

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday September 14th 2017 at 6:30pm.

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

Apology: C.Brewer

Minutes. Council Minutes 13.7.17, confirmed, following correction, proposed by E.R.Noble, seconded L.Roberts.

Police. Reply received from John Morris from the Community Speed Watch Scheme listing the names of those who had declared interest in the scheme, he hadn't contacted them to discuss training. Clerk to contact him again to discuss the way forward. Reply from R.Morgan Head of the Assembly Planning Transport Division confirming there were no plans to site flashing signs showing the actual speed of cars travelling through the area. Note the Assembly document: <http://llyw.cymru/topics/transport/roads/highway-standards/pag/?skip=1&lang=cv>. They are reviewing speed limits throughout Wales at present, this will continue for 3 years, Council's comments have been noted. Enforcement and drivers' attitude is a Police matter. Liz Roberts has a meeting with NMWTRA officials on October 5<sup>th</sup> and will raise this at the meeting. Question asked as to what the cost of a flashing sign like the one at Llandudno would be, could the local Council buy one?

The A470. Clerk to send a copy of the R.Morgan reply to Inspector Gareth Jones who felt that the Council's suggestion to have the flashing warning signs showing actual speed was a really constructive idea. Liz Roberts to discuss cutting tree saplings along the A470 towards the Castle at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also the water flowing across the A470 on the Crimea Pass.

County Council. Understood that work has been completed on bridges in the area especially Hendre Bridge, L.Roberts has sent a word of thanks. Workmen had been seen near Hendre, hopefully work on the road there has also taken place? Reply from CCBC confirmed they had surveyed the condition of Ffordd Tŷ Isaf as far as Hendre and noted that no problems were raised but that they will monitor regularly.

Street Signs. The Glan Aber sign has been re-sited and a new sign is in place at Maes y Llan, Clerk was thanked for his work in arranging for this to take place.

Footpaths. Detailed reply received from Ioan Davies – CCBC are responsible for moving trees off paths, he has arranged a site visit to see the path at Pont y Pant with V.Currie and K.Jones. The NRW have responsibility for most of the paths in the old Forestry Commission land. He has and is quite prepared to discuss the Pont y Pant path again with Lledr Hall staff. Question asked if there was an SLA in place between the National Park and CCBC? Clerk to ask Ioan about this.

Station site. Understood that Dolwyddelan in Bloom members are to carry out work at the site before the Winter.

Village History. The DVD is selling quite well, advertised monthly in the Odyn.

'Odd job' Post. Post to be borne in mind when discussing financial projects.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. Question asked if the work is finished, Clerk to inquire.

The Cemetery. Les Roberts has completed excellent drainage work at the cemetery, he will monitor the situation regularly to ensure all is well. He will also have a look at repairs to the gate. E.Roberts has obtained 3 new like sized trees for the Cenotaph, 3 others to follow, he had also

obtained estimates for the landscaping work he had discussed with Connie. Slate kerbing would cost £787, wooden kerbing £92. Agreed to meet again at the site prior to making a decision regarding the work, question asked whether it was realistic to do this now if the Council are to undertake comprehensive drainage work at the Cenotaph in early Spring? This should be discussed again at the next Council meeting.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. It was thought that the work has now come to an end and that all the timber at the A470 junction will have been cleared soon. Liz Roberts to discuss a project under consideration by the the School with N.Dyson.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. Clerk had had a telephone discussion with A.Hughes who confirmed he had met with Wendy Dearden from CCBC; it was very quiet regarding the Dolwyddelan area at present. He had confirmed that the response to the recent questionnaire had been very poor and asked whether those wanting a house had their names on the housing waiting list? Also are there people in 2/3 bed houses prepared to move to smaller houses if they were available? L.Roberts said she would ask the Cynefin Group if they were prepared to arrange a further housing survey in the area.

3 Day Eryri Event. Clerk had forwarded Council's suggestions for the 2018 event to T.Breese but had not received a response.

Lledr Hall. Nothing to report regarding T.Smith at Lledr Hall discussing a community project with Mrs Artell, L.Roberts will look into this.

