

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday May 11 2017 at 6:30pm.

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

Welcome: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Council, especially Marion L Hughes, thanking her for her interest in becoming a Member. Agreed that Clerk should write to J.Houston, C.Roberts and T.Jones to thank them for their Council service.

Minutes. Council Minutes 2.3.17, confirmed, proposed by E.R.Noble, seconded M.Skerrett.

Police. C.Brewer, Liz Roberts and the Clerk had met with J.Hill from the Police to discuss the speeding and he confirmed that he had been in the area and noted that there were many signs in the area to warn drivers. Traffic control is Welsh Government responsibility, he suggested contacting Conwy Council regarding getting flashing warning signs to show the exact speed of cars? He distributed a leaflet explaining the Community Speed Watch scheme run by John Morris on behalf of the Police. J.Hill will arrange for Police Officers with a speed gun to visit the village and supply the Council with the results. Agreed to invite J.Morris to the Carnival so that the public may discuss the scheme with him and perhaps to set up a scheme in the village if there is sufficient interest? Clerk to contact NEWTRA to inquire about having the current sign removed and replaced by 2 others of the type showing exact speed with one on the approach to the village at the top of Castle Terrace and the other at Pentrefelin.

The A470. Copy received of reply K.Skates had sent to Ms D.Williams, also his reply to the Community Council which confirmed that a traffic survey had been held in the area and that the survey did not suggest any changes to the 30mph limit at Dolwyddelan. [www.traffic-wales.com/Trunkroadssafetyreview.aspx](http://www.traffic-wales.com/Trunkroadssafetyreview.aspx) They will review the situation in the Summer and take Council's concerns into consideration at that time. The Clerk will speak with Ms D.Williams.

County Council. No further information since the letter sent by Dyfed Rowlands CCBC on March 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the work due to commence April/May 2017. Clerk to write again for an update.

Footpaths. Clerk to inquire about the situation with the Lluest path. Also to ask Ioan Davies to keep in regular contact with the Council to report about work to take place in the area and perhaps to come and meet with the Members.

Station site. Nothing to report.

Village History. Llinos Griffin has confirmed that the DVD is now ready to be shown, agreed to ask Llinos to come to show it to the Council Members on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion at 7pm.

'Odd job' Post. The person who had shown interest in the post is unable to take it. The new dog waste bins are in place, Clerk to write to Conwy to thank them, especially Kevin Jones. The Clerk had spoken with J.G.Roberts and he had immediately agreed to volunteer to empty the 4 new dog waste bins, Members were really pleased to hear about this.

Recycle More. Liz Roberts will ask Alun Jones and his team from CCBC to attend the Carnival.

Tree Harvesting. Clerk to write again as the resurfacing work work has still not taken place.

Salt bags. It was hoped that the condition of the salt will still be in good order for Winter?

The Cemetery. Agreed to accept the estimate supplied by L.Roberts for the drainage work, proposed E.R.Noble, seconded T.W.Jones. Liz Roberts still discussing the possibility of landscaping work at the cemetery with the National Park. Clerk to discuss having 3 new trees at the Cenotaph with E.Roberts, is there a need to remove the old trees? I.Roberts had assisted with the work of clearing tree roots at the Cenotaph garden area, Clerk to thank him.

Local Walks. Clerk has contacted M.Grant again, no reply to date.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. The situation has improved but there are large 'holes' in the road surface, Clerk to ask CCBC to have a look at the situation.

Precept 2017/18. The first Precept payment of £3000 has been received.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. Reply from Arfon Hughes confirming that the next steps are dependant on the local response to the questionnaire and if further houses are to be considered. The Parc Authority appear to be happy with the possible site for the houses.

3 Day Eryri Event. Leaflets received at SPAR, M.Skerrett will discuss the roads/paths to be used with the organisers.

Walk For Life. M.Chapman was warmly thanked for arranging the local event, £420 was raised, a wonderful effort, Clerk inquired as to the costs involved with arranging this.

Jo Cox Remembrance. Understood that an event will take place at Penaeldroch to remember Jo Cox, Members were very pleased to learn of this.

#### Officials 2017/18

Chairperson C.Brewer proposed M.Skerrett, seconded M.Chapman, unanimously agreed. Liz Roberts thanked Connie for her work, always prepared to go the 'second mile'. Mike accepted the post with thanks. Vice Chairperson C.Brewer proposed M.Chapman, seconded L.Roberts, unanimously agreed, again M.Chapman accepted with thanks. 2 year terms for both posts.

Footpaths With the Park taking more responsibility in this area E.R.Noble suggested that there was no real need for this sub committee, this was agreed. Clerk to contact I.Davies regularly.

The Cemetery Liz Roberts C.Brewer M L Hughes

Planning Chairperson Vice Chairperson and one other member

Mandle Terrace E R Noble – Clerk to inquire what the situation is with T.Jones. Interest declared by M L Hughes

School Governors Teleri Jones Community Centre M Chapman

Hydro Scheme M.Skerrett C.Brewer L Roberts D Ingham Clerk

Cemetery charges Unanimously agreed that they remain as they are for a further year

Clerk/Financial Officer G Roberts Proposed E R Noble, seconded T W Jones, all in agreement.

