

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday November 2nd 2017 at 6:30pm.

Present: M.Skerrett, T.W.Jones, E.R.Noble, Liz Roberts, M.Chapman, Marion L Hughes, A.Fawcett, C.Brewer.

Minutes. Council Minutes 14.9.17, confirmed, following correction, proposed by T.W.Jones, seconded M.L.Hughes.

Police. No further reply received from John Morris from the Community Speed Watch Scheme, Clerk had contacted him again. Liz Roberts confirmed that she had a very constructive meeting at Betws y Coed with M.W.Morris from NMWTRA on October 5, Clerk read a copy of a detailed letter Liz had received from him following the meeting, it noted 6 separate work areas to be undertaken in the area which were warmly welcomed. Clerk had received a reply from Llandudno Town Council, the Clerk is away on holiday – suggestion that the Council should contact ConwyCBC for information regarding the ‘flashing’ warning sign at Llandudno. Clerk confirmed that a Police Officer had visited the area on at least 3 occasions recently with the ‘speed gun’ recording car speed, this was greatly welcomed.

The A470. Liz Roberts had raised the issue of cutting tree saplings along the A470 towards the Castle and the water flowing across the A470 on the Crimea Pass at the October 5th meeting. She had spoken with K.Skates AM Infrastructure Cabinet Secretary who confirmed that no work was planned in the area in the near future. Clerk to contact him to highlight the need for work at Beaver Bridge.

County Council. C.Roberts had called at SPAR to thank Council for arranging road resurfacing in the Hendre area, the carers are really grateful for this. L.Roberts confirmed that ConwyCBC are preparing a business case to fund work at Plas Bridge and Pont Sarn Ddu Roman Bridge.

Footpaths. Reply from Ioan Davies confirmed that an SLA is in place between the SNP/ConwyCBC which states that the Park are happy to supply two Wardens to oversee/review footpaths in the area every 2 years and maintenance work on gates/stiles as required. Confirmation from K.Jones ConwyCBC that fallen trees have now been cleared near Tanaeldroch and the path reopened, he is also quite happy with the situation regarding the Lledr Hall path.

Station site. Clerk had contacted ConwyCBC to complain that the cardboard recycling bins were full to overflowing, also he had contacted Arriva to note that the gate to their land at the Station was open and that the fence posts were in poor condition, L.Roberts suggested that the Clerk should let Melanie Lawton know about this issue.

‘Odd job’ Post. The Post should be borne in mind when discussing financial projects also incase assistance should be required to distribute the salt bags.

Tree Harvesting Drosgol. No reply to the Clerk’s recent inquiry.

The Cemetery. Request received asking if the bin at the Cenotaph could be moved to the pavement for emptying, Clerk will see to this. Cemetery & Cenotaph grounds were discussed, agreed to discuss again in January when the 2017/18 advert will be drafted. Cenotaph ground condition discussed in detail, Clerk confirmed that E.Roberts had removed the trees as required, options for draining of the land were discussed. Following a constructive discussion it was agreed to ask Liz Roberts to contact specialists from Conwy CBC Parks Dept to ask if they would be prepared to come and have a look at the problem and suggest options as to how to deal with it on an ongoing basis. In the meantime it was agreed that there was no point carrying out any further work at the Cenotaph grounds.

Tree Harvesting Garsedd. Reply from N.Dyson confirmed that work ceased on September 7th and that they were in discussions with ConwyCBC regarding the condition of the road following the tree felling. Liz Roberts confirmed that a very fruitful meeting had taken place between N.Dyson and representatives from the School and Tabitha from Lledr Hall regarding plans for developing the school gardens. This would greatly benefit pupils in the local 'catchment area' and offer them opportunities to work in the 'open air'.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. Detailed reply received from A.Hughes, Cynefin Group, confirming that neither the Cynefin Group nor Cartrefi Conwy have plans to build further Affordable Homes in the area on account of the lack of need for any. The current site on offer for additional housing will continue to be considered for years to come and they will continue to keep an eye out on local housing need in the meantime. He emphasised how important it was for those wanting an affordable home to register this with the Conwy Housing Options Team. Liz Roberts proposed that this issue should be included in the Quarterly Newsletter, Clerk agreed to see to this. Liz also confirmed that the lack of funding from the Government is creating major difficulties regarding the consideration for building additional houses.

