

BRO MACHNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 11 January 2018 at Salem Vestry at 7.30pm

Present: Dafydd Gwynnaf (Chair), Colin Jones, Eifion Davies, Lyn Mcfadden, Claire Roberts, Geraint Thomas and Eryl Owain together with clerk, Elfed Williams.

An apology was received from Sian Anwyl Jones.

Personal matters: Sympathy was expressed with Geraint Thomas who had lost his father.

Minutes: The minutes of the 9 November 2017 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Toilets: The legal steps to transfer the toilets have not been completed by the County Council. It was confirmed that the County Council will remain responsible for the toilets until completion. The need to have signs and barriers to stop parking in front of the toilets was noted.

Roads: The clerk reported on a meeting with Kevin Jones of the Conwy County Council Highways Department and who undertook to address various issues of minor repairs.

It was confirmed that the County Council would provide road lines on the roadside near the Conwy Falls Café car park.

A reply was received from the County Council indicating that the sign is near the A5 junction and the Penmachno road that warns vehicles from relying on satellite navigation meets the legal requirements in terms of size and that there is no intention to change it. It was resolved to ask them to look again at the location of the sign and the need for additional notice.

A number of other issues that have been identified, including the road upwards from Groeffordd, Pen-top hill and the Hafod-y-rhedwydd road have been listed.

Heavy vehicles at the Woollen Mill Junction: At the request of the Member of Parliament, Guto Bebb, the meeting had deferred until January 19.

Children's Play Sign: The clerk has contacted Tai Conwy and waiting for a meeting to be arranged.

Christmas Trees: Due to severe weather it was not possible to provide Christmas trees for Cwm or Penmachno.

Other Matters:

Financial Matters: The Clerk provided a detailed estimate of the likely and possible expenditure for the next financial year. On that basis, and as there is a significant surplus, it was proposed by Eryl Owain and seconded by Claire Roberts that the same precept of £5000 be raised. Passed unanimously.

It was decided to place an advertisement in *Yr Odyn*, and share information, that the Council at the March meeting would consider applications for financial donations.

The following payments were approved: G. Evans for cemeteries cutting - £ 1400; Salem Chapel for hire a meeting room - £ 150; John Burton for cutting grass on the paths - £ 300;

Conwy County Council for election costs - £ 285; Wales Audit Office - £ 215.55 and R. Thomas and son for repairs the Hears House and notice board in Cwm - £ 925.

Waen Path: The need for repairs was discussed and it was decided to obtain quotes.

Arwelfa Cemetery: It was decided that visitors to the graveyard should be asked to take away any litter and the litter bin should be removed.

Trees on Waterloo Bridge: a complaint was received that trees growing near the bridge restrict vision. Although the location is outside the parish, it was decided to contact the County Council.

Report from the Snowdonia National Park Committee: The Chair explained that the National Park faces severe financial cuts. It was decided to press the Park Authority not to reduce the number of district wardens as they are an important link between the Park and local communities.

Risk Assessment: The council's responsibilities were considered and it was confirmed that insurance and other procedures were adequate.

Code of Conduct: The Council's Code of Conduct rules have been accepted and it was confirmed that the members are aware of it and understand the implications.

Correspondence:

Letter from Betws-y-Coed Surgery: Application for a contribution of £100 towards the prescription distribution scheme. It was resolved to contribute the full amount.