

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday November 3rd 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present: C.Brewer, J.Houston, T.W.Jones, E.R.Noble, M.Chapman, C.Roberts, A.Fawcett, T.Jones, Liz Roberts, M.Skerrett.

Minutes. Council Minutes 15.9.2016, confirmed, proposed by J.Houston, seconded T.W.Jones.

Police. Clerk has contacted the 'Go Safe' Dept again and sent a copy to Inspector Gareth Jones who has asked Sgt Jonny Hill to contact the Clerk to discuss the situation. Message received from PCSO Ray Elliott (07775221428) to confirm that he had discussed the car left on Church Street with the owner and had given him a week to move the car, the car was moved.

The A470. Liz Roberts confirmed that she had changed the date for the meeting with Iolo Tegid and representatives from Capel Curig, Betws y Coed and Dolwyddelan Councils to December 2nd at 1:30pm at Betws y Coed.

County Council. Both the Clerk and Cllr Liz Roberts continue to complain about the delays in carrying out work at Bwlch Bridge, a message received from M.Evans ERF Dept confirmed they are awaiting a report from the engineer who carried out the inspection, he returns from leave on November 7th, Liz Roberts will follow up on this.

Footpaths. Confirmation from Ioan Davies that work on the path from Penrhiw to Pont y Coblyn had taken place a few years ago, and even 'though it is 'wet' he felt it isn't the 'wettest' path in the area. He said that fencing work was taking place in the path area – Glasdir work possibly?

Station site. Nothing to report.

Hydro Scheme. At the start of the discussion E.R.Noble asked if Members were clear as to what the precise role of the Community Council is in the project? Comments received with regards to the leaflet prepared by S.Teale. Agreed that if any questions are received following distribution of the leaflet that the Clerk should forward them to the Project Group at CCBC. It was felt that the meeting with Steve on October 27 had been useful but Edwin and others were concerned that the Council are not being kept 'in the information loop'? Steve must understand that the community are asking questions that the Council are unable to answer. Edwin felt that the local Council Members should decide formally if they are to take a supporting role in the project and that a formal proposal should be actioned. A.Fawcett asked if it was possible to take that action at this meeting? C.Brewer agreed that this action would have to take place but that much more information was required. She confirmed that as a member of the Stakeholder Group, she is aware that detailed discussions are ongoing to move the project forward but because of the nature of the scheme, many aspects have to remain confidential at this time. Following a detailed discussion it was agreed to seek further information from Steve, this to include technical information if possible, also agreed to consider arranging a meeting with Barbara Burchell, the Officer leading the Project at CCBC.

Village History. Llinos Griffin has met with E.Hughes and hopes to interview others in the village including Bill Jones who has extensive local historical information.

'Odd job' Post. Clerk has met with D.Parry who has agreed to assist the Council, difficult to formulate any work requirements at present, Clerk had referred to possible work with the salt bags, difficult to know the nature of this work until the bags are received. Agreed that it would be possible to trial the work for a period.

Recycle More. Unfortunately A.Jones from the CCBC Recycling Dept was unable to attend the Fun Day. No further information about 4 weekly collections.

Tree Harvesting. A reply from R.O'Donnell confirmed that the pot holes along the road surface near to Tai Glan Gors have been repaired.

Salt gritting. Clerk is in discussions with L.Madden from CCBC regarding a suitable site to deliver the bags, the Community Council will need to discuss who will move the bags from the Station and who will be prepared to spread the salt when required - possibly D.Parry?

The Cemetery. Clerk is trying to arrange a meeting with the owner of the land bordering the cemetery and following a telephone discussion agreed to meet at the cemetery to discuss further.

Local Walks. Clerk is awaiting for a suitable date to meet again with M.Grant at the Station Yard to discuss the new information panel and to ensure that correct guidance is displayed.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. Message from N.Dyson confirmed that incidents with lorries along the road verges had taken place recently, he is raising some issues with Conwy Council as they relate to water on the road caused by drain and culvert problems.

Tree growth at Maes y Braich. Clerk confirmed that he had been told by a Maes y Braich resident that Cartrefi Conwy have agreed to cut down the offending trees near the houses.

Tree growth near Railway Bridge. Reply from M.Lawton suggested that the Clerk should contact Network Rail on their helpline to raise the issue.

Sports Awards. Invitation received to the awards evening at the Venue on November 25 arranged by CCBC, Liz Roberts confirmed that she will be attending.

Appreciation. Letter received from Bryn & Anna W Hughes thanking Council for arranging maintenance work to the Crych Elen memorial stone, E.Roberts carried out the work.

Active Travel Routes. Information from Conwy Council noting the development, Liz Roberts confirmed she is meeting with Peter Smith to discuss 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

1 & 2 Bryn Moel – No information

Tan y Castell – Confirmation from Liz Roberts that the application has been refused on account of access issues and that she had spoken in favour of the application. The suggestion was that the applicant should reconsider the application and then re-submit it.

River Conwy Hydro Scheme – The application was withdrawn on September 28th.

New applications

Capel Isa – No objections to the change of use of the building.

Flooding. Clerk confirmed that a meeting will be held with Shaun Wasik from CCBC at the Community Centre on November 10th at 6pm to discuss this.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. A report was received confirming that V.Kelly had attended the Fun Day and that 7 people had declared their interest in having additional affordable houses or to receive information about the project. The next steps will be: to assess the needs of the village (A.Hughes/V.Kelly); discuss swapping 2 sites to be included in the LDP and to consider 'land banking' this land from NRW (R.Thomas); to contact Cartrefi Conwy as to their interest (A.Hughes). A.Hughes and V.Kelly would welcome feedback from the Community Council on this and about any other potential building sites. The consultation process will be by way of questionnaires in the village, an open afternoon in the village and working with the Community Council and other interested groups.

A message from A.Hughes confirmed that he, Richard Thomas and Bryn Davies had visited the area at the end of October to look at potential sites.

Financial. The Clerk had distributed the bimonthly financial balances report. He also provided a detailed report following the Audit process by BDO and read the related comments which required attention by the Council. As the final report had not been received it was agreed to give detailed attention to the whole report at the 2017/18 Precept meeting and to consider realistically whether there is a need to continue with a separate Cemetery Account or to include it in the General Account.

Bills. Community Centre £20; Transfer Cemetery account £500; Caretaker September £341.66 (C.Roberts noted interest); N.Ferguson website £50; CCBC Skip payment £220; E.Roberts work on Crych Elen memorial £130; Clerk's salary & expenses 3 months £244.93; RBL Poppy wreath £20. Bills for payment proposed M.Skerrett, seconded E.R.Noble. Following these payments there will be £5552.37 in the Current Account and £219.69 in the Cemetery account.

A470 near to Plas. C.Roberts noted that paint or a similar 'liquid' had been spilt on the road surface and that it was 'sticking' to tyres and being carried all over, Clerk to contact CCBC.

Christmas Tree. Clerk to contact J.Taylor again this year to ask him to provide a suitable tree.

Date of next Council: Thursday January 12 2017 at 7pm.