

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday March 5th 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Apology: Liz Roberts, C.Roberts.

Prayer. Council were lead in Prayer by the Chairperson.

Minutes. Council Minutes 8.1.2015. confirmed, proposed by J.Houston, seconded T.W.Jones.

Police. E.mail message received from P.Gales confirming that he will still be visiting the area for the time being at least, also that he may be receiving training as a firearms officer.

The A470. Clerk has met with I.Tegid and had travelled the A470 to the Crimea with him. Issues raised – having a road sign on the Pass to warn about the Roman Bridge crossroad, a sign on Bertheos Bridge and an anti-skid surface on the bend, a ‘hidden dip’ sign on the road beyond Minffordd, ‘narrowing’ of the road through the village and a sign flashing the actual speed of cars to replace the current one. Iolo confirmed that many of these issues are currently being discussed.

County Council. Cutting trees along Ffordd Gefn in hand. Understood that changes are to take place at the ERF Dept. in CCBC but Elwyn Williams will still be responsible for this area and Liz Roberts has asked him to visit the Council at a future date. Elwyn had told her that he has asked I.Tegid to arrange to remove the old wooden framework at the Dolwyddelan signs.

Footpaths. As part of the changes at CCBC, V.Currie is now working at E.Williams’ Dept. at Llanrwst and Liz Roberts confirmed that she has told him about issues like the llwybyr cul path and asked him to look at the condition of the wall at Rosealea.

Station site. Clerk had received a reply from B.Squire at CCBC in response to comments regarding 20mph signs near to schools, he had no further information on this. Liz Roberts confirmed that a ‘Task & Finish’ meeting is due on March 26, this could be discussed then.

Hydro Scheme. M.Skerrett confirmed that a detailed financial application has been submitted, this is a complex scheme and people like D.Watts are providing much support and experience.

The Cemetery. The Caretaker Post is a separate item for discussion on tonight’s agenda.

Financial. Clerk confirmed balances and supplied Members with a detailed financial report.

Village History. Clerk has had further discussions with Ll.Griffin and received an estimate for the work from her. She is very experienced in this type of work. M.Skerrett proposed with C.Brewer seconding that her estimate be accepted. Clerk to contact CVSC regarding possible funding.

Dogs fouling. Reply from L.Martin confirmed that regular village visits continue and that the situation is improving but they would welcome information from the public (01492575282). The ERF Dept. deals with providing additional ‘dog bins’ and the request has been sent on to them.

Speed Limits Survey. Clerk had received a reply from A.Roberts AM confirming that the Transport Minister has not yet received all the responses and will consider them when she has done so. Clerk to request an update as to the current situation.

Planning applications

Tanaeldroch. – No information.

Lifting Section 106 houses at Rathbone Terrace – No information regarding the appeal
Tyn Coed – No information.
Ty Nain / Charnwood House – No objections to use the annexe as a self catering holiday let.

Centenary Fields. Clerk to contact the Headmistress again to ask if she has any objections to the school playing field being protected to remember the First World War.

Precept 2015/16. The Clerk confirmed that a Precept application for £6000 for the coming year has been forwarded to CCBC.

Caretaker Post. An application was received from Arfon Jones for the Cemetery and Cenotaph posts, this was the only application received. It was discussed and M.Skerrett proposed with Tecwyn Jones seconding, and all in agreement, that his application be accepted. Also agreed to ask him to treat the moss at the Cenotaph immediately within a cost element of up to £300.

'Odd job' Post. The post was discussed again, understood from T.W.Jones and M.Chapman that 2 local people are prepared to take on caring for and watering some of the plants sited around the village. Also understood that a discussion has taken place with E.Williams regarding the siting of the new planters along the A470, as Liz Roberts wasn't present there was some confusion as regards who was to pay for the plants for the planters. Therefore it was agreed that without proper information the post couldn't be advertised and agreed to discuss this again at the next meeting.

Bills. Bills referred were discussed and agreed for payment, proposed M.Skerrett, seconded C.Brewer. These included donations of £100 each to Ti a Fi Group, Cylch yr Ifanc, Youth Club, Sion a Sian & Dolwyddelan School. Also on a proposal by T.W.Jones with Tecwyn Jones seconding, it was agreed to pay a year in advance for translation work, the payment will be reviewed by the company at the end of the year with a refund paid if appropriate. Also agreed to consider hiring a skip again in the Spring.

Village Surgery/Ffestiniog Hospital. Clerk reported on the successful Open Meeting held and on the Community Poll. On the day 122 were in support with 1 against. Clerk has written to the Health Minister to confirm the poll result and to press upon him again to reconsider the situation regarding the Ffestiniog Memorial Hospital.

The situation with the Surgery does not look too favourable, understood that a Locum will visit the surgery when one is available. Understood that many villagers have moved to the Betws y Coed surgery, M.Chapman noted interest. Both Blaenau Pharmacists accept prescriptions and are prepared to deliver them to Siop y Llan, Mike & Lona Skerrett were thanked for agreeing to this.

Wales Kidney Movement. M.Chapman agreed to arrange fund raising for this on April 26th.

Broadband. M.Skerrett has contacted G.Bebb MP and A.Beynon BT to get this improved locally.

Date of next Council: Thursday May 14 2015 at 7pm as the General Election is held on May 7th.