

Council Minutes Thursday March 14 at 7pm

Present: E.R.Noble, T.W.Jones, Liz Roberts, M.L.Hughes,

Declaration of Interest. None

Apologies: M.Skerrett, C.Brewer, I.W.Griffiths.

Council Minutes: Council minutes February 8, confirmed proposed M.L.Hughes, seconded L.Roberts and all in favour.

Police. Clerk to contact PCSO Michele? to invite her to a Council meeting.

Station site. The fence has still not been repaired, reply from Network Rail confirming they had received the letter from the Clerk noting the damage, Clerk to write to Kevin Jones asking whether he could arrange to remove a tree which has fallen in the land.

The A470. Clerk to contact NMWTRA to ask them to resite the 'flashing speed warning' sign to its previous site in the village.

County Council. Report received that a handrail on the bridge over the meadow stream had broken and fallen into the stream, Clerk to contact Kevin Jones to ask him to visit the site as the path is very well used. C.L.Price noted that the condition of the Cyfyng hill is very poor resulting in road users having to make a wide detour to avoid the hill, Clerk to write to Kevin Jones again to ask him to go and view the situation. Severe flooding recently along the Roman Bridge road and damage to the road surface at the junction with the A470, large stones and debris had been carried down the hill with the flood and into the station road, Clerk to contact NMWTRA.

Toilets Two families had told the Clerk how impressed they were with the clean condition of the toilets at the village, Liz confirmed that she is still discussing the £500 payment from CCBC towards maintaining the building.

Cemetery. The work at the cemetery is going very well Connie had apologised for not being present but she had supplied a very detailed report of the progress to date. She felt that details of the work should be included on the village Facebook page, Clerk to arrange. Official opening date was discussed and September 28 was unanimously agreed. Everyone was so grateful to Connie for all her work and dedication to the project and wished that this be noted in the minutes.

Caretaker for the Cemetery. Clerk confirmed that Alistair had confirmed that he would not be interested in taking on the work this year, Clerk had made contact with 2 people who had shown interest but they did not wish to progress their interest, however a third person has declared interest and the Clerk is meeting with him at the cemetery.

Cenotaph Caretaker. Clerk had received 1 application for the post, it was from I.Roberts who carried out the work last year, members felt that he had done a very good job of work and unanimously agreed that he be given the work again this year.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, Bill payments agreed along with a bill for translating the advert for the Clerk post, proposed E.R.Noble, seconded M.L.Hughes.

Precept 2024. Clerk has forwarded the 24/25 application to CCBC, M.Skerrett has contacted Iona and she apologised and confirmed that she would forward her bill in the next few days.

Banking arrangements Detailed report from M.Skerett as regards the work he is doing to progress the work of moving to bank on line / by phone, he is finding it so frustrating! Mike was thanked for his efforts.

Community Development. Public meeting to be held at the Pavilion on March 19 at 4pm representatives from Cynefin, National Park and Community Council will be present to answer any questions.

Tree Felling. No tree felling had taken place at Pont y Pant nor at Gweithdy hill.

Audit. Clerk had responded to a request from the Audit office for further information/clarification on an issue.

General. Agreed that the arrangement with sub committees and training is working well and should continue..

Skip service. Understood that CCBC are to withdraw the Skip Service, Liz Roberts noted that some areas are combining to arrange skip services in their area, need to get more information as to how this will work..

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday April 4.