

Bro Machno Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday evening, 12th July 2018 at Salem Vestry at 7.30

Present: Dafydd Gwyndaf (Chair), Eifion Davies, Lyn McFadden, Siân Anwyl Jones, Geraint Thomas, Eryl Owain along with the clerk, Elfed Williams.

Apologies were received from Claire Roberts, Dewi Jones and Colin Jones.

Penmachno Parish Charity: The Chair welcomed Gareth Wyn Griffiths, charity secretary who presented the charity's annual financial report. After discussion, and noting that the charity had a significant amount in reserve, it was decided to ask the trustees to consider allocating more of the money for the benefit of the community and to allocate the money more frequently than once a year. Gareth Griffiths was thanked for his work.

Election of officers: proposed by Eifion Davies and seconded by Sian Anwyl that the same officers remain. Accepted unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the 16 March 2018 meeting were accepted as correct, Eifion Davies proposing and Lyn McFadden seconding.

Matters arising:

Toilets: Reports were received that the condition of the toilets was unsatisfactory because they were often uncleaned and did not have toilet paper. It was resolved to contact the County Council as they remain responsible for the toilets. It was decided to discuss plans for cleaning the toilets at the September meeting.

Heavy trucks near the Woollen Mill Junction: The clerk had contacted Natural Resources Wales to express the Council's views but had not received a response. It was resolved to invite representatives from Natural Resources Wales to the next meeting.

Empty Buildings: It was noted that some work had been done on London House but the developments need to be monitored. It was decided to draw attention to a number of old vehicles in the former Machno Hotel car park.

Roads: The clerk has discussed the issues raised regarding the condition of the Hafod y Rhedwydd Road with Kevin Jones of Conwy County Council who will be looking further at the situation.

One Voice Wales: A report was received from Sian Anwyl following a meeting held at Pentrefoelas.

Financial matters: It was decided to authorise payments of £300 to John Burton for footpath maintenance and £440 to Conwy Council for hire of community skips.

Planning issues:

Emergency services Telephone Mast, Moel Llechwedd Hafod: It was decided to support the application, Eryl Owain proposing and Lyn McFadden seconding.

The conversion of Bryn Crug into holiday accommodation: After a thorough discussion, the decision was made to oppose the application, Eryl Owain proposing and Geraint Thomas seconding due to the location of the building in an open area of countryside and that there would be a change to the appearance of the building. There was also concern that it could open the door for a number of other applications for similar empty buildings and concern that a report that the walls of the building were suitable for the development was only based on visual inspection.

Other issues:

Vehicle causing obstruction at White Street: The chairman promised a to contact the owner.

Church Cemetery: Following receipt of a complaint that there were holes in parts of the cemetery, it was decided to conduct an inspection immediately after the meeting and to discuss further in September.