

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday March 12 2020 at 7:00pm.

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

Minutes. Council Minutes 9.1.2020, confirmed proposed M.L.Hughes, seconded C.L.Price.

Police. Nothing to report.

The A470. Areas requiring signage discussed – bottom of the Crimea to sign the Roman Bridge road; ‘No Litter’ sign at the layby near Bertheos Bridge and a sign there to note toilets can be found further along at Dolwyddelan. Liz Roberts is in regular contact with A.Owen and KarlJones regarding A470 issues in the Lledr Valley. Liz, M.Skerrett and the Clerk have strongly complained about the dangerous situation regarding the work along the A470 especially at the Village Square, barriers are too light and are easily blown over resulting in large ‘holes’ becoming a problem for drivers. (This matter had been discussed in detail with officials at an earlier meeting). Reply from T.Barnes Welsh Govt. noting that a review of the road network in Wales is taking place this year and that Council’s speeding complaints will be considered then.

County Council. K.Jones CCBC provided a detailed list of works completed recently in and around the village, some further work is scheduled. C.Brewer had met with M.Bardsley as regarding making safe the condition of trees in the Station Yard.

Footpaths. Clerk to offer Ioan Davies March 24 or 26 as dates for a meeting with him, he will notify Members of the exact date when agreed with Ioan.

Station site. Understood that M.Lawton is now based at Wrexham, no replacement appointed.

Council Charter. Clerk and Liz Roberts had attended a Forum meeting at Glasdir Llanrwst February 5, a useful meeting, obviously changes are being considered, clustering possibly? Obviously the duties and responsibilities of large and small Councils differ. A questionnaire noting the different areas of responsibilities was received, the ones relating to the local Council were Toilets and possibly the playing field?

Carreg Alltrem Bridge. Reply from M.Grant confirmed they have decided to carry out work ‘in house’ resulting in changes to and strengthening the river bank near to the bridge. This is likely to take place in Summer and she will keep in contact with the Council regarding work progress.

Bus Service. No comments but T.W.Jones suggested that this should be kept on the agenda as the continuation of the school and other services are important, Liz is monitoring the situation.

Dog waste bins. Clerk confirmed that Alison Liederbach Bryn Moel had agreed to do the work, which was welcomed, Clerk had agreed to visit her following a period of work to review the arrangements with her.

Logo. Clerk had not been to see B.Atkins as Mary is in very poor health.

Bridges in the Area. Letter received from Roman Bridge residents about Sarn Ddu Bridge and the road nearby, Clerk had forwarded a copy to B.Shiland CCBC. His reply confirmed he had contacted SNPark for their go ahead and that he hoped to commence work Summer 2020.

‘Repair Café’. Mrs Helen Hardy’s comments were noted.

Peter Owen Bench. No movement on this, having a plastic bench was again discussed – would this type be suitable? Clerk to contact B.Valintine again, a message from him confirmed that Menter Siabod would consider contributing towards the cost..

'MUGA' School yard. Information from Mrs Jones-Artell as regards cost, Menter Siabod had also been advised, £816 including VAT. M.Skerrett proposed, seconded by C.L.Price that Clerk should seek up to date information as regards the current situation prior to making a Council contribution. Interest declared by E.R.Noble, T.W.Jones and Liz Roberts.

Visit by Paul Sagar. No reply from P.Sagar Clerk to contact him again. Liz Roberts had sought costings for Xmas lights to put on the electricity poles, P.Sagar has agreed to assist with the pole connections. A local person has agreed to help with fixing the lights on the poles. Liz has also discussed this idea with Dylan Richards, Scottish Power, could he also assist with this work?

Dolwyddelan School. Letter from Mrs Nia Jones-Artell thanking Council for their £1000 donation, and provided a detailed account of school activities. 'Friends of the School' are aware of the contribution. They are arranging an Easter Egg hunt and other activities during the year.

