

Council Minutes at the Community Pavilion Thursday September 15th 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present: C.Brewer, J.Houston, T.W.Jones, E.R.Noble, M.Chapman, C.Roberts, A.Fawcett, T.Jones.

Apologies. Liz Roberts, M.Skerrett.

Minutes. Council Minutes 7.7.2016, confirmed, proposed by T.W.Jones, seconded E.R.Noble.

Police. Confirmation received that the 'Go Safe' Dept have received Council's complaint, they will assess the situation in the village and report back to Council. Clerk confirmed he had received information about a car having been left for a while in Church Street, the condition of the inside of the car is very untidy and it seems there is no current MOT on the car. Clerk has reported the car to the Police, Members agreed with the action taken by the Clerk.

The A470. Reply from K.Skates Highways Minister confirmed that the proposed work near to Bertheos Bridge has been prioritised above all similar work to take place in Wales and it is hoped that the work will commence in 2019/20 at the earliest. Liz Roberts confirmed she has arranged to meet with I.Tegid and representatives from Capel Curig, Betws y Coed & Dolwyddelan Councils at Betws y Coed on September 27, this will be an opportunity to discuss all the issues that Council have complained about. Another reply from K.Skates confirmed that his Dept have asked officials to monitor the situation with cars parking in dangerous areas at Granllyn and to work with the Police on this.

County Council. Reply from the ERF Dept confirmed that the pot holes along the Roman Bridge road have been attended to. A further reply from them confirmed that the condition of the Ty Isaf road has been assessed and repair work will take place in the near future with the road being listed for consideration for full resurfacing. Clerk and Cllr Liz Roberts have complained about the delays in carrying out work at Bwlch Bridge, message received from B.Shiland on September 12 confirming that they are hopeful that the work on the bridge will start on October 12. Clerk has written again to complain about the delays with work at Plas Bridge and the River Bridge.

Footpaths. Resurfacing work has taken place along Llwybyr Cul.

Station site. Unfortunately Dolwyddelan in Bloom did not win an ACORP award this year.

Hydro Scheme. Message received from S.Teale apologising for the delay in replying, he has been on leave. The Tender Panel met during August and in September to assess the bids for tender work. An Innovation Partner will be appointed by the end of September and he will arrange for the official to meet with the Council. The Stakeholder Group met on August 31 to move the project forward and the draft business case has been presented to the Welsh European Funding Office. C.Brewer and David Inghram are part of this Group. C.Brewer confirmed that there are some confidential aspects that cannot be reported at this stage. It was agreed that Steve should arrange to be present at the Fun Day and to be prepared to address questions regarding the project and that it was now time for him to prepare flyers/leaflets for distribution in the village. Connie will seek information regarding the tender process.

Financial. Clerk confirmed up to date balances & supplied Members with his regular detailed financial report, the Audit is in progress with the Clerk having to field questions from them.

Village History. Llinos Griffin has contacted the Clerk and has met with Bill Jones regarding some aspects of local history, she is anxious to interview others in the village, names of people who could help her were suggested.

'Odd job' Post. Clerk confirmed that P.Davies had confirmed that he is unable to take the post, another name to contact was mentioned. It was also agreed to pursue the work of restoring the commemorative plaque at Tan y Fron, 3 names were mentioned for the Clerk to obtain estimates from them.

Village Surgery/Ffestiniog Hospital. Nothing to report.

Recycle More. Clerk had written to CCBC to thank workers for their work during the Environment Day and Phil Vipond the Environment Officer had responded by thanking the Council for their kind words. Hopefully CCBC Depts will be present at the Fun Day.

Tree Harvesting. It was understood that the work is slowing down, is it near completion? Comment received from M.Skerrett that he had received a complaint that the tarmac road surface at Tai Glan Gors is being damaged by the lorries, Clerk to complain to E.Stevens.

Salt gritting. Reply from Lyn Davies, CCBC confirmed he was pleased that the Council were becoming part of the scheme, he said that the salt bags should be delivered late September/October. He also confirmed that the current salt bins in the area will be filled as normal. The Community Council will need to address this issue carefully regarding how and who will move the bags from the Station and who will be prepared to spread the salt when required?

