

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday November 8 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

Minutes. Council Minutes 13.9.2018, confirmed, proposed M.Chapman, seconded M.L.Hughes.

Police. Liz Roberts confirmed that a new Sergeant has been appointed for the area, also that the Police are inquiring into the recent accident at the the village Square. Clerk has spoken with Helen and Adam Elen's Castle and has agreed to discuss having a 'Police Official' near to the Hotel again for the Spring, perhaps the Council could contribute to any 'preparatory' work required? Agreed that Mike, Connie, Liz and Myfanwy should meet to discuss 'local' signs and could look into the cost of 'flashing warning signs'?

The A470. Clerk had received a reply from P.Brunton confirming that drainage work using a JCB had taken place on the Pass which has improved the situation, also following a detailed survey they have 'identified' other areas needing attention and a work schedule will be arranged to attend to this. Liz Roberts had copied Members into the reply she received from P.Brunton noting work which was to take place in the area, she also confirmed that this would include cutting saplings along Castle Terrace and near to Bertheos Bridge. Good work had been carried out along the path from Pentrefelin to Pont y Pant but Liz was asked to tell them that there is 'standing water' in some areas. No reply regarding moving the 30mph signs. Agreed to contact Tim Barnes again regarding the condition of the A470 from Beaver Bridge to the A5 junction, include Capel Garmon Council into this message. Reply from R.Morgan Welsh Govt confirming that the reason for traffic control on the Pass was to carry out vegetation clearance on the roadside rocks in order to inspect their condition.

County Council. Reply from K.Jones CCBC confirmed that the condition of the Roman Bridge road is checked regularly and that any works required are carried out. Letter to be sent to note that the Pont y Pant road is in poor condition. L.Roberts confirmed that the condition of all the bridges in Conwy County are to be 'scored' from a condition perspective to decide which need attention.

Footpaths. Clerk confirmed that he understood that Ioan Davies is abroad for a lengthy holiday period but that he will make contact again to arrange a meeting.

Station site. Clerk had contacted D.Standbury to note that a large part of the wall near Ty Isaf had collapsed and had sent him a photo of the site. It is obvious that the train service is incredibly poor and much worse under the new company, K.Skates to be contacted to note this, L.Roberts has already complained to J.Davies and M.Skerrett has discussed this with M.Lawton. Clerk thanked Mike and Liz for all their work with this issue.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. No reply to Council's recent letter, situation to be monitored, it was understood that lorries are leaving the area at around 7am.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. An 'exhibition' will be arranged at the Cenotaph grounds to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War for Remembrance Sunday, ladies from the village have been busily preparing special red poppies to place on 'notices' on the houses of the soldiers who were part of the battle. Members of Dolwyddelan in Bloom with help from Ginge Farrar have been clearing the grounds. C.Brewer proposed that 6 new trees should be bought and planted at the site, this was agreed, Clerk to contact C.Humphreys CCBC to ask him about the most suitable trees to buy and when best to plant them.

Review Town & Community Councils. Nothing to report.

Data Protection Regulation. Clerk arranging to pay the £40 registration fee this evening.

Review of Electoral Arrangements Conwy. No definite information to hand about this.

Council Charter. Sian Williams CCBC had forwarded copies of the Sept 26th Council Forum minutes which the Clerk had circulated to Members. It was agreed that there were a few issues which the local Members wanted to know what the CCBC Officers views would be on them, Clerk to write asking for a response.

Dolwyddelan School. E.R.Noble confirmed that he had discussed and presented the Members' comments to the Chair of the Governing Body.

Surgery Building. Questions were asked regarding the situation with the building, is there an intention to sell or make use of it – Clerk to contact Gary Doherty for a response.

Bus Service. Liz Roberts gave a detailed report regarding the work she is involved with regarding this issue, with Blaenau Ffestiniog members, the bus company and Assembly officials, many meetings have taken place to discuss a way forward. The threat not to carry school pupils is a really serious issue. Next meeting on November 19. Liz was warmly thanked for her work.

