

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday September 12 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: M.Chapman, Marion L Hughes, C.Brewer, Liz Roberts, T.W.Jones, M.Skerrett, C.L.Price.

Apology: E.R.Noble.

Minutes. Council Minutes 4.7.2019 confirmed proposed C.Brewer, seconded L.Roberts following comments by C.Brewer that it was the Large Grey Logo that was chosen, and confirmation by L.Roberts that Mel Lawton continues to be the contact for railway issues not A.Daniels.

Police. M.Skerrett had obtained details & quotations for flashing speed warning signs, it was agreed that the prices were too expensive, agreed that the Clerk should continue to liaise with relevant bodies and the Police to control the speeding through the village.

The A470. T.W.Jones confirmed that a Public Meeting is to be held at Blaenau Ffestiniog to discuss transport issues. Liz has contacted T.Barnes Welsh Government again regarding moving the Pont Arenig sign, still no reply received.

County Council. Liz Roberts confirmed that it is unlikely that Tŷ Isaf road will be resurfaced. Comment by C.L.Price that the condition of the road along the Cyfyng Hill to Tanclogwyn and Tŷ Mawr is poor, Clerk to bring this to the attention of CCBC.

Footpaths. Reply from Ioan Davies, a type of 'doggy stile' is available, more like a small gate, cost similar to a stile, finance is tight. Another option would be a gate instead of a stile dependent on landowner agreement. Members suggested other alternatives, Clerk to offer them to Ioan for his response or to visit the area.

Station site. Nothing to report.

The Cemetery/Cenotaph. Reply from Clive Humphreys confirming that he will ask the workmen to give the Cenotaph grass another cut, regarding the condition of the trees he will have to visit to examine them and perhaps consider other types of new trees to plant. Dolwyddelan in Bloom have an Open Day arranged at the Cenotaph to seek suggestions as to what can be done at the grounds. C.Brewer asked whether grants/funding are available to maintain the cemetery land?

Council Charter. Clerk confirmed that the next Town & Community Council Forum is at Glasdir on October 16th. He had received a questionnaire from CCBC to complete as regards the services that the local Community Council are responsible for, understood that CCBC will then be considering the responses for future action.

Dolwyddelan School. Nothing to report.

Surgery Building. Understood that a lady who has moved to the area to live is in contact with Dr T.Parry with a view to using the building for physiotherapy treatments. The Members were pleased to learn that use is to be made of the building.

Carreg Alltrem Bridge. Message from M.Grant confirming that they hope to complete some work at the beginning of September, flooding in the river has restricted the work recently. Clerk to contact her for an update.

Bus Service. It was understood that arrangements are in place to transport Blaenau Ffestiniog pupils to Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, complaints were received that the afternoon bus is overcrowded

as pupils and the public use it at that time – need to monitor this. Agreed that the Clerk should contact the Education Authority to make them aware of this.

Skip. Menter Siabod will be paying for the next visit, agreed that the Council should arrange the next skip visit on a Saturday in January 2020.

Dog waste bins. Clerk to speak with Seb and Gen regarding the bin at Allt Gweithdy.

Logo. The Large Grey Logo was chosen, C.Brewer to have a word with Bruce regarding the arrangements – production, cost, distribution et seq.

Bridges in the Area. The report of the visit by G.Parry was discussed, it was appreciated that he has a lot of thinking to do to resolve the issues. Clerk to keep in touch with him.

Correspondences.

National Park. Clerk to confirm that L.Roberts, M.Skerrett & T.W.Jones will attend the Plas Tan y Bwlch meeting.

Ellen's Well. Letter from Liz Evans Historical Society asking whether the Council could financially support maintenance of the land near the Well. Clerk to seek further information.

Environment Law. Copied to Members, Clerk to contact One Voice Wales.

'Repair Café'. Message from Helen Hardy asking whether the village could become 'Greener' from a keeping & repairing aspect rather than 'throwing away' items? Newsletter item?

Street Lighting along A470. Information from NMWTRA about work to take place from Sept 19 to October 22. Letter from H.Hardy expressing concern about the type of lighting to be used. Liz Roberts had inquired as to whether they could use the type of lighting as at Betws y Coed?

Planning applications

Tŷ Llwyd: Nothing to report

Tan y Clogwyn: Nothing to report

I Maes y Braich. No comments.

Rowans. No comments

Flooding. Reply from S.Wasik confirming they have failed to find a scheme that Welsh Govt (WG) would support. They have had additional funding from WG to look again at a scheme with the hope of submitting it to them by October 15th. Clerk to keep in touch as regards the result.

Toilets. Clerk had copied S.Teale's recent message (Sept 11) to Members, no copies of the plan received. Important that Council can study the plans prior to them being submitted. Many related aspects were discussed: have the plans been sent to the Park; much work to be completed; the cost; what about cleaning and maintenance? M.Skerrett to keep in touch with Steve.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report which was fully discussed.

Bills. Translation Sept 12 £103.60; CCBC Meeting 12/9 £10; I.Griffiths grass cutting July/August £666.66; Seb Kent Emptying dog bins £80; M.Skerrett 'Jacket' £13.99; CCBC Skip £240. £3000 Precept payment received. Bills for payment proposed T.W.Jones, seconded M.L.Hughes. Following bill payments new balance £9114.25 in the account.

Date of next Council: Thursday November 7th 2019 at 7:00pm