

Council Minutes Thursday October 12 2023 at 7pm

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

Declaration of Interest. None

Council Minutes: Council minutes September 14 confirmed proposed E.R.Noble, seconded M.L.Hughes and all in favour.

Police. No contact from the Police but the Clerk had had a word with an Officer who was leaving the Office near to the Library and had asked him to give Jessica Williams a message to contact him, the Officer said that she was not in the office at present. A bell is sited on the building to make contact with the Police.

The A470. Much discussion about the 20mph, agreed to wait a while to see what effect it would have on traffic through the village. L.Roberts continues to discuss with officials. Clerk confirmed that there is a sign at the Pont Arenig layby confirming that toilets are sited in the village.

County Council. Reply from Kevin Jones at CCBC confirming that he agreed that the condition of the Cyfyng Hill is poor but that the coffers do not allow them to carry out large schemes at present, he will ask Chris Roberts to arrange for workmen to fill in the potholes and tidy the area.

Flooding Liz Roberts is awaiting for contact from Owen? regarding the situation.

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

Toilets. Clerk had received a reply from Gary Williams CCBC offering to meet to discuss the £500 annual payment and the payment by card situation on Tuesday October 24 at 9am, Clerk to invite Zack to the meeting.

Cenotaph. C.Brewer confirmed that Dolwyddelan in Bloom members will be meeting at the Cenotaph prior to Remembrance Sunday.

Work at the Cemetery. An update was received regarding the work and the ‘scoring’ regarding the applications. Connie and Liz were again thanked for their work and dedication to this project.

Standing Orders. The Standing Orders, Equalities Policy and Welsh Language Policy were reviewed and approved. Proposed M.Skerrett, seconded E.R.Noble and all in favour.

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.

Japanese Knotweed. Clerk has contacted B.Parry, no response received.

Defibrillator. M.Skerrett had received prices for defibrilators and agreed to make further inquiries.

Bus Service. The service is ‘live’ and Liz Roberts again stressed the need to ‘use it or loose it’ Naturally there are problems from time to time but it is really good to have the service for the village.

Tanrallt Houses. Liz had enjoyed her visit, repairs are being carried out at one of the houses.

A470 Crimea. Reply from Neil Dyson confirmed he will be in the area soon and will have a look at the branches '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. Situation discussed then agreed that a poster inviting those interested in carrying out upgrade work to contact the Clerk.

Christmas Tree. C.Brewer reported on the arrangements, Clerk is in regular contact with the Blaenau Ffestinog Clerk.

Precept 2024. Clerk confirmed letter has been received from CCBC noting they will need the figure by January 19 2024.

Tree Felling. M.Skerrett noted the need to cut branches and trees at Pont y Pant and noted the sites, he agreed to take photos so that the Clerk could forward them to CCBC, L.Roberts noted that a large tree needs to be looked at near to the Tanrallt houses. Clerk to report both sites.

Audit. Clerk confirmed that he had been discussing the forms not completed with the Office at Cardiff, as the retiring Chair E.R.Noble had received a copy of the correspondence. A detailed discussion took place regarding the situation before agreeing to meet on October 26 to discuss again.

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday November 9.