

Council Minutes Thursday November 16 2023 at 7pm

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

Apology: I.W.Griffiths

Declaration of Interest. None

Council Minutes: Council minutes October 12 confirmed proposed E.R.Noble, seconded C.L.Price and all in favour.

Police. Message from PC Peter Jones 93684 confirming that he had visited the Station to see the damage caused there, the Police will be placing visits to the Station on their places to visit list. Clerk to thank him for the message and to inquire as to how often they visit the area and to invite them to Council meetings.

The A470. It appears that the 20mph arrangement is settling down, agreed to contact Iolo Tegid to ask him to move the 30mph sign back to its original spot.

County Council. No further information from Kevin Jones CCBC as regards work at Cyfyng Hill.

Scottish Power. L.Roberts understands that work will take place in 2024.

Toilets. Liz Roberts, Zac and the Clerk had met with Gary Williams CCBC to discuss the £500 annual payment and the payment by card situation on Tuesday October 24, it was a very fruitful meeting and Gary was very understanding and helpful, agreeing to contact the companies involved in the building work. He could not comment on the £500 payment situation but will make inquiries and report back. He hopes to arrange to visit again on November 22.

Cenotaph. C.Brewer confirmed that Dolwyddelan in Bloom members had been working in the Cenotaph grounds preparing for Remembrance Sunday, this was greatly appreciated. C.Brewer noted that the Clerk would need to pay Alison Liederbach for buying a bag of sand for the work.

Work at the Cemetery. C.Brewer and Liz Roberts continue to work so hard to get funding to carry out the work, they were warmly thanked for their tireless efforts and commitment

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed C.Brewer, seconded C.L.Price, and all in favour. M.Skerrett agreed to meet with the Clerk in relation to arranging online Banking.

Japanese Knotweed. Nothing to report.

Defibrillator. Nothing to report.

Bus Service. Liz Roberts confirmed that the service was being well supported and the service now supports Roman Bridge residents.

Tanrallt Houses. Liz confirmed that she will be keeping in regular contact with the residents.

A470 Crimea. Clerk to contact Neil Dyson to ask if he has been to have a look at the situation where branches are 'masking drivers' view along the A 470 near the Roman Bridge turn off.

Website. M.Skerrett had mentioned upgrading the website to Nick and discussed costs.

Christmas Tree. C.Brewer and the Clerk reported on the arrangements, the Blaenau Ffestinog Clerk had confirmed that the Dolwyddelan tree would be delivered at the same time as the Blaenau Ffestiniog one. It was understood that the arrangements with the Ti a Fi group will be the same as last year.

Precept 2024. A figure for the 2024 Precept will need to be set by January 19 2024.

Tree Felling. Clerk had contacted Simon Billington at CCBC asking that trees and branches be cut down at Pont y Pant - M.Skerrett had supplied photos for the Clerk to send with the letter, also to raise the issue of the large tree near to Tanrallt houses - L.Roberts has complained about this tree on numerous occasions.

Audit. Clerk confirmed that 2 sets of figures have been completed and sent to the Cardiff office, the accountant is completing work on the 2023 figures and is nearing completion.

Flooding. Owen Conry came to discuss flooding in the area, it was obvious that he knew the area as he was well aware of the areas causing trouble for the villagers. He confirmed that finance for the work came from the Welsh Government on the basis of 85/15 with the County Council. He mentioned areas of flooding near Siop y Llan and along Church Street. He is working on plans to improve the situation in the village and promised to visit again before Xmas along with Rob Jones.

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday December 14.