

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday January 11th 2018 at 6:30pm.

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

Apologies: Liz Roberts, C.Brewer, A.Fawcett.

Minutes. Council Minutes 2.11.17, confirmed, proposed by E.R.Noble, seconded T.W.Jones.

Police. Copy of letter which Liz Roberts had received from Ken Skates confirmed that they do not site 'Vehicle Activated Signs' at all locations as they lose their effectiveness over time, nor do they allow third parties to site signs nor equipment along the road network. The Community Council's comments in relation to this will be taken into consideration. Clerk to contact those who had shown interest in the Community Speed Watch Scheme to explain the arrangements fully and to ask if they are still interested. Clerk to discuss the sign suggested by C.Brewer with G.Roberts.

Traffic Police with a speed gun have visited the area again recently, is it possible to receive a report on their findings?

The A470. Question asked as to whether Liz Roberts had received an update following her meeting to discuss water flowing across the A470 on the Crimea Pass? Clerk to complain about water flooding the A470 near to the Afon Conwy Hotel, noting that the water is damaging the road surface at many places.

County Council. Letter received from the Assembly Operations Division confirming that the wall at Pont Coblyn will be repaired and that they will keep an eye on the situation whilst considering if a suitable sign is required there; Liz Roberts had received a letter from CCBC confirming that an inspection of the area near to Hendre Bridge had taken place on November 8 2017 and that they review these areas regularly. Clerk to ask for the path alongside the A470 from Pentrefelin to Pont y Pant to be cleared and for a loose drain cover on the A470 on Castle Terrace to be inspected as it may be damaged.

Footpaths. It was understood that the National Parks are facing major funding cuts which could result in losing some Wardens, Clerk to write to Snowdonia Chief Executive Emyr Williams noting concern and to support keeping the wardens who carry out such vital work in our area.

Station site. The cardboard recycling bins have been emptied and the fence has been repaired.

'Odd job' Post. Again agreed that the Post should be borne in mind when discussing financial projects in case assistance should be required to distribute the salt bags.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. Clerk to send a further inquiry.

The Cemetery. Detailed report received from Members who met with Clive Humphreys and Peter Barton-Price from CCBC Parks Dept at the Cenotaph on November 27. It had been a very informative meeting with officers who were very aware of the type of problem the local Council are facing with the condition of the Cenotaph land. The conclusion of the discussions resulted in them promising that they will arrange for parks department workers to come and work on the problem of dealing with the moss in the Spring and will prepare an ongoing maintenance programme for the Community Council warning them that clearing the moss will not happen overnight. They were warmly thanked for their visit and for their valuable advice, Liz Roberts was thanked for arranging the meeting.

Tree Harvesting Garnedd. Even 'though the work has been completed the road is still in poor condition, Clerk to contact N.Dyson and CCBC ERF Dept to complain about this.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. Agreed that the Clerk should contact A.Hughes, Cynefin Group, quarterly for an update on the situation and that villagers should have an opportunity at the Carnival to discuss the situation. Comments regarding Affordable Housing had been included in the Winter issue of the Menter Siabod Newsletter.

3 Day Eryri Event. Reply from T.Breese apologised if the Members felt that they did not receive sufficient information about the 2017 event. They are working on the 2018 event and considering improving the toilet arrangements and the drinks station. They would be prepared to meet with the members. Clerk to contact her to ask for details of the route and related information about the 2018 event when they are available.

Defibrillator. The new defibrillator is in place and has been used. Confirmation from B.W.Jones that a donation of £176 will be made by Friends of Ffestiniog Hospital and M.Skerrett confirmed that Blakemore had promised to donate £250 with a similar amount from Siop y Llan from bag payments. Clerk to thank Tomos Hughes from Cerrigydrudion for delivering and siting the defibrillator .

Retaining Walls. No response to the request for wall repair work opposite Ty Isaf.

Xmas Tree. Members were disappointed that the tree had been damaged by the wind, E.R.Noble noted that it should be moved off the site, Clerk to contact Alan ‘Ginge’ Farrar.

Correspondences.

Visit. Offer February 7 to M.Woosnam and S.Richards to visit the Council to give a presentation. Boundary Commission. Information regarding proposals to change Welsh constituencies. Review Town & Community Councils. Information about the review. IRPW. Information about their Annual Report – Clerk’s comments were noted. Betws y Coed Health Centre. Letter seeking financial support to deliver prescriptions to patients, agreed to seek further information and to discuss at the January 18th meeting. Harp Festival Blaenau Ffestiniog 2018. Information about the Festival and appeal for support, agreed on a proposal by E.R.Noble, seconded by T.W.Jones to donate £250. National Eisteddfod Conwy 2019. Information about the Eisteddfod to take place at Llanrwst, along with the financial target for Dolwyddelan, Clerk explained it could be spread over 3 years. Agreed to discuss at the January 18th meeting.

Planning applications

Tan y Castell – Nothing to report
Mur Coch Farm – Nothing to report
Ty’n y Fron – Has the application been withdrawn?
Woodland Plot Glan Gors – Nothing to report

New Applications:

Second application Tan y Castell – No comments following changes to the first application
Installing ‘Telecommunication Dish’ at the Pavilion – details sent to members December 5, Clerk had attended a meeting on site on December 7 with a representative from the company, B.Valentine and N.Chapman. Members were happy with the Clerk’s general comments, no further comments. Interest noted by M.Chapman and T.W.Jones.

Flooding. Letter from S.Wasik on behalf of D.Rowlands confirming they will meet the Council and asking for dates, Liz Roberts and Clerk to arrange, note not in January nor February, also to seek a more detailed map of the proposed works. No response to Council’s request for a contact number for sand bags in emergencies as CCBC will not provide them, Clerk to write again.

Hydro Scheme. Nothing to report, no circular letter to confirm the current situation was received from B.Burchell at CCBC.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members. Precept payment of £3000 had been received.

Precept 2018/19. Agreed to meet Thursday January 18th at 7pm to discuss the Precept.

Bills. Emptying dog waste bins November/December £60; Community Centre £10; CCBC May 2017 Election £146.27; Macbear 6 Treasures DVD £7.80; Clerk 3 months payment £250; BDO Audit payment £401.25; Donation Harp Festival Blaenau Ffestiniog 2018 £250. Bills for payment proposed E.R.Noble, seconded M.Chapman. New Balance £5636.29.

General. Comment by M.L.Hughes that the lighting at the toilets are defective, Clerk to contact CCBC, she also asked what the situation was with the kiosks in the village and near the entrance to the Roman Bridge road. They really are looking shabby, Clerk to contact BT to draw this to their attention and to note as they don't work any longer should they not be moved from their locations?

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