

Council Minutes Thursday January 12 2023 at 7pm

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

Declaration of Interest. None.

Minutes. Council minutes 8.12.2022, confirmed, proposed T.W.Jones, seconded M.L.Hughes, following some amendments which were required and noted by the Clerk.

Police. Reply from Sgt R.Evans the original message had not reached him, the Police are looking to arrange to attend Community Council meetings in the New Year, PCSO's Peter Jones and Elin Harlow will be covering Dolwyddelan. Reply from Inspector Laura Salisbury Jones received, thanking Council for their best wishes in her new role and confirming that had noticed the lack of attendance at Council meetings - she has discussed this with Sgt Evans - meetings will be built into their Engagement plan from now on.

The A470. Liz Roberts had not been able to obtain information as to how the data from the 'speed gun' is collated and distributed i.e. with the Police and NMWTRA. - Clerk to contact J.Morris.

County Council. As no report was received regarding work at Penrhiw hill and Cyfyng, Clerk to contact K.Jones and Karl Jones for a report and to mention severe potholes along the road to Roman Bridge station, and that flooding is also an issue on the road near Ffridd. Reply from Richard Roberts CCBC, they are unable to install a 'No through road sign' due to the route being an 'adopted highway' from the Station towards Ty Isaf road. They could look at an alternative sign noting 'Gates Giatiau' Members did not think much of this, Clerk to contact R.Roberts again. Nothing to report regarding removing 'the ladder at Granllyn.

Footpaths. Nothing to report.

Bridges in the Area. Clerk has made contact with Bryn Shiland no response received. Understood that any work may not take place until 2024 due to finance issues.

Planning

Ty'n Afallen - no decision

Bodygroes - “

Bridge Fedw “

3 Bron Llan - No objections.

Plans Tanrallt Farm - no objections.

Gwalia - apparently this application has been allowed, no notification received.

Flooding Nothing to report.

Scottish Power. Nothing to report.

Toilets. Clerk had discussed opening 24/7 with Zac, he had reservations and asked whether there was anything in the insurance policy about this - no response received from the insurance company.

Cenotaph Nothing to report, Clerk to speak with E.Roberts about the wall.

Work at the Cemetery. C.Brewer gave an update as regards the work - all the contractors have been paid the due amounts as agreed (C.Brewer declared her interest). The grant amount due to the Community Council should be £6194.66, Clerk to clarify VAT position, Liz Roberts will also discuss this with Haf Jones. Connie confirmed that a quote had been received to carry out work on the 'hearse building', this was discussed fully - need for grant funding - source? - following a meaningful discussion it was agreed that C.Brewer and Liz Roberts should discuss various routes and actions required to proceed with this work and report back to members.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed I.W.Griffiths, seconded M.Hughes, and all in favour.

Christmas Tree. C.Brewer will make inquiries as to cost of the tree.

Council Website. M.Skerrett confirmed that the site had received around 400 visits.

Japanese Knotweed. Clerk to discuss options with A.Farrar ALFA.

Logging. It was understood that the work is progressing well with no problems.

Footpath near Ty'n y Bryn Quarry. Options discussed again, agreed that a stile would be the solution.

Dolwyddelan in Bloom. C.Brewer confirmed that Dolwyddelan in Bloom has now been set up as a sub-committee within DCC - membership E.Noble, C.Brewer, Gwyn Roberts Clerk, and Ian Richardson the Dolwyddelan yn ei Blodau Treasurer DyB) - C.Brewer and DyB Treasurer will provide regular reports to the Community Council CC as required and the Clerk will co-operate with the DyB Treasurer as required. DyB intend transferring monies to the CC, which was greatly appreciated.

Allt Gweithdy. Some issues here as regards flooding, Clerk to raise with Karl Jones along with raising flooding at Penrhiw hill and near Ffridd also pot holes which need attention along the road to the A470 junction. Liz will obtain the contact details.

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday February 9.

Precept 2023/24

Clerk had prepared and supplied Members with detailed information regarding forthcoming issues and expenditure which were discussed fully. Obviously the successful work completed at the Cemetery was raised and it was felt that this proved what can be achieved when various 'bodies' come together and funding avenues are properly researched. Comment was made as to the general price rises in materials which should be borne in mind. It was hoped that some other 'schemes' which are being discussed to improve areas in the village could be brought to fruition if the 'proper' funding was to hand. Following a meaningful discussion M.Skerrett proposed with Liz Roberts seconding and all in favour, that a precept figure of £12,000 should be applied for for the year 2023/24.