

Council Minutes Zoom meeting Thursday March 18 2021 at 7pm

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

Apologies: M.Chapman

Chairperson: Vice Chairman E.R.Noble Chaired the meeting.

Minutes. Council minutes 13.1.21, confirmed, proposed M.Skerrett, seconded M.L.Hughes.

Report from L.Roberts. Once again L.Roberts had produced reports relating to some items.

Police. L.Roberts had met with PCSO G.Thomas and D.Bellis in the village, D.Bellis will be the Council contact, she and Youth Worker Rhydian intend meeting with village youngsters. Rhydian will be able to work regularly with the youngsters when the 'lockdown' has been removed.

The A470. Resurfacing the A470 to take place soon, no definite news as to the exact locations.

County Council. L.Roberts has discussed the condition of Ffordd Tŷ Isaf with K.Jones asking the ERF Dept that the whole road be resurfaced from the School to the Treatment Works, also work to sections of the Roman Bridge road from near Gorddian to Chapel House. She has discussed the Tŷ Isaf road with Welsh Water and received a reply from B.Parry who agreed to visit the area. Clerk had been told that the reason for so many lorries visiting the Treatment Works was because the 'containers' needed a complete 'flushing' following flooding. C.Price noted that work was required along the Cyfyng road, Clerk to report.

Footpaths. L.Roberts had prepared a template of the village footpaths and with Members' agreement would place it on the Covid Whats App which would allow walkers to report any concerns about paths - agreed. Liz and the Chairperson are liaising with NRW, SNPA and CCBC, Liz would like Council to resurrect the Footpath sub committee at the AGM.

Station site. Dolwyddelan in Bloom have bought 2 benches for the site following grant funding from Dref Werdd Blaenau and Conwy Cynhaliol (CCBC). Community Council were successful in obtaining a £500 grant from SNPA to buy picnic benches for the picnic area, Clerk has ordered the benches. Dolwyddelan in Bloom members have built raised planters in the station yard. The Community Council have already decided to make a £500 contribution towards their work throughout the village.

Carreg Alltrem Bridge. NRW have agreed to renew the wooden plaque at the site to note that Dolwyddelan School children took an active part in planting trees at the site.

Bus/Train Service. Understood it was unlikely that the Traws Cymru service will commence until September on account of Covid lockdown and other issues. Clerk to inquire as to when trains will run again?

Bridges in the Area. B.Shiland confirmed that CCBC are engaging another consultant to help to move forward the listed building consent at Pont Sarn Ddu. Hopefully work will be completed at Hendre Bridge in 2020/21 with NRW approval. Assessment of Pont y Pant Bridge to be completed in 2020/21.

Members' Remuneration. Discuss at next meeting.

Planning applications

Llys y Gwynt. Nothing to report.

9 Castle Terrace. Plans viewed by Members - no objections.

Flooding. No update provided.

Christmas Tree. Clerk had been advised that A.Farrar did not wish to receive any payment , Clerk to thank him for his generosity.

Scottish Power. The company will complete the work in the New Year.

Broadband. Nothing of note to report.

NRW. Understood that a draft Constitution has been prepared for the Residents Committee, NRW not happy to discuss unless there is Community Council representation, this is why L.Roberts is involved. A ‘wide ranging’ discussion ensued on the matter.

Speed Limit. Agreed to write to W.Roberts CCBC to confirm that Members would like to see a 20mph limit throughout the village.

Toilets. Clerk confirmed that 3 local people had declared interest also the CCBC option to do the work must be borne in mind. A constructive discussion followed which included the terms, need to clean 1 hour a day for 4 days in Summer, 2 days in Winter, to be reviewed as appropriate. Various views and comments were made before L.Roberts proposed with M.L.Hughes seconding, and a majority in favour, that efforts should be made to get a local person to do the work. Clerk to contact the applicants outlining the terms and asking them to write to the Council giving their reasons for making the application, to reply by March 29. It is very frustrating having discussions without knowing properly how the building will look, especially so the doors?

Cenotaph. The sub committee have met with a person at the Cenotaph to discuss a landscaping plan for the site, need now to await his comments. Agreed to place a sign at the site when work commences, M.Skerrett offered to prepare a suitable sign.

Cemetery. Estimate received from Dylan Webber to carry out the work of cutting down the smaller tree at the Cemetery and to clear the ivy off the hut, D.Williams is happy for workmen to go on his land. Les Roberts to quote for the work of clearing and landscaping the area opposite the hut. Quote also required to fence off land opposite the hut and to rebuild parts of the boundary wall.

Financial. Clerk reported on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed M.Skerrett, seconded L.Roberts. This included increasing the payment for emptying the dog bins from April. Agreed that no donations would be made to organisations at this time but to do so once they have begun meeting once again.

Date of next Council. Clerk to arrange the next Zoom meeting towards the end of the month when replies should have been received from applicants for the cleaning of the toilets.