Correspondences.

Christmas Tree. Clerk had received a letter from J.Taylor confirming that he would no longer be supplying Xmas trees, it was agreed to write to him to thank him for his service over a number of years. It was asked whether 'Ginge' Farrar could possibly provide a tree this year?

Youth Club Newsletter. Clerk had distributed the Autumn newsletter to Members.

Betsi Cadwaladr. Clerk had distributed the latest report to Members.

Recycling Centre. Information received regarding a mobile recycling service to be sited in the car park by the business centre at Llanrwst on the 2nd Saturday every month, L.Roberts confirmed that Dolwyddelan residents could use it.

A special Poppy. C.Brewer had distributed a message from S.Hewitt regarding a special initiative to remember soldiers from the village who fought in the First World War by placing poppies & an information sheet on their homes, it was felt that this was an excellent idea.

Financial Remuneration IPRW. Information received regarding the Annual Report and the remuneration for Members, agreed to discuss this fully at the March meeting.

Planning applications

Clerk had contacted SNP regarding old applications and the result of the applications:

Mur Coch Farm – Allowed

Woodland Plot Glan Gors – Allowed

Second application Tan y Castell – Refused

'Telecommunication Dish' at the Pavilion – Allowed

Planning 1 Glan Aber – Allowed

New application

Tŷ Llwyd: Application to widen entrance, change use of old stables to workshop, erect a steel framed storage shed. Clerk had received a letter from the applicant which he had acknowledged – understood that the application had been withdrawn?

Flooding. L.Roberts had received a message from S.Wasik confirming that he had visited the area on September 6 to clear the 'outfall' in the Meadow. It was understood that only part of the stream had been cleared, why was this, possibly because E.Williams is responsible for the remainder?, Clerk to make inquiries. Question asked about knotweed along part of the stream?

L.Roberts confirmed that a business case for the work to deal with flooding is being prepared by CCBC.

Hydro Scheme. By now it is highly unlikely that the original scheme will come to fruition. Noting his disappointment M.Skerrett confirmed that he and L.Roberts will be seeking more information from G.Edwards and J.Richardson.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members which was fully discussed.

Audit 2017-18. The report following the Annual Audit had been received from BDO and was discussed by the Members. They had drawn attention to some administrative issues which should be avoided in future. The Notice of Conclusion of the Audit had also been received and posted on the notice board by the Clerk. He had not received any requests to view the accounts by the closing date for viewing.

Bills. Emptying dog waste bins September/October £60; Grass cutting September £382.50; Meithrinfa'r Felin flowers/work on the flower tubs £50; CCBC Community Centre £10; Cyfieithu Cymunedol £103.60; Menter Siabod £10; Clerk July to September £250; ICO Data Registration Fee £40; N.Ferguson Website £50. Bills for payment proposed T.W.Jones, seconded C.Brewer. Undertakers had paid £150 for the funeral of D.Jones. Following bill payments new balance £6261.73

Other Issues.

Thanks. Noted that Heddwen Davies has retired from her post as 'Lollipop Lady' assisting the children to cross the road safely for many years. E.R.Noble proposed with C.Brewer seconding, and all in agreement that the Clerk should write to her to thank her for her work, M.Chapman agreed to buy flowers to be presented to her on behalf of the Council.

Council Membership. Clerk had received information from CCBC as regards the procedures to be followed to Co-opt a new Member and had advertised the relevant information in the notice board. 4 applications were received by the November 8th closing date, and all 4 were accepted on a proposal by E.R.Noble, seconded by T.W.Jones and all in agreement. The Members then proceeded to vote on them as per the official notice. Following the second vote Carwyn L Price Gelli'r Ddôl was successful and the Clerk will be notifying CCBC of this and also writing to the other 3 to thank them for their interest.

Date of next Council: Thursday January 10th 2019 at 7:00pm