

## **BRO MACHNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held on 9 November 2017 at the Salem Vestry at 7.30pm

**Present:** Dafydd Gwyndaf (Chair), Colin Jones, Eifion Davies, Dewi Jones, Lyn Mcfadden, Sian Anwyl Jones, Geraint Thomas and Eryl Owain and the clerk, Elfed Williams.

Apologies were received from Claire Roberts.

### **Presentations:**

**Sustainable Conwy** - the Chair welcomed Ela Williams. An outline of Conwy Rural Plan's work was given. It is a seven year strategic plan for rural areas of the county with the aims of attracting people to the county throughout the year and keeping young people in their areas within a sustainability framework. Some examples of existing schemes such as the use of old phone boxes and the provision of fuel points for electric cars were given. It was felt that it was difficult to see how Bro Machno could take advantage of this scheme but Ela Williams was thanked for his presentation.

**Hafren Gwy Company** - the Chair welcomed Mark Graham. Hafren Gwy is a company that advises on ways of regenerating rural communities and exploring the possibilities of securing grants from various sources such as the Big Lottery. After discussion, Mark said that Bro Machno could be a suitable area and would report back to the company's Management Board.

It was decided to invite Mark Graham to a meeting at Penmachno on December 7 and in Cwm Penmachno on a convenient date to discuss further with representatives of local organizations.

**Personal matters:** condolences were extended to Colin Jones in the loss of his mother.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of the 14th September were accepted as a true record.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Toilets:** Conwy County Council has not transferred the toilets to the ownership of the community council so the county council is still responsible for cleaning the toilets and providing supplies. Therefore it is not possible to proceed to rent the empty part of the building. It was resolved to contact the County Council.

**Road issues:** The clerk has contacted the County Council regarding the issues that need attention and he hopes that a meeting to visit the sites will be held soon.

**Traffic problems near the Woollen Mill junction:** After contacting the Member of Parliament, the clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged for the 10th of January with Guto Bebb

and representatives of the County Council and Natural Resources Wales.

**Heavy Vehicles:** It was reported that there are several examples over the last few weeks of heavy vehicles trying to use the narrow road over Hafod-y-rhedwydd causing problems. It was suggested that the warning sign near the Conwy Falls that *Satnav* should not be relied on, is not clear enough and the clerk should contact the County Council.

**Mobile phone reception:** No reply has been received from *Vodafone* although the clerk has contacted several times. It was resolved to raise the matter further with Guto Bebb MP.

**Other Matters:**

***Children Playing sign at Bron y Waen:*** The clerk had contacted Cartrefi Cymru but had not received a reply.

**Letter from an elector:** A letter from Mr Martindale was read regarding the provision of an English copy of the minutes. It was decided to pilot the use of an electronic translation system, placing the translation on the Council's website.

**Christmas Tree:** It was decided to have two Christmas trees, one at Penmachno and one at Cwm, in the usual manner.