3 Day Eryri Event. It was understood that the 2018 event will be held on June 29, Clerk to contact T.Breese again to discuss the arrangements.

Defibrillator. Clerk confirmed he has discussed the situation with B.W.Jones, M.Skerrett confirmed that Blakemore had promised to donate £250 towards the cost. Clerk has ordered a new Zoll defibrillator from Tomos Hughes, Cerrigydrudion.

Retaining Walls. T.W.Jones noted that the repair work is not of a very high standard, Clerk to complain and to note that wall repair work is also required opposite Ty Isaf, copies to M.Lawton.

Smart Meter. Clerk is still awaiting contact from Ebico regarding alternative meters.

Community Centre/Carnival 2018 Celebrations. No need for discussions regarding new tables.

'Green Lane Off-roading'. Understood that there is no formal agreement in place and that all the signs have been taken down.

SYSTRA. Agreed that Council should forward comments, the Clerk will complete the questionnaire using the information from Members' discussion, copy to Liz Roberts.

Correspondences.

Meeting. Liz Roberts and the Chair will attend a November 24th meeting.

Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Group. Copy of the recent Group report.

Welsh Tax Policy. Information about the draft Budget for 2018/19 – rates section.

Principal Councils Consultation. Information about community consultation.

Ombudsman Bill (Wales). Information about the consultation.

Visit. Agreed that M.Woosnam and S.Richards may visit the Council to give a presentation.

Burial Charges for Children. Questionnaire discussed and completed, no such charges locally.

Boundary Commission. Information regarding proposals to change Welsh constituencies.

Erection of Mast/Dish near Pavilion. Information about the intention to site a Telecommunication Mast/Dish near the Pavilion. Interest noted by L.Roberts, M.Chapman and T.W.Jones, it is probable that a formal planning application will follow.

Review Town & Community Councils. Information about the review, meeting to discuss?

Comment by Liz Roberts that forum meetings will be held at Eglwysbach & Cerrigydrudion.
Local Signs. M.Chapman agreed to complete the questionnaire for ConwyCBC.
IRPW. Information about their Annual Report – Clerk’s comments were noted.

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

Flooding. Liz Roberts and Ian Jenkins had met with D.Rowlands recently, a report will be sent to Community Council in the near future along with a map noting ‘sensitive’ sites in the area. Liz had emphasised that ConwyCBC must be serious about this as the Community Council and residents are worried about the lack of work locally. Agreed to meet with D.Rowlands following receipt of documents and the map from him, Liz Roberts confirmed that she will be ensuring that he does agree to a meeting. A.Fawcett confirmed that the culvert at Allt Gweithdy had been cleared but that there is much more work required at the site. A constructive meeting had been held near to 1 Castle Terrace, lobbying of Welsh Water and NMWTRA will take place to ensure that the problems in this area will be resolved.

Hydro Scheme. C.Brewer confirmed that the plans are at a standstill at present whilst ConwyCCBC are awaiting further information from the Welsh Government.

Financial. Clerk had distributed the regular financial report to Members. £250 received following the funeral of the late Mrs M.Miller.

Bills. Emptying dog waste bins September/October £60; Community Centre £20; RBL Poppy Wreath £20; Clerk 3 months payment £250; N.Ferguson Website £50; A.Jones grass cutting September £358.33; Zoll Company Defibrillator £983.88. Bills for payment proposed E.R.Noble, seconded C.Brewer. New Balance £3902.71.

County Council. Letter received from NMWTRA confirming that the complaint about the situation near to the Pont Coblyn layby has been referred to the Welsh Government.

Date of next Council: Thursday January 11th 2018 at 6:30pm