

## BRO MACHNO COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2017, which was held in Salem on Vestry 7.30.

Present: Dafydd Gwyndaf (Chair), Eifion Davies, Sian Anwyl Jones, Dewi Jones, Geraint Thomas, Claire Roberts, Colin Jones and Eryl Owain.

Apology – Lyn McFadden

Welcome – members were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

Carrog farm – the Chair extended a welcome to Trystan Edwards and David Davies from the National Trust to discuss the future of Carrog farm in Cwm Penmachno, which had recently been purchased by the Trust. There were concerns from members about the Trust's plans for the future of the farm. It was understood that the house and the farm were to be let for short term until a decision on plans for the farm.

The representatives said that the Trust has held a meeting in Siloh, Cwm Penmachno, together with Natural Resources Wales, and good crowd present. With regard to the concern that there is an intention to turn some of Carrog meadows in wet ground, they said that they were awaiting an external report on the future of the farm. The view was expressed by members that the farm should be set as a unit with conditions that would not limit the ability of tenants to make a living. The Chair thanked the delegates for attending the meeting and hoped that they would report back before making a decision.

Personal matters – before moving on to the work of the Council, the Chairman expressed the council's condolences with Dewi Jones and with Dafydd Hughes' family. Dewi's father had very close contacts with the Council and had Dafydd Hughes was a loyal member for many years. Sympathy was shown in the usual way.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council on 11 May, 2017 were accepted as correct. (Claire Roberts proposer, Colin Jones seconded)

Bro Machno charity – Claire Roberts was elected to represent the Council on the Committee of Trustees of the charity.

Toilets – Conwy County Council have moved on to transfer the toilets to the Community Council, therefore they are still responsible for maintenance. It was resolved that the clerk should make contact again with the County Council and Councillor Wyn Jones.

Cwt Hers – it was decided that repairs are needed to the old Hearse House and that quotations should be obtained.

Road issues – a list of issues that need attention was compiled: condition of the Hafod y Rhedwydd road has deteriorated, trees grow from Pont Llan, need replace bus stop sign near Allt Pen y Bryn, need white lines on the side of the road near the Conwy Falls Cafe car.

Traffic issues – there was no further information from the County Council about the limitations of speed.

Phone mast – Vodafone have indicated that they will not consider other sites for mobile phone mast after the original plan was withdrawn following local opposition. It was decided to contact the company and raise the issue with Guto Bebb, M.P.

Playing Field – no response to the request for a running track for the playing field.

Financial issues – it was confirmed that there are sufficient funds for the Council's expenditure. A new company will take over from AON as the Council's insurers.

