

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday March 8th 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologies: M.Chapman, A.Fawcett.

Minutes. Council Minutes 11.1.18, confirmed, proposed M.L.Hughes, seconded E.R.Noble.

Police. Traffic Police have again visited the area with the speed gun noting car speed, Clerk had spoken with one of the Officers who suggested that he should contact Inspector Cutts for information. Clerk had discussed signs with G.Roberts who confirmed that John Les Glan Conwy designs signs. A discussion followed when it was suggested that locally produced signs may be more appropriate – offering the school children to design them, then the final lettering and size could be decided and displayed on Tŷ'n y Coed and Tŷ Isaf land. Liz Roberts noted interest.

The A470. M.Skerrett reported on a recent meeting he and the Clerk had with NMWTRA officials Alan Owen & Peter Brunton, a very informative meeting. They had travelled along the A470 from the A5 junction to the Crimea Pass with them, stopping at areas along the road which needed attention. They were prepared to listen to the Council's complaints and they responded very promptly to some of them. A reply from R.Morgan, Planning Welsh Government, confirmed that improvements to the A470 from Beaver Bridge to the A5 couldn't be justified. Noted that recent gritting on the Pass by Gwynedd CC is far superior to the poor work carried out by CCBC.

County Council. The wall at Pont Coblyn has been repaired, officials will keep an eye on the situation whilst considering if a suitable sign is required there. NMWTRA officers confirmed they will look at the path alongside the A470 from Pentrefelin to Pont y Pant; they did not feel that a 'loose' drain cover on Castle Terrace was causing problems; issues like this are graded from a danger point of view. Clerk had thanked the ERF Dept for arranging for a white line to be painted along Bridge Street. Liz Roberts confirmed that an application for funding for work on Pont y Pant and Sarn Ddu bridges has been submitted.

Footpaths. Letter from Snowdonia Chief Executive Emyr Williams received thanking the Council for their support in trying to keep the wardens who carry out such vital work in our area.

Station site. Nothing to report.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. Clerk had sent a further inquiry.

The Cemetery. Letter from Clive Humphreys confirmed that he has arranged for workers from the CCBC Parks Dept to visit the Cenotaph on March 19th to work on treating the moss issue. 2 applications were received to cut the grass at Community Council land, they were discussed in detail before T.W.Jones proposed, with L.Roberts seconding and all in agreement, that the work should be given to I.Griffiths, Clerk to meet with him to discuss the work.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. Detailed reply received from N.Dyson Landsdown Group confirming that agreement had finally been reached with CCBC to repair the road following the tree harvesting work. They will also be looking at the drainage issues and contractors will be rebuilding the boundary walls. Reply also received from K.Jones at CCBC confirming that they had been corresponding with Landsdown and that pot holes along the road will be filled in on February 1st and that they will also be looking at the situation with water flooding along the road. They are not responsible for boundary walls.

3 Day Eryri Event. Clerk had contacted T.Breese asking her for details of the route and any other relevant information regarding the 2018 event, no reply to date.

Defibrillator. Donation of £176 received from Friends of Ffestiniog Hospital, £250 from Blakemore, £250 from Mike & Lona Siop y Llan; donations gratefully appreciated by Members.

Retaining Walls. No response to the request for work opposite Ty Isaf, Clerk to write again.

Xmas Tree. Agreed that a smaller tree should be sought for Xmas 2018 in the hope that it will not be affected by wind and weather as happened last Xmas.

Toilets. The lighting has been repaired, also the toilets had been closed on account of burst pipes, CCBC have dealt with the problem.

Telephone kiosks. A reply from Alwen Williams, Director BT Wales confirmed that she had forwarded Council's comments regarding the kiosks in the village for the attention of J.Liggins who has confirmed that BT will be 'disconnecting' the kiosks from the system and removing them from their locations by September.

IRPW. Copy of the Annual Report, Clerk explained that this included information about payments to Councillors under 3 Groups – groups in A and B **must** make annual payments of £150 to their members but for groups in Group C (Income group below £30,000) the payment is to be '**made available**' to members. Also Groups C have the authority to make annual payments of £500 for Senior Roles to 5 members of the Council. A Council in Group C can adopt to make payments or not to but a formal decision regarding this must be made annually. This was discussed with a feeling that the Council should not make any payments – it was agreed to take a decision in the Annual Meeting on May 10th – any decision will apply to all the members.

Correspondences.

Review Town & Community Councils. Information about the review.

Planning Workshop. April 19 Plas Tan y Bwlch, Clerk hopes to attend.

Eryri Development Plan. Independent Examination Spring 2018, timetable to follow.

Standards Committee. Independent Members intend to visit Community Council meetings.

Child Burial Fees. Even 'though there are no local charges, Clerk to discuss with S.Teale.

Data Protection Regulation. New regs from May 28th 2018, Clerk in contact with One Voice.

Renewable Furniture. Information regarding the CCBC Project noted.

Review of Electoral Arrangements Conwy. Distributed by the Clerk, comments by June 25.

Planning applications

Mur Coch Farm – Nothing to report

Woodland Plot Glan Gors – Nothing to report

Second application Tan y Castell – No observations following changes to the initial application

'Telecommunication Dish' at the Pavilion – Nothing to report

New Applications:

Small Hydro scheme Tŷ Mawr – Scheme under 4Kw, no comments – likely that this application is very close to the border with Penmachno?

Flooding. Because of the bad weather the March 2nd meeting had to be cancelled, agreed to ask S.Wasik to arrange a further meeting during week commencing March 26th. Liz Roberts had received information confirming that some developments are planned for the village.

Hydro Scheme. C.Brewer is still in regular contact with Burchell at CCBC, it appears that there may be movement on the business rates issue?

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members which was fully discussed. £176 towards the defibrillator received from Friends of Ffestiniog Hospital, also total of £500 from Mike and Lona Siop y Llan and Blakemore towards the defibrillator; £250 from G.L.Jones, funeral payment in respect of the late Mrs M.R.Pritchard.

Precept 2018/19. Minutes of the Thursday January 18th Precept meeting confirmed, proposed E.R.Noble, seconded M.L.Hughes. The payment of £500 to the 2019 National Eisteddfod Appeal was confirmed – the first payment to be made March 8th. It was understood that the £100 to the Medical Centre at Betws y Coed does not have to be paid at this time, they will contact the Council again in the future.

Bills. Emptying dog waste bins January/February £60; Community Centre £10; Clerk 3 months payment £250; Donation National Eisteddfod Conwy 2019 Appeal £500; One Voice Wales Membership £86; N.Ferguson website £16.79; Donations Ti a Fi; Sion a Sian; Dolwyddelan School; Cylch yr Ifanc; Youth Club - 5 x £100. Bills for payment proposed C.Brewer, seconded M.L.Hughes. Interest declared E.R.Noble, T.W.Jones, Liz Roberts. Following bill payments new balance £5290.80

General. Comment made about the poor condition of the pavements in the area, Clerk to contact the ERF Dept. Remembrance Garden at the Cemetery again raised, Clerk to contact M.Woosnam to ask if she could assist in any way and the Nation Park to ask if any funding is available from the CAE fund? Reference made to the condition of the ‘waste land’ at Maes y Braich, what can be done there, Clerk to visit the site.

Date of next Council: Thursday May 10th 2018 at 7:00pm