

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday July 3 2014 at 7pm.

Present: E.R.Noble, J.Houston, Liz Roberts, M.Chapman, Teleri W Jones, T.Jones, C.Brewer, M.Skerrett, A.Fawcett.

Apology: C.Roberts.

Prayer. Council were lead in Prayer by the Chairperson.

Minutes. Council Minutes 1.5.2014. confirmed, proposed by Tecwyn Jones, seconded J.Houston. Comment required regarding visibility of the development from the A470 on Bodegroes plans.

Police. Nothing to report, Clerk has sent comments to P.Gales regarding recent incidents at the village, Clerk will follow up as no response received.

The A470. No reply – Clerk to follow up, Liz Roberts has contacted Will Roberts and I.Tegid, they had confirmed they were having problems getting the signs. Clerk had received a message from Nia Jones today noting that another accident had taken place at the Bertheos bend, the Police had been called. Clerk had immediately sent an e.mail reporting this to W.Roberts & I.Tegid.

County Council. Nothing to report.

Station site. A reply from W.Roberts confirmed that it wasn't Conwy Council policy to have 20mph signs near to schools, Clerk had forwarded the reply to B.Squire at Conwy Council who had replied in a more positive manner stating he would raise the issue at the next Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Rail Communication Masts. The generator at Nhadog has been removed, masts still need painting, Clerk to contact H.Glover again.

Menter Siabod. Information from M.Richards confirmed that Menter have received funding from 'Cyfenter' which secures Michelle's post up to March 2015, finance to adapt the IT Suite to a multi use room and cinema and an opportunity to install a display board and waymarking signs showing bike routes in the area. They will also look into the possibility of employing a youngster aged 16-24 under the Jobs Growth Wales Scheme which would release Michelle to spend more time on securing new income streams to implement Menter action plans. Running the Pavilion costs £83 a week and the Directors are looking into various ways of raising money and hoping to involve the community in their plans. To this end they were inquiring as to whether the Community Council could offer financial support, it was agreed that the Council Members who are part of Menter should seek additional financial information from Menter by the next Council meeting so that the issue could be discussed in greater detail. J.Houston was really concerned about the situation, he felt that losing the Pavilion would be a major blow to the area.

Hydro Scheme. M.Skerrett confirmed that a topographical study is to take place and that they have a meeting tomorrow night. The project is quite complicated with many various aspects to it.

Footpaths. The Chairman had contacted Ioan Davies who had confirmed that he is aware of the condition of the path beyond Plas Hall. Anyone who is aware of a problem on a path should contact the Chairman, he will be keeping in contact with Ioan.

The Cemetery. Tecwyn Jones commented on the condition of one of the trees at the Cemetery, it would be good if the sub committee could meet at the cemetery prior to the next meeting.

Financial. Clerk confirmed the current balances and supplied Members with the details.

Japanese Knotweed. The situation has improved, Gary Edwards continues to work on the site. Lyn Davies had arranged for Conwy workers to clear the rubbish on site, this was welcomed.

Website. Clerk in contact with N.Ferguson, he is hopeful that we will see developments by September.

Bills. Bills discussed and agreed for payment, proposed T. Jones, seconded C.Brewer. Liz Roberts referred to the fact that Rachel Johncock was representing Wales at the Commonwealth Games at Glasgow, she proposed Council should donate £100 to her, seconded M.Skerrett.

History of the Village. Clerk is in contact with Medwen Roberts from Tanygrisiau who is familiar with this type of initiative, and is arranging to meet with her.

National Park meeting. The Chairman gave a detailed report following the Capel Curig meeting, it was important that each planning application receives a comment. Any objection has to be referred to the Park Committee. If there any issues with an application, J.Cawley or A.Lloyd should be contacted. The timetable is tight with only 21 days to respond, therefore it was agreed to trial a new arrangement with applications, Clerk will provide local members with the reference number of a new application, they can then view the plan on the Park website and send any comments to the Clerk, who will in turn forward them to the Park.

100 years since the First World War. C.Brewer and Liz Roberts have agreed to arrange a Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on August 22nd for which they were warmly thanked.

Planning applications

Caedu – Nothing to report.

Tanaeldroch. – No information.

Lifting the Section 106 on 2 houses at Rathbone Terrace – No information.

Retrospective re Arqiva Transmitting Station – No objections.

14 Maes y Braich – Application refused

Bodegroes – No objections, comment that the development is visible from the A470.

New applications

Breffni – No objections to a dormer window, and re-roofing the conservatory.

Tyn Coed – No objections to a retrospective plan to changes to domestic curtilage.

Pont Hendre Roman Bridge. Letter from Hendre and Nhadog families thanked Council Members and the Clerk for their efforts in seeking bridge repairs, work is now complete, agreed to write to Tom Turner at Conwy Council to thank him for his support.

Dogs fouling. Letter from R.Dolatowski complaining about the situation, Teleri W Jones noted the situation was also bad around the school, Clerk to write to ask the Dog Warden to visit.

Traffic issues. Tecwyn Jones was concerned about cars parking each side of the road along Castle Terrace, letter to W.Roberts to complain. Also understood that cars are speeding through the village, complaint to the Police, what about having speed bumps at Maes y Braich?

Contact details. To consider having Council contact details displayed prominently, notice board?

Date of next Council: Thursday September 11 2014 at 7pm.

Financial Projects.

A successful meeting was held at the Community Centre to see the defibrillator at work and to receive training as to how to use it with a very good local turnout and many being prepared to participate in the training. Mike Skerrett has inquired as to suitable cabinets, likely total cost around £800, on a proposal by Liz Roberts with Tecwyn Jones seconding, it was agreed that he should go ahead and buy 2 cabinets. Gwynfor Roberts to be asked to fix them in place. It was understood that the Hospital League of Friends Treasurer is on holiday but that a contribution towards the cost will be received from them.

Liz Roberts continues in discussions regarding the street light at Tai Glan Gors, this includes discussing the Coed Cymru contribution with Tabitha Binding.

The £1000 contribution towards the upgrading of the school toilets has been paid and has been gratefully acknowledged by the Headmistress Mrs Jones-Artell.

The Clerk gave a report following his discussions with N.Pringle and Ela Fon from Conwy RDP, these have resulted in the Community Council needing to make a payment of £1363.61 – the Community Council ‘share’ towards the work on the Planters and Gateway signs, Conwy will then pay the remaining amounts due directly to the companies carrying out the work. Also the Community Council will receive a refund from RDP Conwy based on the payments made by them towards the work and purchases already purchased and paid for.

The consequence of receiving the refund and a payment from the Friends of the Hospital will result in a much improved finance flow into the Community Council accounts. It was agreed that much greater diligence will be required in future where the Community Council become involved with a financial project where there will be a need to wait for refunds from outside agencies or bodies within the County.