

Council Minutes Thursday September 14 2023 at 7pm

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

Declaration of Interest. None

Council Minutes:

Correction: Liz Roberts requested that the Community Council should send an application to the Shared Prosperity Fund at CVSC for a Feasability Officer to carry out a Community Plan and Vision document for the Community Council, this was unanimously agreed.

Correction: Liz Roberts noted the need to consider painting the bus shelter near the village Square - Members to consider names of people for Clerk to contact.

Correction: Reference to Code of Conduct should be to 'Standing Orders'. The Standing Orders, Equalities and Welsh Language Policies were reviewed and approved. Proposed M.Skerrett, seconded by E.R.Noble and all in favour.

Following the corrections E.R.Noble proposed with L.Roberts seconding and all in favour that the July 14 minutes were correct.

Police. Liz Roberts was disappointed that no contact had been received from the Police as regards a meeting with Council Members, Clerk to follow up on this.

The A470. L.Roberts confirmed that she had received confirmation that the the 30 mph sign will be moved back to the Pont Arenig lay by Spring 2024. Clerk to follow up as regards his request for a sign noting that there are toilets in the village square.

County Council. Clerk to contact Kevin Jones at CCBC to complain that no action has been taken as regards the condition of the river bridge wall nor the wall along Church Street and Bridge Street. No confirmation as regards a 'No through road sign' on the Hendre side of the 'back road.

Planning As no reply has been forthcoming regarding the recent applications it was agreed to delete them off the minutes other than the most recent one, of course applications can be viewed on the SNP website by entering the ref no of the application, eg.the latest one Tanaeldroch is ref NP4/16/78J

Flooding Liz Roberts has sent an e.mail seeking to arrange a meeting, she will confirm the details when known.

Scottish Power. L.Roberts is awaiting further information as to a start date.

Toilets. Clerk confirmed that the arrangement during Zac's holiday period had gone well apart from a blockage which Pete had managed to clear. Clerk to contact Gary Williams at CCBC to clarify the situation with the annual £500 payment from CCBC and the situation with the new company regarding making card payments at the toilets as it is likely that the Community Council will need to pay for it? Clerk to clarify the situation with water and electricity meter readings with Zac.

Cenotaph. C.Brewer noted that Dolwyddelan in Bloom members will be meeting at the Cenotaph prior to Remembrance Sunday. Mark Woodward had offered to paint the railings at the grounds and has completed the work, his invoice for the cost of the paint will be included in the list of bills to be paid. It was agreed that Idris Roberts had carried out excellent work at the Cenotaph grounds.

Work at the Cemetery. C.Brewer and L.Roberts presented Members with details of options for further work on the Bryn y Bedd Memorial Project for consideration and inclusion in the tender. Following a discussion option 3 was selected by Members with all in favour and will be submitted. Connie and Liz were again thanked for their work and dedication to this project.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed C.Brewer, seconded C.L.Price, and all in favour.

Japanese Knotweed. Suggested that as the land has been sold Clerk should contact B.Parry seeking details of the new owner.

Skip. Skip visit was held on July 25 and was well supported.

Defibrillator. Understood that discussions are ongoing regarding the possibility of having Defibrillators at Pont y Pant and Roman Bridge stations.

Bus Service. Liz Roberts confirmed that the Flexi Bus Service for the area is happening, the message is use it or lose it. She was congratulated for all her efforts in securing the service. Liz is in contact with Janet Finch-Saunders as regards 'Charging Stations'.

Tanrallt Houses. Understood that work is taking place at the houses.

Pont Arenig lay by. Clerk has contacted CADW regarding them providing a bilingual sign at the lay by to confirm that Public Toilets are provided at the village Square.

Trees alongside the road alongside the River Bridge. Network Rail have cut the overhanging branches.

A470 Crimea. Reference was made to the fact that overgrown branches on trees alongside the A470 are causing difficulties to drivers joining the A470 at the junction from Roman Bridge as they are creating a 'blind spot' to drivers which could be dangerous. Clerk to contact N.Dyson.

Website. It was agreed to fully upgrade/update the Council's Website, M.Skerret, T.W.Jones and Liz Roberts to liaise with this work, Clerk to notify Nick of the intention to do this work.

Christmas Tree. Understood that the Xmas tree lights will be lit on December 2nd.

Cyfyng Hill Road. No action has been taken to improve the condition of the road which is in urgent need of repair. Clerk to contact CCBC again.

Condolences. It was agreed to write to Mrs Nia Jones-Artell Head of the Dolwyddelan School to sympathise with the family following the recent death of her Father.

Date of next Council. Agreed to meet next on Thursday October 12.