

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday November 10 2015 at 7:00pm.

Present: C.Brewer, M.Skerrett, J.Houston, T.W.Jones, Tecwyn Jones, E.R.Noble.

Apology: Liz Roberts, C.Roberts, M.Chapman, A.Fawcett..

Minutes. Council Minutes 10.9.2015. confirmed, proposed by J.Houston, seconded T.Jones.

Police. Phil Gales confirmed there was nothing of interest to report but that a dangerous driving incident is being investigated. M.Skerrett confirmed that he had witnessed this incident and reported the driver's car number, the driver can be prosecuted under Section 59. Phil confirmed that Dean Cavey (07789272220) will now be our contact as he is moving to another area.

The A470. No reply other than a postcard acknowledgement, Clerk has written again.

County Council. No reply regarding condition of the wall from the Cenotaph to the river bridge and that a tree is growing out of the wall opposite to Pendyffryn, and again about shrubs growing out of the River Bridge wall – Clerk to contact CCBC again. Reply from K.Jones confirmed that the hedge opposite 5 Maes y Braich has been cut and a letter has been sent to the owner of the land opposite the top end of Maes y Braich asking him to cut the hedge. Liz Roberts confirmed that a meeting will take place on November 30 with the Rural Councillors and Highways team, she hopes that Elwyn and Kevin from the team could meet with local Councillors in the near future. Clerk reported that Kevin Jones had carried out repairs to the small bridge on the Meadow path. Notice received about closure of the Gwyndy Road to facilitate resurfacing work.

Footpaths. It was understood that work is in hand at Ilwybyr cul. Reply from B.Shiland CCBC confirmed that a detailed inspection of the path and structures at Hendre Bridge has taken place, there is evidence of degradation in areas and regular monitoring will take place.

Station site. Clerk had noted a press release about 20mph signs at Betws y Coed school and had followed up on this, Liz Roberts has also done so, some doubt as to where the signs will be - ? on the A5, new houses being built in that area? Dolwyddelan School Governors are discussing the issue. Good to know that clearing vegetation on Gethin Bridge is receiving attention and will be carried out regularly from now on. The detailed reply from and Ian Messner of Network Rail needs careful consideration, could this be done at a sub committee?

Hydro Scheme. M.Skerrett confirmed he had no information to report but that he really hoped that a meeting would be called in the near future.

The Cemetery. The Clerk had met with the Caretaker at the cemetery, cutting down further tree branches before the onset of Winter had been discussed.

Financial. Clerk confirmed balances and supplied Members with a detailed financial report.

Village History. Arrangements are ongoing with Llinos Griffin, Clerk had spoken with her recently, she has had to re-arrange her timetable and now may wait until January to commence her interviews. C.Brewer and M.Skerrett to discuss where to purchase the 'hard drive' that Llinos had suggested that Council should buy to 'store' the information.

Dogs fouling. Detailed reply from L.Martin, regular visits are carried out in the area, light fouling identified plus a distinct lack of signage which will be seen to. Further appeal made by Lianne for people to report dog owners. M.Skerrett felt that the reply should be placed on the Dolwyddelan

facebook page with a Welsh translation. Clerk to ask Lianne if the Community Council bought additional dog bins would CCBC empty them? .

Planning applications

Siting solar panels at Gwyndy – No information

River Conwy Hydro Scheme – An open meeting is to be held to discuss the plans on November 12 at the Waterloo Hotel Betws y Coed between 3pm and 7pm with a meeting for 2 Councillors to attend at 1:30pm

Plas Hafan – Application refused

Ty Isaf Hydro Scheme – No information

Defibrillator. Reply from E.Williams confirmed he would prefer to have it sited on a wall, Clerk and M.Skerrett to visit the site again to consider this.

'Odd job' Post. No further observations regarding this. Liz Roberts confirmed that B.Borzelo is paying for the purchase of planters at the gateway signs, Dolwyddelan in Bloom members will undertake the planting and upkeep.

Village Surgery/Ffestiniog Hospital. Reply from Lynne Joannou confirmed that the Surgery will close on October 1st and that no objections had been received from patients, Dolwyddelan Community Council did express their concerns. The Care Panel decided to concentrate services at the main Blaenau Ffestiniog surgery.

North Wales Community Health Council (CHC). If anyone has concerns or complaints about the quality of care provided in North Wales the Chief Officer Geoff Ryall-Harvey or the Deputy Carol Williams can be contacted on 0128 679284.

BT Box near Bethel Chapel. Noted that Alwen Williams who has family connections in the village is the new BT Chief Executive for Wales, Liz Roberts is hoping to speak to her about the BT box at a meeting they are both attending in the near future.

Recycle More. It is obvious that CCBC are considering the situation along with monthly bin collections, Clerk referred members to the October WRAP Cymru information leaflet.

X1 Bus. A detailed reply from D.Hulme at Express Motors detailed their reasons for the withdrawal of some of the services to Dolwyddelan, they are obviously commercial operators as M.Skerrett noted, and their reply reflects this. Liz Roberts confirmed that she is working with Ela and the Conwy RDP team to look at wider aspects of rural community transport.

Financial Projects. C.Brewer confirmed there had been a good response at the Fun Day and she had produced a detailed list of the priorities suggested by villagers, 9 of them stood out and it was agreed to arrange a separate meeting to discuss these at length. Connie was thanked for her work and for producing the detailed conclusions.

SNP. Mike Skerrett agreed to attend a meeting at Plas y Brenin on November 16th.

Contact Numbers. Members present agreed that the Clerk could give their contact details to NW Police in response to their written request.

Tree Harvesting. Information received from Natural Resources Wales regarding harvesting and haulage of trees from Fedw site through Tyn y Cwm passing Tai Glan Gors and through the village, from November 9th. Clerk to ask that the lorries should avoid busy school times and also

to contact the Headmistress to confirm this. Do the lorries have to travel so early – 3am and 5am mentioned? Tecwyn Jones asked the Clerk to write to CCBC requesting a temporary ‘no parking’ sign at the waste land on the right at the approach to Tai Glan Gors so as not to cause difficulties to the lorry drivers.

Salt gritting. It has become obvious that CCBC are looking at a different strategy regarding salt gritting, Clerk is in contact with CCBC to seek further information as regards how this would work and its implications on communities. Liz Roberts is aware of this development and she is also looking into this.

Damaged mirror. Clerk to write to CCBC to ask them to repair the mirror at the junction to Pentre Bont, it might have been damaged by one of the harvesting lorries?

Bills. RBL Poppy Wreath £20; Caretaker £426.66; P.Davies grass cutting Station site £80; Nick Ferguson website hosting £50; Community Centre £20; Clerk salary & expenses 3 months £213.23; Transfer to Cemetery account £100. For payment proposed E.R.Noble, seconded M.Skerrett.

Date of next Council: Thursday January 14th 2016 at 7pm.