Defibrillator. T.W.Jones confirmed it was possible that a contribution could be received from the Friends of the Memorial Hospital to purchase a second one, E.R.Noble proposed with L.Roberts seconding that this should be discussed with B.W.Jones. M.Skerrett is in contact with SPAR regarding a financial contribution and has money from bag contributions which could be utilised.

Retaining Walls. Reply from Network Rail confirmed the wall has been repaired, T.W.Jones will check on this.

Smart Meter. Clerk is awaiting for contact from a company who supply alternative meters.

Roman Bridge road. No reply to the complaint regarding recent poor quality grass cutting.

Community Centre/Carnival 2018 Celebrations. No information regarding cost of new tables had come to hand, decision can be made when estimates are received, L.Roberts will arrange for this. Interest noted by L.Roberts, M.Chapman and M.L.Hughes.

#### Correspondences.

St Gwyddelan Flower Festival. M.L.Hughes was thanked for arranging flowers at the Festival on behalf of the Council.

Station site. L.Roberts has contacted the ERF Department following an 'incident' at the site.

Dangerous grid. Kevin Jones from ConwyCBC had dealt promptly with a potentially dangerous raised grid on the pavement near Ronan, Clerk had written to thank him

'Green Lane Off-roading'. It was understood that various Agencies are aware of and are working with the group, it was hoped that no damage will be caused along the routes being used.

High Street. Confirmation received noting that ConwyCBC are not responsible for the lane running off High Street at the top of the hill.

Data Protection. Information received about future changes – seminars will be arranged.

SYSTRA. Information regarding the company who will be arranging a survey into bus services in Conwy, questionnaires will be distributed.

Clustering. Information about the clustering of Councils to work together and share good practices. L.Roberts commented that not many people were aware of this! It would appear that this would be best suited for large Town Councils? The information was noted.

Ombudsman. Clerk had received a request for information to aid them with a complaint they had received. He had discussed this with the Chairman and forwarded the required information. Letter received confirming that the Ombudsman will not be investigating into the complaint.

Code of Conduct. Clerk had distributed copies of the revised Code to Members for consideration. E.R.Noble proposed with T.W.Jones seconding, and all in agreement, that the Code should be adopted. Hard copy of the revised Code signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

#### Planning applications

Tan y Castell – Nothing to report

Mur Coch Farm – Nothing to report

Ty'n y Fron – Has the application been withdrawn?

Woodland Plot Glan Gors – Nothing to report

#### New applications

Cambrian Garage – Clerk had advised Members of the application – no observations.

Flooding. Situation discussed in detail, A.Fawcett confirmed that he will have completed his report by the next meeting. No information received from ConwyCBC since receipt of the report dated July 10<sup>th</sup>. Question was asked as to what would happen if the Community Council carried out work themselves, e.g. assisting E.Williams with Meadow drainage or laying a new 'grid' at Allt Gweithdy? What would be the legal implications? Clerk to write to G.Edwards. E.R.Noble suggested that this should be discussed in detail again at the next meeting.

Hydro Scheme. C.Brewer confirmed that B.Burchell at CCBC will be preparing a newsletter to confirm the situation as discussions continue at a 'high level' and are of a complex nature.

Financial. Clerk continues to correspond with BDO regarding the Audit. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members. Precept payment of £3000 received.

Bills. A.Jones grass cutting July & August £716.66; Emptying Dog waste bins July/August £60; Community Centre £10; Menter Siabod £10; Skip £222; Cambrian, drainage work £1176. Bills for payment proposed M.Chapman, seconded M.L.Hughes. New Balance £5313.80.

County Council. M.L.Hughes confirmed she had received a complaint about drivers parking at the Pont Coblyn layby, jumping over the wall and using the site as a toilet, Clerk to contact ConwyCBC to ask them to repair the wall to prevent this and arrange for a sign there to confirm that there are public toilets in the village.

Flower beds. L.Roberts confirmed that Dolwyddelan in Bloom members are considering placing raised flower beds on ConwyCBC land near to Bethel Chapel.

Date of next Council: Thursday November 2 at 6:30pm