

Council Minutes Thursday October 13 2022 at 7pm

Present: E.R.Noble, C.Brewer, C.L.Price, T.W.Jones, M.L.Hughes, M.Skerret, I.W.Griffiths.

Apologies: Liz Roberts

Condolence: The Chairperson referred to the recent death of Ieuan Evans late of Bryn Llys

Declaration of Interest. None.

Minutes. Council minutes 8.9.2022, confirmed, proposed I.W.Griffiths, seconded T.W.Jones.

Police. Following correspondence from B.Valintine, L.Roberts will be discussing both of the recent 'incidents' in the village with the Police.

The A470. Liz Roberts and I.W.Griffiths had a meeting today with Llyr H Gruffydd to discuss speeding through the village, he would like to receive copies of any relevant correspondence the Council had received on the issue. Understood that volunteers are still using 'the speed gun', agreed to review the situation in the new year.

County Council. Reply from Kevin Jones confirmed that drainage work has been scheduled at the Cyfyng Hill for next week. Work on the stream on the Penrhiw Hill to take place before the Winter and they will be looking into the source of the flooding along the hill. Need to refer the possibility of siting a 'No through road' sign on the road near Pont y Pant station to the Traffic Dept at CCBC.

Footpaths. M.Skerrett confirmed that cars using and parking at the 'back road' Pont y Pant continues to be an issue, reply from A.Roberts confirmed that he had referred the matter to Simon Rogers at the Trust main office but had not received a response to date.

Bridges in the Area. Liz Roberts had not received an update from Bryn Shilans, she has complained again about the need to remove/upgrade the 3Ton restriction sign at the entrance to the Roman Bridge road.

Planning

Ty'n Afallen - no decision

Bodygroes - “

Bridge Fedw “

3 Bron Llan - No objections.

Plans Tanrallt Farm - no objections.

New application

Gwalia - application to change into a holiday let, no objections but concern expressed regarding the sewage issue, Clerk to forward the comments to SNP.

Flooding. Nothing to report.

Scottish Power. No information as regards felling trees in the Hafod Gwenllian and Gorddinan areas.

Toilets. Clerk had received invoices from NPower to pay for electricity at the toilets totalling £347.92, agreed that Direct Debit be set up. Discuss leaving them open 24/7? with Zac.

Cenotaph C.Brewer showed Members craft work of soldiers created by M.Woodward who was asking whether it could be displayed at the Cenotaph grounds, Members were very happy to agree, the work will be there for Remembrance Sunday then could be kept safe for next year. The benches at the grounds need to be made secure, Clerk to ask E.Roberts if he could do this work. I.Davies to carry out further 'cast' repairs so that E.Roberts may rebuild the damaged pillar.

Work at the Cemetery. C.Brewer confirmed that the grant funding application had been approved with the work to be completed by 31 December 2022. Connie had prepared a very detailed list of all the work to be undertaken along with the related costing for the members and the Chairperson thanked her warmly for this and for all the work that she and Liz have done surrounding the grant application procedure.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed M.L.Hughes, seconded C.L.Price, and all in favour. C.Brewer to liaise with the Clerk on financial issues including on line banking and obtaining a debit card.

Christmas Tree. C.Brewer confirmed that she would liaise with Ffestiniog Town Council to arrange for a Xmas tree again this year and ask the Alfa men to site it on the Square. Chairperson thanked her very much for this. Unanimously agreed to donate £100 towards the carol singing and activities at the switching on the of the tree lights at the Square.

Council Website. M.Skerreett confirmed that the site had received around 400 visits.

Welsh Water. Correspondence from them confirmed they are aware that Council now own the toilets and that they will be billing the Council every 6 months .

Japanese Knotweed. Information to hand as regards ownership of the land where the knotweed is growing on land near to Aberbeinw, Clerk to make contact and to advise of the Council's concerns as to the growth and the problem of it spreading? It was understood that the electricity poles in the field are to be moved / taken down?

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday November 10.