

Council Minutes at the Community Pavilion Thursday July 7 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present: C.Brewer, M.Skerrett, T.W.Jones, Liz Roberts, E.R.Noble, M.Chapman, C.Roberts, A.Fawcett.

Apologies. J.Houston, T.Jones.

Minutes. Council Minutes 26.5.2016, confirmed, proposed by L.Roberts, seconded M.Skerrett. C.Brewer hoped that Council business could be completed within a 2 hour period.

Police. Information from M.Skerrett that PCSO P.Gales is back working in our area and apologies for not attending this meeting. Content of the 'Community Speed Watch' leaflet discussed noting it is possible to invite the 'Go Safe' vehicle to an area, E.R.Noble proposed with Liz Roberts seconding, that the Clerk should do so and for it to concentrate on the Crimea Pass, the Roman Bridge crossroads and the Bertheos Bridge bend areas. To note also that lorries are known to speed through the village late at night and early mornings.

The A470. Clerk to contact Highways Minister K.Skates again seeking a response, and Dylan Owen again regarding the very bright street light at 14 Castle Terrace and a general site visit to the village. Clerk to complain again to I.Tegid regarding cars parking dangerously in the Granllyn area, copy to K.Skates.

County Council. A reply from the ERF Dept regarding the complaints about the condition of bridges included work reference numbers, Clerk to copy the reply to Liz Roberts as there are concerns about the procedures. Clerk to contact B.Shiland CCBC again to ask him to arrange to visit the area to inspect the areas giving concern. Contact to be made with the ERF Dept again about the condition of the road surface at Roman Bridge especially near Chapel House.

Footpaths. L. Roberts confirmed contractors will be carrying out repair work at llwybyr cul soon.

Station site. Liz Roberts confirmed that Dolwyddelan in Bloom members are carrying out excellent work at the Station site, Arriva are generous with their support to them and the area. The station site will be considered for an ACORP award at Southport in the near future. Peter Davies has provided a planter for use on the platform, Clerk to thank him.

Hydro Scheme. The scheme is progressing as planned according to Liz Roberts' understanding – she was asked if the funding was secure in the light of the 'Brexit' decision? Again she confirmed that she understood that the funding is earmarked and secure. C.Brewer, and others, expressed disappointment that information about the scheme wasn't available at the Carnival as had been promised at the Public Meeting. Agreed that the Clerk should contact S.Teale again to express concern and to ask him for an explanation and an update regarding the current situation.

Financial. Clerk confirmed balances & supplied Members with a detailed financial report, the first new year Precept payment has been received.

Village History. Llinos Griffin has interviewed Mrs Catherine Thomas at the Nursing Home in Llandudno, she had responded very well. Llinos will now be arranging to interview Mrs Georgina Jones and hoping to meet with Members with an update during September.

'Odd job' Post. The subject was discussed in detail especially so in the light of the intention to purchase additional bins for dog faeces. Clerk had contacted one person but had not received any response. Two other names were mentioned and on a proposal from M.Skerrett with T.W.Jones seconding, Clerk was asked to contact them.

Village Surgery/Ffestiniog Hospital. No reply to the inquiry regarding a possible 'Community Asset Transfer' of the Surgery site.

Recycle More. Agreed that the Environment Day had been very successful with the CCBC staff who were present excelling with the work they provided, Clerk to write to CCBC to thank them. Liz Roberts confirmed that it is possible that the County will arrange to cut all the grass in the area including the Station Yard at the end of the year. No definite information to hand as regards the trialling of emptying bins every 4 weeks in some areas.

Tree Harvesting. A reply from P.Lloyd confirmed he had sent the comments provided by Mrs Jones-Artell for the attention of the Harvesting Company responsible for the work and that they had ensured that their drivers will adhere to the new timings. He also confirmed that they have cameras in the area to keep an eye on the situation and to enable the Manager to take any action required as appropriate.

Salt gritting. Lyn Davies from CCBC provided a detailed reply in response to Community Council's comments. An important comment by him was that he felt it was likely that the County would continue to grit the main roads. The information the Clerk had obtained from the press regarding how Gwynedd Council are dealing with this issue was noted. The matter was discussed in detail with many relevant and pertinent views put forward. Receiving voluntary support will be very important but Members felt this would be forthcoming, therefore E.R.Noble proposed with M.Skerrett seconding and all in agreement, that the Community Council should become part of the CCBC scheme. Clerk to note the Station Car Park as a site for CCBC to deliver the salt bags.

The Cemetery. Comment made by the Clerk that the road in the cemetery grounds is pot holed and floods during rainfall, agreed to attend to the problem and names for the Clerk to contact for estimates were provided.

Visit. It was understood that Cara Lynn will be attending the Fun Day on October 15th.

Local Walks. A letter from M.Grant confirmed that she has arranged for maintenance work to take place at Pont Carreg Alltrem and that the path and bridge may have to be closed for a period. Agreed on a proposal from M.Skerrett that a definite date to meet with her should be arranged.

Tree Harvesting. Comment made by E.R.Noble that the company are in contact with Roman Bridge residents. The company inquired as regards timings of the 'school run', agreed to confirm between 8am and 9am and between 3pm and 4:30pm.

Audit. Information received relating to the Annual Audit.

Planning applications

Siting solar panels at Gwyndy – No information

Ty Isaf Hydro Scheme – No information

14 Castle Terrace – No objections nor observations

Nant yr Haf Roman Bridge – Allowed

Bills. Community Pavilion £10; Transfer Cemetery account £500; Caretaker May/June £683.32; (C.Roberts noted interest); Clerk salary & expenses 3 months £211.52. Bills for payment proposed L.Roberts, seconded M.Chapman.

Flooding. No reply from H.Keeble, as this is an issue of concern to villagers, agreed that the Clerk should contact him again to seek information about the result of his work with CCBC.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. The Chairperson and the Clerk had a fruitful meeting with A. Hughes, V.Kelly and R.Thomas from SNP. They had walked the area to view different sites, the officers had already visited the Carnival and spoken about the situation with many villagers. Arfon will be contacting the Council following his visit.

Footpaths 16/17. No objection to extending the closure period whilst tree harvesting continues.

Tree growth at Maes y Braich. Clerk was dealing with a complaint regarding tree growth causing problems at 2/3/4 Maes y Braich, he has contacted L.Derbyshire at Natural Resources.

Carnival. The consensus was that the Carnival had been a success, agreed that the Clerk should write to thank and congratulate the organisers.

The Cenotaph. Letter received from Paul Griffiths who was concerned about flags having been placed along the Cenotaph railings during the Carnival, the matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge the letter and confirm that the comments had been noted.

Cycling venture. Members wished Chairperson Connie Brewer well on her visit to Canada to take part in a cycling event to raise money for Charity.

Date of next Council: Thursday September 1st 2016 at 7pm.