

Council Minutes Thursday January 11 2024 at 7pm

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

Apologies: M.L.Hughes

Declaration of Interest. None

Council Minutes: Council minutes December 14 confirmed proposed I.W.Griffiths, seconded C.Brewer and all in favour.

Police. No developments as regards the damage to the fence at the Station, Clerk to contact TFW to inform them of the damage.

The A470. Discussions continue regarding the 20mph signs. Letter received from H.Rowlands Bryn Afon regarding the siting of the 20mph sign at Pentrefelin, claiming this causes traffic noise as drivers are tending to accelerate as they leave the 20mph area. Comments noted, understood that discussions continue regarding the situation with these signs.

County Council. Clerk to write again regarding the poor condition of the road surface at Maes y Braich.

Toilets. The sub committee are meeting on January 25, Zac the cleaner to be invited.

Cemetery. Understood that the funding application had been approved - need to wait for information as to the distribution of the payments, again C.Brewer and Liz Roberts were thanked for their incredible work with the preparation and drafting of the grant applications.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation reporting that money was owed to A.Minton for work in the Cemetery. Bill payments agreed including the Clerk's annual payment, proposed C.Brewer, seconded I.W.Griffiths

A470 Crimea. Understood that offending tree branches have been cut.

Christmas Lights Clerk needs to thank Wayne and Darren for their work with the lights along the A470, Liz will supply the Clerk with their contact details.

Precept 2024. Clerk had supplied Members with information relating to expenditure for the 24/25 Precept and a detailed discussion followed. Agreed that it was likely that spending would be substantial in the new year. Agreed on a figure of £15,000 but eventually a Precept figure of £20,000 was agreed on a proposal by L.Roberts, seconded by C.Brewer will all in favour apart from M.Skerrett who withheld his vote. Question was asked as to whether Iona had provided an invoice for her accounting work, Clerk had not received anything from her. M.Skerrett agreed to go and see Iona to ask for a bill and also to ask her if she would prepare a VAT refund application on behalf of the Council.

Banking arrangements M.Skerrett confirmed he was rather frustrated with delays at the Bank, he, T.W.Jones and the Clerk have supplied their details to enable Council to Bank on line or by Phone, he will contact them again for a response.

Tree Felling. No tree felling had taken place at Pont y Pant nor at Gweithdy hill.

Audit. Nothing to report, documents have not been returned from the office at Cardiff.

General. Agreed that sub committee meetings should be held regularly - they have been set up, the Personnel sub committee has already met on January 3, it noted the need to prepare plans for training of Councillors, need to discuss translation, also the situation with the Clerk will need to be considered. The Toilets committee is meeting on January 25, Clerk to ask Zac to attend to report on his work and any issues of concern he has to raise.

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday February 8.

### DOLWYDDELAN COMMUNITY PLAN

The evening started at 6:30pm with a visit from Marc Roberts the Consultant who will be working with the Council to prepare a Dolwyddelan Community Plan. Mark outlined what he would be seeking to prepare and said that he would try and respond to any questions from the Councillors. He distributed a detailed information leaflet which outlined what he hoped to achieve with the local community, the leaflet explained how he hoped to collect the required information which includes meeting with residents face to face or in arranged meetings. He confirmed that this would be the first of many meetings he would hold with Councillors and residents and that he was looking forward to start on his work and meeting with Councillors as required.