mind the new cost of maintaining the toilets and the cost of the work to be carried out at the Cemetery and Cenotaph in addition to the normal expenditure. M.Skerrett proposed with C.Brewer seconding and all in agreement, to keep the Precept figure at £10,000.

Date of next Council. Clerk to arrange the next Zoom meeting in February 2021.