

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday May 10th 2018 at 7:00pm.

Present: M.Skerrett, E.R.Noble, Marion L Hughes, Liz Roberts, C.Brewer, M.Chapman, A.Fawcett.

Apologies: T.W.Jones.

Minutes. Council Minutes 8.3.18, confirmed, proposed E.R.Noble, seconded L.Roberts.

Police. Clerk had received a call from Sgt Raymond Williams in response to Council's comments regarding speeding, he is arranging for 'Arrive Alive' visits to the area. Message from Mrs Nia Jones-Artell confirming that the pupils are undertaking national 'tasks' at present and she will arrange another date to discuss. Clerk had met with B.Clarke Tyn y Coed, no problems with siting a sign on their land and a location was noted. He suggested that the 30mph sign be moved further back as cars are speeding around the Pont Arenig bend, Liz Roberts will discuss this and the suggestion for change to 40mph(?) at her next meeting with NMWTRA officials.

The A470. Comment made that no work has taken place on the path from the village to Pont y Pant, Clerk to contact Alan Owen & Peter Brunton NMWTRA to inquire as to what is planned for the path, also work on the Crimea Pass. The road sweeper visited the village recently, much mud and silt has been left at many locations following the heavy rain.

County Council. Clerk had contacted the ERF Dept. to inquire about work on the village pavements, reply from K.Jones noted that they didn't feel they were too bad, he noted the poor condition of the pavement below Allt Singrig, NMWTRA are responsible for pavements alongside the A470. Clerk to bring this to their attention. Liz Roberts confirmed that no decision has been made regarding funding for work on the Pont y Pant and Sarn Ddu Bridges.

Footpaths. Inquiry made regarding the situation with footpath maintenance, E.R.Noble noted that he believes that annual grant aid is continuing, he will make inquiries into this.

Station site. Clerk commented on the fact that part of the boundary wall at Ffordd Llwyn had collapsed, Chairman had reported & complained about this, no action taken, Clerk had copied to Mel Lawton who had contacted Network Rail. Noted at the meeting that a large section of the wall opposite the platform has collapsed, L.Roberts & Clerk to discuss this with D.Standbury.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. Clerk to contact E.Stevens for a report on the situation.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. Workmen from CCBC Parks Dept have worked at the Cenotaph on 2 occasions and Clerk has written to thank them. Message from C.Humphreys on April 30 confirmed they will be visiting again but that they are very busy at this time.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. The situation between Lansdown and CCBC is uncertain, nothing appears to be happening, Clerk to seek an update from both parties

3 Day Eryri Event. Reply from T.Breese confirmed the dates and that the runners will visit the Square this year, make use of the toilets then onward to the forest and beyond.

Telephone kiosks. The kiosks in the area have been 'disconnected' & removed today.

IRPW. Discussed in March, but payments to Councillors was discussed again in detail, E.R.Noble proposed with M.Chapman seconding, and all in agreement, that no payments at all should be made. Members will need to review this decision annually.

Election of Officials 2018/19/Cemetery Charges: The Chair and Vice Chair have completed the first year of two, M.L.Hughes proposed with L.Roberts seconding that they should complete the second year and that everyone else should remain in their posts, this was unanimously agreed. Similarly it was unanimously agreed that the cemetery charges should remain as they are for another year.

Thanks. Letters thanking the Council for donations were received from Sion & Sian Club, Garth Thomas Youth Club Leader, Ian Chapman 2019 National Eisteddfod Appeal Treasurer and from Cylch yr Ifanc.

Correspondences.

Review Town & Community Councils, suggestion that Councils should arrange a 'Pop in' Event, Clerk to contact Sian Williams to inquire if one is to be held in the Valley.

Eryri Development Plan. Independent Examination Spring 2018, no further information to hand.

Data Protection Regulation. New regs from May 28th 2018, Clerk will attend a course arranged by CVSC at Colwyn Bay on May 16th.

CCBC confirmation that no Community Environment Day will be held at the village this year.

Walk for Life, information received regarding this year's arrangements.

Audit. Information received confirming that July 9th will be the Audit date this year.

Review of Electoral Arrangements Conwy. The document was discussed in detail, Members were not at all happy with the suggestion to form a ward including Betws y Coed, Dolwyddelan, Capel Curig, Dolgarrog and Trefriw, Dolwyddelan has no connection whatsoever with Trefriw and Dolgarrog. It was unanimously agreed to write to Cardiff to suggest that they should reconsider and form a Ward to include Betws y Coed, Dolwyddelan, Capel Garmon, Penmachno and possibly Pentrefoelas?

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

Child Burial Fees. Message from S.Teale CCBC confirmed that Council's interest has been noted, Council could possibly receive some funding following their declaring interest.

Sewage Issues. Clerk had received comments about raw sewage seen on land near to the entrance to the works at Tŷ Isaf, he immediately contacted Welsh Water, following this M.Skerret, M.Chapman and the Clerk met with officials at the site. The official agreed that urgent attention should be given to the problem. Clerk has received confirmation that urgent work to ensure that this situation does not re-occur is to take place.

Land at Maes y Braich. Clerk has inspected the area, the waste/rubbish has been cleared, it continues to be a difficult area to deal with. G.Edwards is keeping an eye on the situation with the 'knotweed' and the hedges but in all honesty it is highly unlikely that any use can be made of the land on account of the electricity poles and 'stays' having to take up so much of the land.

Dog fouling. Clerk had again received complaints about dog fouling and had contacted CCBC to report this, a reply confirmed it would be looked into. Understood that this was also a problem

along the Tŷ Isaf to Bwlch Bridge road, M.Chapman proposed with C.Brewer seconding and all in agreement, that a new bin should be bought and sited near to Bwlch Bridge.

Flooding. Shaun Wasik has agreed to meet with Members at the Community Centre on Tuesday May 22nd at 7pm.

Hydro Scheme. C.Brewer is still in regular contact with Burchell at CCBC, it is likely that the situation with business rates continues to be an issue?

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members which was fully discussed. First Precept 2018/19 payment received - £3000. Insurance details for the year received, agreed to pay and to review the payment fully at the end of the year.

Bills. Emptying dog waste bins March/April £60; Community Centre £10; CVSC Membership £15; GDPR Course £35; Skip £222; Zurich Insurance £257.60; Translation Service £730.60; Grass cutting April £382.50. Bills for payment proposed L.Roberts, seconded E.R.Noble. Following bill payments new balance £6347.42

General. No response from M.Woosnam nor the National Park as regards creating a Remembrance Garden at the Cemetery, Clerk has written again.

Date of next Council: Thursday July 5th 2018 at 7:00pm