Thanks. Letters from Cylch yr Ifanc, Sion a Sian & Ti a Fi thanking Council for the donations.

Park Meeting. M.Skerrett, M.Chapman and L.Roberts will attend the Plas y Brenin meeting.

Apple Trees. Agreed to accept the Park offer of 4 apple trees to be planted in the area.

Lledr Hall. Clerk confirmed he was in discussions with T.Smith regarding a community project.

Electoral Arrangements. Invitation to CCBC Council Chamber for a meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Clean Neighbourhood. Members were disappointed with the content of a letter from B.Lloyd at CCBC, suggestions included that Councils should contribute financially towards the work, the Community Council have already spent a large amount of money on 4 new dog waste bins. Clerk to reply confirming this.

Planning applications

Siting solar panels at Gwyndy – No information  
Ty Isaf Hydro Scheme – No information  
14 Castle Terrace – No information  
Ty'n y Fron – Nothing to report  
Tan y Castell – Nothing to report  
Capel Isa – No information  
Mur Coch Farm – Nothing to report  
Ty'n y Fron – Has the application been withdrawn?  
Woodland Plot Glan Gors – Nothing to report

New applications

Tanyclogwyn – Agreed that Chair, Vice Chair and L.Roberts should visit.  
Maes y Coed – Again it was agreed they should visit on their way to Tanyclogwyn  
Bron Fedw – C.Brewer left the meeting whilst discussion took place, application discussed carefully, no comments nor objections.

Sub-committee's. The new sub-committee's have been formed, agreed that they should report at each meeting of Council. Cemetery sub committee to meet with L.Roberts at the cemetery when he is ready to commence work.

Flooding. Nothing to report, A.Fawcett confirmed that he had been in discussions with some local residents and he and the Clerk had viewed the situation near Bodegroes and at 1 Castle Terrace. Is this the responsibility of CCBC or the Water Board? L.Roberts will speak with G.Edwards and G.Rowlands and the Clerk will write to the Water Board. A.Fawcett was finding it difficult to believe that it was the responsibility of the Ty Isaf Farm owners for the drainage through the village Meadow to the River Lledr? No response from CCBC regarding the request for sand bags, further letter to be sent.

Hydro Scheme. C.Brewer confirmed that the meeting with UNIPER representatives and CCBC officials at the IT Suite had been very useful. The plans are in the early phases with the company aiming to complete these by the end of May 2017. Also the work is continuing to prepare, finalise and submit the funding application to WEFO. The timetable is to be seen in Newsletter 3. It is too soon to think about a Public Meeting, C.Brewer is in regular contact with B.Burchell at CCBC.

Financial. The Clerk had distributed the report outlining the current financial position, by now the cemetery account has been closed and the balance in the account transferred to the General Account. Report content discussed and found to be satisfactory. Details and arrangements for 2017/18 Audit received from BDO.

Bills. Community Centre £20; Zurich Insurance £257.60; CCBC Skip £222; Arfon Jones grass cutting April £358.33; Gwefus for Film £600; Emptying Dog waste Bins £30; Zoll Company Defibrillator £983.88. Bills for payment proposed E.R.Noble, seconded L.Roberts. Clerk was asked to leave the room so that his salary could be discussed. When he returned it was confirmed that E.R.Noble had proposed, seconded by L.Roberts, with all in agreement, that his salary be

raised, in response Clerk said he did not wish this, but the Members insisted that it be so, he was very grateful to the Members.

Defibrillator. M.Skerrett confirmed that there were serious faults on both and that they were out of order, he had contacted the company and apparently the fault could be related to the battery and would cost £500 for new ones. After making inquiries it is apparent that this is a common fault with this type and may reoccur? The cost of a new defibrillator from a company with a local contact at Cerrigydrudion would be £983.88 inc VAT. These are the ones used by the British Heart Foundation. On a proposal from E.R.Noble with C.Brewer seconding and all agreed, it was decided to purchase one new one and to consider the situation with the second one. The paymnet has been included in the bills.

The Station. L.Roberts confirmed that a suitable sign relating to parking had been erected in the Station yard.

Hendre road. It was understood that carers who are visiting Robert Price at Hendre are having difficulties on account of the poor condition of the road, Clerk to contact CCBC to ask them to have a look at the situation.

Retaining Walls. T.W.Jones was concerned about the condition of the walls running along the roadside from Benar Terrace to the Pentre Bont turn off, Clerk to contact Network Rail.

P.Keith' project. Comment by L.Roberts regarding a scheme which could result in a large sum of money for neighbourhood development, few details at present.

Carnival. Following discussions on Financial Projects it was decided to place a message on facebook to confirm that the Council will be present with the Police to discuss the Community Speed Watch Scheme and that the public are welcome to come along to offer ideas and suggestions as to how the Council could consider using the Precept money.

Date of next Council: Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm