

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday July 4 2019 at 6.30pm.

Present: M.Chapman, Marion L Hughes, C.Brewer, Liz Roberts.

Apology: M.Skerrett, E.R.Noble, T.W.Jones, C.L.Price.

Minutes. Council Minutes 9.5.2019 confirmed proposed L.Roberts, seconded M.L.Hughes following comments that L.Roberts had been liaising with T.Rowlands CCBC for some time to get the Information Panels renewed, M.Chapman had been taking related photographs in the area. Liz Roberts is one of the Dolwyddelan School Governors.

Police. L.Roberts had obtained information regarding the new Police Officers who will be responsible for the area. M.Skerrett, M.Chapman and C.Brewer to meet to discuss 'local signs' and obtaining estimates for flashing warning signs. Clerk has met with Helen and Adam, Elen's Castle as to having a 'Police Official' again this year near the Hotel, this should happen in the near future.

The A470. It appears that the situation with the train/bus service is in order with the hope that all will have been resolved by the time of the National Eisteddfod. Liz Roberts confirmed that A.Daniels is Vice Chair of the group regarding the Conwy Valley Rail Service and that she should be contacted for information regarding any problems. No information as regards what the situation will be with school pupils transport from September. Liz confirmed that she is awaiting a response from T.Barnes Welsh Government regarding moving road signs near Pont Arenig, she has also contacted G.Bebb MP.

County Council. Unfortunately it is unlikely that Tŷ Isaf road will be resurfaced, however, Liz is continuing to discuss with CCBC to find finance for this work.

Footpaths. Confirmation from C.Brewer that the stile near Llwyn has been repaired, Clerk to ask E.R.Noble and Ioan Davies if there are 'dog friendly stiles' available for dog owners, some of them are difficult to use.

Station site. The Station site looks very well, Dolwyddelan in Bloom members are to be congratulated for their work.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. Clerk had met with Clive Humphreys at the Cenotaph on May 13th, Clive confirmed that the 'new CCBC working arrangements' will affect the agreed local arrangements but that he would continue to provide the service for as long as he could. It would be best to wait until the new trees are planted before considering C.Brewer's suggestion regarding a protective slate border to protect the trees.

Council Charter. Clerk confirmed that the Town & Community Council Forum at Glasdir Llanrwst on June 24th had not been very informative, Liz Roberts felt that the County Council should really work much better with the Town & Community Councils. Question asked whether clustering Councils will happen in the future?

Dolwyddelan School. Detailed letter received from J.Richmond on behalf of the Governing Body of the local Schools noting the drastic effect that the cuts in school budgets are having on the schools. Staff cuts and cuts to working hours for support staff. All this is having a harmful effect on the co-learning educational arrangements at the schools. The Body firmly believes that pupils at the three schools benefit greatly from meeting and learning together and that these severe cuts threaten the continuation of these arrangements. A list was provided of donations the Body had received but a new school year is on the horizon bringing great concern as to the financial situation. Jon was making an appeal for financial support, Menter Siabod have promised £500

primarily to Dolwyddelan School, and Jon was asking kindly whether the Community Council could donate in similar fashion? The request was discussed in detail by members prior to their agreeing to a proposal from M.L.Hughes seconded by C.Brewer and all in agreement to donate £500 to Dolwyddelan School, interest declared by Liz Roberts and M.Chapman. Agreed to keep in contact with the Governing Body in future to keep up to date with the developing situation.

Surgery Building. Clerk confirmed that he had received CV details from the person who is interested in using the building and that he had forwarded them to Dr.T.Parry. No further developments following this action.

Financial Remuneration IPRW. Nothing to report.

Carreg Alltrem Bridge. Information from M.Grant confirming that she had been unable to complete the work on the bridge nor the planting of the willow tree plants at the site as further advice was required and the planting season had expired. However work will take place to ensure the safety of the site which may require some closure of the bridge.

Bus Service. No complaints nor further information received regarding the service.

Youth Service. Information received from Jane Williams CCBC confirming that the club will close for the Summer on July 17th and recommence on September 11th.

Skip. The skip visit on June 26th had been very well supported, Menter Siabod will be paying for the next visit at the end of the Summer.

Dog waste bins. Clerk confirmed the arrangement to empty the bins with Seb and Gen Bryn Melyn was working well, this news was welcomed by the Members.

Flower planters. E.Roberts has planted new flowers in the planters which look very well.

Logo. C.Brewer had received examples of the 'logo' for consideration by the Members, M.L.Hughes proposed with L.Roberts seconding and all in agreement, that the grey version be accepted.

Correspondences.

Review of Polling Stations. Letter from CCBC that they were reviewing sites, everyone was happy to continue with the School site.

Benar Terrace. Notice about roadworks to take place on July 15-17th

National Park. Advance notice regarding meetings with Councils during September/October.

Renewing our Democracy. Copied to Members.

Eisteddfod Decorations. Message from Einir W. Hughes, anyone interested in helping to prepare decorations for display in the village to attend the School on July 15th

Planning applications

Tŷ Llwyd: Nothing to report

Tan y Clogwyn: Nothing to report

Flooding. Message from K.Phillips confirming that the application has not yet been submitted for Welsh Government consideration, in the opinion of CCBC Option 5 is the most beneficial for the area. She will keep in contact with the Council.

Toilets. M.Skerrett had received a message from S.Teale at the end of June noting that they hoped to commence the work at the end of the school holidays. Agreed that Mike should ask for copies of the plans to then arrange a meeting to discuss them with CCBC officials prior to the next Council meeting on Spetember 12th.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members which was fully discussed. Clerk confirmed that the final financial report for year ending 31 March 2019 and the relevant documentation had been sent to the BDO Auditors within the required timetable.

Bills. Translation July 4 £103.60; CCBC Meeting 4/7 £10; I.Griffiths grass cutting May/June £666.66; Clerk 1 April – 30 June £250; E.Roberts Flower Planters £70; Seb Kent Emptying dog bins £80; Contribution Dolwyddelan School £500. Bills for payment proposed C.Brewer, seconded M.L.Hughes. Following bill payments new balance £9236.30 in the account.

Tŷ Isaf Road. Understood that flooding continues to be a problem along the road prior to reaching Tŷ Isaf Farmhouse and beyond the Four Yard Pool, Clerk to contact the ERF Dept.

Date of next Council: Thursday September 12th 2019 at 7:00pm

Meeting with Gwyn Parry CCBC Thursday July 4th a7 6:30pm

Chairperson M.Chapman welcomed Mr. Parry and he thanked the Council for the opportunity to meet the Members. He thanked Liz Roberts for her work and co-operation whilst discussing the situation with the 3 bridges in the area and the finance this will entail. Throughout all the discussions the safety of the bridges will be paramount.

Sarn Ddu Bridge. Some general comments about the bridge'condition, work is required on it and as it is Grade 2 Listed any work required must be discussed with the National Park. Some widening work to be considered, a new 'deck', pointing and examination and scour of the walls and pillars with a possible 'slice top'. The fact that there will be a need to work in the river could pose problems – need to liaise with the NRW. An issue will be the access for people in the area during the work – he said that 3 possible options were being considered to resolve this. Possible October start for the work?

Hendre Bridge. This bridge also Grade 2 Listed and has been in place for around 120 years? Again need to discuss with the Park and NRW. Need to consider the abutments carefully, especially the A470 side, also scouring work. Detailed discussions taking place with the consultants. Again he would like the work to commence in October, if not he would tender with the aim of starting in April 2020. Naturally the footpath would have to be closed for a while.

Pont y Pant. This bridge presents the greater problem and requires much study and research including a detailed topography study. It is likely that the concrete is an issue on and around the bridge. Discussions with the Park and NRW here also, especially as much work will be done from the river and will need to be done between April and October. Again access will need to be arranged for residents who use the bridge daily, here he noted that any photos of the river in flood in this area would be useful. He could not estimate a start date for the work here, this will be the final one of the 3 to receive attention as there are many differing situations to consider and resolve.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Parry warmly and asked that it would be good if he could keep the Council informed of any developments.

