

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday May 14th 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Apology: Liz Roberts, C.Roberts, J.Houston.

Prayer. Council were lead in Prayer by the Chairperson.

Minutes. Council Minutes 5.3.2015. confirmed, proposed by M.Chapman, seconded T.Jones. This was following comments by E.R.Noble who had expected to see discussions on the 'odd job post' and siting the defibrilators in place on the Agenda.

Police. The Clerk had received information about a 'rave' to take place at Plas and had contacted various agencies and Nick Jones at Conwy Council to notify them of this. It was understood that there may also be other issues here, Clerk to bring these to their attention.

The A470. Reply from I.Tegid confirming that as he is now working for a Department of the Welsh Government it will be the Minister who will respond to Council, Clerk to ask for his details and to ask again for the report of the A470 survey on the Pass and Bertheos Bridge areas.

County Council. Comment from Liz Roberts that she had received a query from Elwyn Williams regarding the timber framework at the Dolwyddelan signs, some residents favour keeping them, as the Members had mixed feelings it was agreed to leave things as they are.

Footpaths. Confirmation from Liz Roberts that she had also contacted V.Currie to ask when work will take place along 'llwybyr cul', the Roselea wall has been repaired.

Station site. Nothing to report but it was agreed that the Clerk should continue with his efforts to get 20mph signs near the school. Liz Roberts confirmed that she understood that the 'Task & Finish' group has asked all Conwy schools for their comments regarding safety near schools. The Group will be meeting again in September 2015.

Hydro Scheme. M.Skerrett confirmed that a meeting will be held next week.

The Cemetery. The Caretaker has commenced his work and has worked hard at the Cenotaph to clear the moss, he will check again in 4 to 6 weeks to clarify whether more work may be required.

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

Village History. No response to the grant application. Meeting to be held to discuss the project.

Dogs fouling. A rather disappointing reply from Conwy Council confirmed that their funding does not allow them to site additional dog bins in the village but they will keep the request on file.

Planning applications

Tanaeldroch. – No information.

Lifting Section 106 houses at Rathbone Terrace – Confirmation that the appeal was refused

Tyn Coed – Application allowed

Ty Nain / Charnwood House – Confirmation that the application has been refused

New Application

Siting solar panels at Gwyndy – no comments or objections

Acknowledgements. Letters received from Cylch yr Ifanc, Ti a Fi Group and the Youth Club thanking Council for their donations.

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.

Wales Kidney Movement. The Sponsored Walk on April 26 had been a great success raising £500, agreed to pay the £20 costs. M.Chapman was warmly thanked for arranging the Walk.

Election of Officials 2015/16

Chairperson C.Brewer – 2 year term – Connie wasn't sure whether she should accept as she isn't a fluent Welsh speaker but realising that the fact a translator is present at meetings and that Members were wanting her to accept - she agreed. Vice Chairman M.Skerrett

Footpaths A.Fawcett M.Chapman E.R.Noble M.Skerrett

Cemetery J.Houston C.Roberts Tecwyn Jones Liz Roberts C.Brewer

Planning Chairperson Vice Chairperson and any other member

Mandle Terrace Tecwyn Jones E.R.Noble

School Governors Teleri W.Jones Community Centre M.Chapman

Clerk/Financial Officer G.Roberts

Cemetery Charges

Grave purchase and erecting headstone local - £250 For those outside the village - £600

Reopening grave local - £150 For those outside the village - £400 Casket burial – 1 charge £50

Twinning. Letter received from Helen Hardy raising the possibility of twinning with Mobile Alabama on the basis that Madog was born in the village? The Members felt that it shouldn't proceed on the basis that there were doubts as to Madog's birthplace – not at Dolwyddelan!

Hydro Scheme. Message from Bledd Lloyd Maes y Braich asking to meet with members to discuss a scheme on the river Conwy outside the Council's boundary. Copy of the scheme received day of Council. Members to study the plans and send their observations to the Clerk then a meeting can be arranged, E.R.Noble noted interest.

Bills. Caretaker £255 Cenotaph work, salary April £316.66; Community Centre £10; M.Skerrett pads for defibrillator £71.98; M.Chapman £20; Clerk salary/expenses 3 months £243.80; CVCS £15; transfer Cemetery account £650. For payment proposed E.R.Noble, seconded Tecwyn Jones.

'Odd job' Post. The post was discussed in detail without coming to a decision – again in part because of the planters situation. (Message from Liz Roberts that they should soon be in place, Council have already agreed to pay E.Roberts to plant flowers in the planters). T.W.Jones said there was a suggestion that the post could be shared between village groups who would have work to do. The feeling was that it was impossible to advertise the post without knowing the exact details and expectations of the post, agreed to discuss again at the next meeting.

Village Surgery/Ffestiniog Hospital. Understood that closure of the Surgery is now under serious consideration, suggestion by E.R.Noble, what about proposing putting a toilet in the building (Liz Roberts had suggested this if it would help to keep the Surgery). Clerk to forward the offer.

A470 near Bertheos. Refuse is being left at the layby, Clerk to complain to the County Council.

Date of next Council: Thursday July 2nd 2015