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Council Minutes Thursday September 8 2022 at 7pm

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

The Queen. The Chairperson referred to the recent death of the Queen.

Declaration of Interest. None.

Minutes. Council minutes 16.6.2022, confirmed, proposed M.L.Hughes, seconded C.L.Price.

Police. Visits to the area by the Police appear to be very infrequent.

The A470. Heavy lorries continue to travel through the area, it is apparent that this will continue for some time.

County Council. Clerk to request that the Council visit the Penrhiw 'hill' to attempt to rectify the reason for the continual flooding along this part of the road. Also to raise the situation at the Cyfyng hill once again, local residents regularly use the road in this area and the road surface really does need attention. M.Skerrett asked whether the County Council would consider siting a 'No Through Road' sign along the 'back road' at Pont y Pant in an attempt to prevent drivers using it and causing real problems to the local residents.

Footpaths. Clerk had written to Iolo Tegid to complain about the situation at Granllyn emphasising that drivers leaving their cars there alongside the A470 cause dangerous situations. A reply from Tim Barnes Welsh Government Office confirmed that they have contacted the Highways Agent to ask him to look into this problem and to discuss with Andrew Roberts. Clerk also to discuss with Andrew again.

Bridges in the Area. No reply from B.Shiland, Liz Roberts confirmed she understood that the plans are nearly ready for re-submission to the National Park, noted there was a need to remove the 3Ton restriction sign at the entrance to the Roman Bridge road, Liz will ask Bryn to arrange this, also she will ask about the situation with other bridges in the area.

Planning

Ty'n Afallen - no decision

Bodygroes - “

Bridge Fedw “

3 Bron Llan - No objections.

Plans Tanrallt Farm - no objections.

Flooding. Liz Roberts confirmed that K.Phillips is going to meet with her at the village.

Scottish Power. Awaiting information as regards the timetable for felling trees in the Hafod Gwenllian and Gorddinan areas.

Toilets. Unfortunately a 'blockage' at the toilets recently caused difficulty with sewage overflowing in the building and at the back of the building. Zac worked really efficiently with help from Dave Foster to clear and clean the area. It was decided to contact the company GEWS and they had to make 2 visits to fully resolve the issue. A special camera had to be used to identify the location of the problem causing the toilets to be shut for a period .Liz Roberts suggested that the Clerk should contact Gary Williams at CCBC to discuss the situation and to suggest that he could come and visit the toilets.

Cenotaph The Police were not interested in following up the incident with the pillar, agreed to ask E.Roberts for an estimate to re-build the pillar - he is already going to rebuild the wall to the meadow gate, his estimate for the wall work was accepted, E.Noble will fetch the stone work required from the Quarry, Clerk to contact I.Davies to carry out further 'cast fencing' repairs.

Cemetery. The Caretaker is at work with the grounds in a good condition.

Work at the Cemetery. Felling the trees is ongoing and the area is looking really good. Some issues relating to this work were discussed, C.Brewer will convey these to Iolo Hughes. Much work and activity is ongoing to prepare an application for a CCBC Rural Development Grant for work on the hearse building and other works in and around the Cemetery area and Connie and Liz who are leading on this, were warmly thanked for their work, they are working to obtain estimates for the works required. The members discussed the various issues and required work in detail with everyone expressing their thoughts openly and constructively.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed M.L.Hughes, seconded I.Griffiths, and all in favour.

Council Website. M.Skerrett has been in contact with Nick, Clerk to forward 'draft minutes' for inclusion on the site to him.

Skip. It appears that the August skip visit went well and that it was well supported. Agreed to discuss having a further skip visit in October/November.

Cars speeding through the village. Situation is quiet and it was agreed to review in 6 months.

Welsh Water. Correspondence from them confirmed they are aware that Council now own the toilets and that they will be billing every 6 months .

Japanese Knotweed. Letter received noting concerns about the situation with its growth in the Aberbeinw and Maes y Braich areas. Clerk had forwarded the concerns to the National Park and received a reply confirming that they do not have Powers to control it other than if it spreads to other areas, at that stage it would be an offence and should be reported to Natural Resources Wales. T.W.Jones will make efforts to find out who owns the land.

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday October 6th, Clerk to discuss the location.