Road condition. T.W.Jones confirmed that the large pothole in the road surface on the Railway Bridge has been repaired by the ERF Dept.

Xmas Tree lights. Noted that the committee set up to arrange this event had met, agreed that M.Chapman, Liz Roberts and C.Brewer should represent the Council on it. Meeting was held on February 11 and copy of meeting notes received via e.mail.

#### Correspondences.

Clerk had forwarded copies of various documents to Members, some comments were received: Recycling. Mrs Helen Hardy had contacted CCBC asking why the large 'Bins' had been removed from the Station yard. Copy of Sam Rowlands' response confirmed that a Recycling Officer will be at the Yard on February 6 to answer villagers queries, visit arranged by Liz Roberts. Understood there was a good response.

Resurfacing work at Beaver Bridge. Concerns were expressed on account that the road would be closed overnight for a week but the 'back road' would still be open.

#### Planning applications

Tŷ Llwyd: Allowed

Tan y Clogwyn: Allowed

1 Maes y Braich. Allowed

Rowans. Allowed

Pendyffryn. Allowed

Llys y Gwynt. No objections

Flooding. K.Phillips had been invited to the meeting but her visit was cancelled on account of the Scottish Power work taking precedent at this time, Liz Roberts will contact her for update.

Toilets. M.Skerrett makes regular contact with S.Teale and received a reply March 3, CCBC were not happy with some of the estimates (4 received) and will seek others from other contractors. Frank discussion followed with many expressing disappointment at the situation. Agreed the subu committee should meet with S.Teale to move the project forward, M.Skerrett to arrange.

Grass cutting. Clerk had advertised the work and 2 applications were received which were discussed in detail, T.W.Jones proposed with C.L.Price seconding and all in favour, that the work be offered to Iwan Griffiths, Clerk to make the arrangements with him.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. Agreed to visit the Cemetery in early Spring to discuss Connie's plan for the 'Remembrance Garden' and to check the condition of the perimeter walls and trees. A.Farrar ('Ginge') has agreed to inspect and cut down trees in a dangerous condition. Connie gave details following a meeting at the Cenotaph and said she would provide the Clerk with the details.

C.Humphreys confirmed that his workmen will not be cutting the Cenotaph grass in the new season but will keep an eye on the moss. Detailed discussion followed on the suggestion Ginge has made to have 'a ring of slate' in the grounds, one to represent each local soldier lost in the World Wars. Many comments made – will they be difficult to get (contact I.Ellis? – will people scribble on them? – are there enough of them available? As there were many questions, agreed that the solution the best way to come to a decision was to meet with Ginge at the Cenotaph grounds in the Spring and for him to bring an example of the slate with him to explain exactly how he thought they should be set out in the land. It is difficult to consider any work at the grounds until a decision is made on this issue. He has already told the Clerk that he will not consider cutting down the trees until after the bird nesting and fledging season. This all affects the work of Dolwyddelan in Bloom members of course. Clerk to discuss with Ginge regarding arranging a meeting during April/May and to let the Members know the chosen date.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report which was fully discussed.

Bills. CCBC Skip £240; N.Ferguson Website £16.79; One Voice Wales Membership £94; Translation March12 £103.60; CCBC Meeting 12/3 £10; A.Liederbach emptying dog bins £40; Clerk 1/1/20 to 31/3/20 £250; Donations Dolwyddelan School, Ti a Fi Group, Cylch yr Ifanc, Youth Club, Sion & Sian 5x£100 - £500. Bills for payment proposed L.Roberts, seconded E.R.Noble. Following bill payments new balance £8841.74 in the account.

Land at Maes y Braich. It was understood that the land at Maes y Braich has been sold by Bob Parry, Clerk to inquire regarding the buyer on account of the Japanese Knotweed at the site.

Meetings. Discussion regarding 'amending' the structure of meetings with a view to avoid repeated discussion of some issues.

Date of next Council: Thursday May 7 2020 at 7:00pm