

Council Minutes Community Pavilion Thursday January 13 2022 at 7pm

Present: E.R.Noble, L.Roberts, C.Brewer, T.W.Jones, C.L.Price, M.L.Hughes, M.Skerrett, M.Chapman.

Minutes. Council minutes 2.12.21, confirmed, proposed M.Chapman, seconded C.Brewer.

Correction. Need to add the names of Sue Leyland and the Clerk to those discussing the plans/project for the Cemetery.

Police. Nothing to report. Liz Roberts is hoping to arrange an early meeting.

The A470. The work of painting the white lines marking boundaries at the Square has been completed, it is hoped that the parking will be resurfaced in April.

County Council. Paul Sagar NMWTRA is dealing with the 'installation' of the new 'lantern lighting' on the electricity poles. Daniel Darrens Network Rail is aware of the need to clear shrub and tree growth at Pont Gethin.

Footpaths. Clerk has written to the National Trust to ask about the situation with the work on or removal of the old fishermen's iron path/ladder at Granllyn.

Station site. Nothing to report.

Bridges in the Area. It was understood that the plans have been approved and that the work is to commence on January 26, L.Roberts has asked B.Shiland to contact residents to let them know about the work schedule.

CCBC are arranging to remove a tree in the river which is 'resting' on the parapet of the bridge at Pont y Pant. Site meeting to take place at the River Bridge in the village on January 28 to discuss work which is to take place there which may require road closure for short periods.

Planning

Ty'n Afallen - no objections

Bron Elan - understood that these have been approved

Flooding. It is hoped that work will commence in March 2022.

Scottish Power. L.Roberts is awaiting a date for a meeting to review the completed works and rectify any issues which need attention.

She is also awaiting a date for a 'Teams' discussion with SE Managers regarding tree felling on the Crimea Pass, it is likely that fallen trees are the main reasons for the power failure for many residents at Roman Bridge. The SE Manager for North Wales is to meet with Rural Councillors on the 3rd of February to discuss the most appropriate manner of identifying priority residents in the community.

NRW. Planning approved need to await for terms of agreement with NRW so work can commence.

Speed Limit. No developments.

Mail Delivery. No response to date.

Xmas Tree. The evening went well with large numbers attending even though it was cold and wet! Clerk to write to Alan 'Ginge' Farrar to thank him for arranging for the safe erecting of the tree. Donations in the region of £100 received on the night to be presented to the Youth Club.

Toilets. Land Registry Legal Transfer Document received for Officials to sign, once 'final searches' are complete building transfer can take place. Zurich Insurance Company have confirmed building insurance for the toilets with no increase in the premium at this stage, this will change at the yearly renewal stage. Clerk to confirm with CCBC.

Cenotaph. Clerk had contacted Ian Connolly regarding the Connolly family bench and they are very happy with the Council's offer. He has also visited the Cassell family and they are also happy with the Council's arrangements regarding the children's wish to buy and have a bench in memory of the late Reg Cassell. They have prepared a plaque to be placed on it in memory of their Grandfather.

Cemetery. Dylan has felled the tree and another dead tree near to it. Alistair Minton has cleared and levelled the land near to the Vault - need to remove the soil. L.Roberts has not received any response from S.Teale regarding this. Chairman, C.Brewer and the Clerk have met with Ian Brooks on the site, he will be carrying out his GPS survey next week. There will be a need for those named to discuss the plans/project and to consider various aspects - bat survey, plans for development of the building, insurance and of course, the cost element.

Financial. Clerk reported to Members on the current financial situation, agreed on the bill payments, proposed T.W.Jones, seconded C.L.Price, and all in favour.

Council Website. M.Skerrett has discussed this with B.Atkins and agreed that he and C.Brewer should carry on with the discussions to develop a new site for the Council. There will obviously be a need to pay for a 'new name' for the site.

Other Issues. Contact CCBC regarding water flowing across the A470 on the Crimea Pass. Clerk has contacted CCBC regarding arranging a Skip visit to the village. It was confirmed that Dolwyddelan residents can use the Recycling Centre at Blaenau Ffestiniog by booking an available 'slot'. NRW have contacted L.Roberts to confirm that a cycling competition is visiting the area and will be on land owned by Euros at Tyn y Bryn, Clerk to contact Euros.

Date of next Council. Next meeting at the Pavilion for Thursday February 3 2022 at 7pm.

DISCUSSION PRECEPT 2022/2023

Clerk had prepared detailed information for Members relating to the spending and income received from the beginning of the financial year up to the meeting date, including an estimate of the spending up to the end of the year. They were discussed in detail with references made to one or two of them, the feeling was that the project to upgrade the Cenotaph grounds had been a great success and was within the agreed financial figure set for the work. Clerk referred to C.Brewer's excellent work in keeping records of the outgoings. The estimated spending for 2022/23 was discussed in detail including proposed work at the Cemetery. M.Chapman proposed with M.Skerrett seconding and all in favour to set a Precept figure of £10,000