

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday September 13th 2018 at 7:00pm.

Present: M.Skerrett, E.R.Noble, Marion L Hughes, M.Chapman.

Apologies: Liz Roberts, T.W.Jones.

Minutes. Council Minutes 5.7.2018, confirmed, proposed E.R.Noble, seconded M.Chapman.

Police. Copy of the reply that L.Roberts had received from R.Morgan at the Assembly's Road Network Dept. was read, confirming that they are carrying out a 3 year survey into the situation regarding speeding and road safety at 600 locations. These will then need to be analysed prior to deciding what action to take, which will take time. Following receipt of the reply Liz had asked for a meeting with the transport inspector which will happen on September 14th. Comments made about the 'Police Officer' near to Elen's Castle Hotel, some Members felt it was quite effective, Clerk to thank Helen and Adam for their efforts with this. Agreed that Mike, Connie, Liz and Myfanwy should meet to have a think about 'local signs'.

The A470. L.Roberts had received information from P.Brunton confirming that he had been inspecting the drainage on the Crimea Pass on a rainy day! He had noted the problem areas and will be considering what action to take and will keep in touch. Workmen have carried out work at Allt Singrig and the pavement at Pentrefelin has been resurfaced. Clerk had written to inquire what work is to take place on the Crimea as traffic flow is to be controlled there for a period.

County Council. Pot holes remain along the Roman Bridge road, Clerk to ask for an update. Reply from CCBC confirmed they will deal with the poor condition of the road off the A470 at Pont y Pant. Clerk read from an article from the Daily Post on September 4 noting that over 160 bridges in Conwy County are in poor condition and that this will be raised with the Welsh Government. Question asked as to what effect this would have on work due on the bridges in the Dolwyddelan area?

Footpaths. Message from Ioan Davies, he is in the process of carrying out another footpath survey period beginning with this area, he will make contact again with a full report of his findings.

Station site. The special event at the Station in August was a great success. D.Standbury had arranged for the damaged walls to be repaired, Clerk has thanked him. Reports in the Press about the change in train companies and that Station sites are to be upgraded.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. Reply from P.Lloyd confirmed that harvesting continues in the area and that the manager is aware of the issue with school hours. It was understood that some lorries are in the area very early in the mornings, Clerk to write to remind them about the agreed hours.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. Message from C.Humphreys CCBC confirmed that his workmen had cut the grass again and he felt that the moss situation was under control, they will visit again in October. Clerk to 'kindly' ask them not to make any 'treatments' prior to Remembrance Sunday.

Review Town & Community Councils. Nothing to report.

Data Protection Regulation. Agreed that the Clerk should make further inquiries as to paying the £40 registration fee even though Council do not have to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

Review of Electoral Arrangements Conwy. Information from One Voice Wales that the Boundary Commission have submitted their Final Recommendations on September 5th, once the report has been placed before Parliament the Commission will display the Recommendations on their website.

Dog fouling. Clerk will arrange to site the new bin near to Bwlch Bridge with G.Roberts in the near future.

General. No response from M.Woosnam, Clerk to make further contact, if no reply is received, agreed to leave the matter until the Spring.

St Gwyddelan Flower Festival. The Festival was very successful, M.Chapman was warmly thanked for the special display that she prepared on behalf of the Council.

National Park Meeting. M.Skerrett agreed to attend the Plas y Brenin October 8 meeting, E.R.Noble confirmed he would also hopefully be able to attend.

Council Membership. A.Fawcett's resignation was discussed, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should contact the relevant officer at CCBC to move on with getting a new Member.

Correspondences.

Councils' Forum – Clerk had been unable to attend but had sent comments on the Shared Charter with CCBC. It was noted that there were some far-reaching expectations for Clerks and Councils in the document, have all the Councils agreed with the Charter?

Connecting Communities – Clerk had circulated information about the project to Members.

Betsi Cadwaladr Group meeting – Clerk had distributed report from their last meeting.

Housing Delivery through planning system – Clerk had distributed information about the call for evidence.

Improved Communication in the NHS – Clerk had distributed information about the press release.

4 Weekly refuse collection – Clerk had distributed the information received from CCBC.

Salt Bags – Agreed to be part of the distribution of bags again this year.

Playing Fields – Article in the Press where CCBC note their need for more finance to maintain them, they are to set up a Task & Finish group to look into ways of achieving this.

Dolwyddelan School – Letter received asking whether the Council could consider financial support to transport children around the School Group, Betws y Coed, Capel Garmon & Dolwyddelan as the Local Authority funding has more or less been lost. The Governing Body strongly believe that it is important for pupils to regularly get together as a group. This was fully discussed and the request was agreed in principle but further information was required e.g. will the costs be shared between the three schools, what about buying a mini bus? – agreed to ask E.R.Noble, who is on the Governing Body, to take the comments raised to their next meeting. Interest noted by E.R.Noble and M.Chapman.

Letter also received from the School Council noting their hope to keep hens in the school garden, it was understood that this is not now likely to happen.

Planning applications

Mur Coch Farm – Nothing to report

Woodland Plot Glan Gors – Nothing to report

Second application Tan y Castell – Nothing to report

'Telecommunication Dish' at the Pavilion – Nothing to report

Planning 1 Glan Aber – No observations nor objections

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.

Liz has prepared a detailed Flood Investigation Report for residents to be included in the Autumn Newsletter, she was warmly thanked for this.

Hydro Scheme. The sub committee has met with S.Teale. Understood that problems with the Business Rates had created difficulties with the original application, Steve is to meet and discuss other options with Scottish Power, understood that grant funding is available from the Welsh Government. CCBC continue to work on the scheme and it was agreed that Steve and B.Burchell should prepare a report to be shared with residents at a meeting or to be included in a newsletter.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members which was fully discussed. Precept payment of £3000 received from CCBC; burial payments in respect of the funerals of R.M.Jones and D.Jones to be paid by Funeral Directors.

Bills. Emptying dog waste bins July/August £60; Grass cutting July/August £765; Meithrinfa'r Felin flowers/work on the flower tubs £70; CCBC Community Centre £10; Clerk Weedol for the Cemetery £21; Cyfieithu Cymunedol £103.60. Bills for payment proposed E.R.Noble, seconded C.Brewer. Following bill payments new balance £7025.93.

Other Issues. C.Brewer was worried about overgrown tree branches at Tŷ Capel Isa, as he knows the owners, M.Skerrett agreed to have a word with them.

Date of next Council: Thursday November 8th 2018 at 7:00pm