The Cemetery. Clerk confirmed that he had been in the cemetery with R.Jones to discuss the pot holes and flooding of the road. His immediate suggestion was that the flooding should be the priority prior to thinking about resurfacing the road and he suggested ways that he could achieve this. That would entail discussions with the immediate landowner, Clerk to discuss with him.

Visit. It was understood that Cara Lynn will be attending the Fun Day on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Local Walks. Footpath sub-committee members and the Clerk had met with M.Grant at the Station Yard to discuss the new information panel she wants to erect there. This has to be done on account of the rebranding of the Body responsible for the panel. Best siting area and content of the panel were discussed with E.R.Noble noting that the starting point for one of the paths was incorrect! Miranda agreed to address this and to contact the Council again. A 7 September message from her confirmed that the new panel was being prepared along with a suggestion where it could be sited, agreed Clerk should ask her to confirm when the panel will be ready to be sited. Work at Pont Carreg Alltrem completed, Miranda will be monitoring the site over Winter.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. Message from N.Dyson confirmed that the work has commenced and that Members were welcome to visit the site. Regarding timings for children coming and going to school, he is in contact with Rhian Rowlands and Bethan Jones.

Tree growth at Maes y Braich. Clerk has contacted NRW and received a reply confirming that the land is outside their boundary, he is now in contact with ERF at CCBC regarding the issue.

Cycling venture. Chairperson Connie Brewer was grateful for the good wishes and contributions she received towards her charity cycling event to Iowa – she enjoyed the memorable experience.

Review of Parliamentary Constituences. Proposals may be viewed on the Commission website [www.bcomm-wales.co.uk](http://www.bcomm-wales.co.uk) representations to be made by 5 December 2016.

### Planning applications

Siting solar panels at Gwyndy – No information

Ty Isaf Hydro Scheme – No information

14 Castle Terrace – No objections nor observations

New applications – discussed at the August 31 meeting

Ty'n y Fron – Second application, initial one refused – no objection again but refer to initial comments – hoped this application would comply with regulations – ask again if Section 106 would be relevant and if it is to be an Affordable House then it should be so in perpetuity

1 & 2 Bryn Moel – Application supported and it was hoped that they would keep the character of the building – possibly the oldest dwelling in the area

Tan y Castell – No objection – emphasise that this is an Affordable House, a local young man anxious to live and work locally

River Conwy Hydro Scheme – Agreed to re submit the earlier comments made by Council and to ask if they had been considered, what are the significant changes, are the Park happy with them?

2 applications – 6 Tan y Benar and Cae'r Elan have been approved.

Bills. Community Centre £10; Menter Siabod £10; Transfer Cemetery account £550; Caretaker July/August £683.32; (C.Roberts noted interest). Bills for payment proposed M.Chapman, seconded T.W.Jones. Following these payments there will be £6741.44 in the Current Account and £63.57 in the Cemetery account.

Flooding. Liz Roberts had confirmed that discussions are ongoing and that NRW are continuing to look into their early warning systems for flooding.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. The Clerk confirmed he had made inquiries regarding the ownership of one parcel of land without success. V.Kelly the Gwynedd Housing Enabler had replied noting the housing situation in the area and confirming that people had contacted them during the Carnival to note their interest regarding making a housing application. She will be present at the Fun Day and the Clerk had sent her a message to suggest perhaps it would be a good idea for her to advertise this fact prior to the Fun Day?

Tree growth near Railway Bridge. E.R.Noble commented that tree branches need trimming here, Clerk to contact M.Lawton as it is likely that this is Network Rail land?

Path Penrhiw to Pont Coblyn. E.R.Noble reported that it is possible to complain about the condition of paths on the Park website, Clerk was asked to do this as this path is in need of attention – it is very 'wet' in parts.

Information. Comment by M.Skerrett that it should be ensured that documents may be viewed in good time in order to make comments on them, Clerk to note this and members to make sure that they pass on the documents promptly.

Date of next Council: Thursday November 3 2016 at 7pm.