

Council Minutes Community Pavilion Thursday November 4 2021 at 7pm

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

Apology: M.Chapman.

M.Skerrett thanked Members for their condolences following his Father's recent death.

Minutes. Council minutes 7.10.21, confirmed, proposed C.L.Price, seconded L.Roberts.

Police. Nothing to report.

The A470. L.Roberts confirmed that she has arranged a meeting in the village with I.Tegid, meet at the Square at 10am on November 10.

County Council. L.Roberts confirmed that it was likely that the new 'lantern type' lighting would be in place on the electricity poles along the A470 in January/February next year. ,

Footpaths. Clerk has contacted Ioan Davies, understood that work has taken place at Allt Cyfyng.

Station site. Nothing to report.

Bridges in the Area. L.Roberts confirmed she continues to hold weekly virtual meetings with B.Shiland CCBC to discuss Sarn Ddu Bridge, an effective way of keeping the issue high on the agenda to ensure work takes place soon. Meeting with G.Parry at the Bridge November 11.

Planning applications

Llys y Gwynt. Nothing to report.

9 Castle Terrace. Nothing to report.

Aber: Nothing to report.

Flooding. It is hoped that work will commence in March 2022.

Scottish Power. Liz Roberts had met with K.Jones CCBC during the week, difficulty with getting Scottish Power representatives to a meeting at the village.

NRW. Nothing to report.

Speed Limit. Reply from Dylan Jones CCBC confirmed that Welsh Govt have agreed to reduce national speed limits within populated areas from 30mph to 20 mph throughout Wales but this is not likely to happen until 2023. Ultimately it is the Police who have the responsibility for speeding issues. Clerk to discuss this with him to reiterate Members' concerns.

Mail Delivery. Reply from Councillor A.Wynne confirmed he will raise Council's concerns within the group being led by Liz Saville Roberts MP. The group are working and complaining on behalf of a large area.

Mirror on the Railway Bridge. Clerk has reported the damaged mirror but not yet had a response.

Xmas Tree. L.Roberts confirmed that CCBC have agreed to carry out safety work regarding the wiring and in the car park; also they will install a new cabinet as a much more convenient and safe location for the tree lights. This work should be completed by the end of November.

Scottish Power will install a new meter box on the telegraph pole, Liz intends asking them to pay for this in the light of all the inconvenience they have created in the village over the past 2 years.

Letter received from the group who arrange for the switching on of the Xmas Tree lights on the Square asking whether the Council could kindly make a donation towards their costs. It was agreed to donate £100 proposed M.Skerrett, seconded L.Roberts.

Toilets. Question asked what about keys for the Council? L.Roberts confirmed that she is attempting to arrange a site or Zoom meeting with Steve - an opportunity to ask about the keys.

Cenotaph. Agreed that the grounds really look well and Members who had been involved were warmly thanked, by now Bruce has replaced the 2 panels and they look really good. C.Brewer confirmed that £425 remained from the allocated finance to carry out the work, M.Skerrett proposed, seconded by T.W.Jones and all in agreement that this sum be ring fenced for work at the Cenotaph next year. E.Noble confirmed there was no problem cutting branches on the tree in the meadow alongside the Cenotaph wall. E.Roberts has agreed to rebuild the wall near the gate to the meadow, he will need a supply of stones for this work. It was hoped that Iwan Davies will have been able to repair and replace the cast iron fence for Remembrance Sunday. Letter from S.Hewitt offered to produce a plaque including the names of 3 soldiers from the village who died as a direct result of the war but whose names are not on the Memorial, he would pay for the plaque and hoped that he could place it on one of the benches in the Cenotaph grounds. His request was granted. Clerk to contact Ian Connolly regarding the family plaque and bench.

Cemetery. Clerk to discuss felling the 'dead tree' at the Cemetery with Dylan. L.Roberts, C.Brewer and the Clerk had met with S.Teale at the cemetery, it was a very constructive meeting with Steve confirming that he would arrange for CCBC workmen to come and have a look at what material needed clearing near to the hut. He will also look into the possibility of what grant funding was available for any work at the Vault and work on the 'Hearse Hut'. Liz is discussing a possible 'project' at the cemetery with Haf Jones and Eirian Jones CCBC. Clerk had spoken with a man from Blaenau Ffestiniog regarding locating the area of the Vault, he is very busy at present but will make contact with the Clerk.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed L.Roberts, seconded M.Skerrett, and all in favour.

Roman Bridge Station. It was understood that the condition of the station site and the road is much improved.

Council Website. C.Brewer proposed with T.W.Jones seconding and all in favour that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next Council. Agreed the next meeting at the Pavilion for Thursday December 2, at 7pm.