

BRO MACHNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 8th November 2018 at Salem Vestry at 7.30pm

Present: Dafydd Gwyndaf (Chair), Colin Jones, Eifion Davies, Dewi Jones, Siân Anwyl Jones, Eryl Owain together with clerk, Elfed Williams and County Councillor Wyn Ellis Jones.

Apologies were received from Claire Roberts, Lyn McFadden, and Geraint Thomas.

SevernWye Company Presentation: Mark Gehan was welcomed and gave a presentation on developments and on the intentions of the company, which specializes in promoting community plans. He explained that events will be held at Penmachno and Cwm on the 9th and 20th of November when the public will have the opportunity to receive information and express opinions on problems such as lack of facilities, shortages of shops, houses being sold as holiday homes and vacant buildings etc. It was resolved to support these intentions, Sian Anwyl proposes and Eryl Owain seconded.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of the 13th of September 2018 were accepted as a true record, Dewi Jones proposing and Colin Jones seconding.

Matters Arising:

Hafod-y-rhedwydd Road: Natural Resources Wales have confirmed that discussions are taking place so that the residents of Carrog Terrace can park their cars on land belonging to Carrog farm so that they would not obstruct lorries and other large vehicles.

Natural Resources Wales: A report was given of a meeting between NRW and representatives of the Community Council to discuss the CNC proposal to transfer a plot of forestry land into the council's care for community use. Proposed by Sian Anwyl and seconded by Dewi Jones to support the intention in principle but to seek more information.

Roads: No information about the application to introduce a 20 mph parking ban near the school. The County Councillor was asked to make inquiries.

Adapting Bryn Crug Barn to Holiday Accommodation: Snowdonia National Park Authority responded to the council's letter regarding the Authority's decision to approve the application, which is outside the local housing development area, contrary to the council's opinion. The response stated that the appropriate processes and policies had been followed.

Church Cemetery: Quotes for work had not been received.

Arwelfa Cemetery: It was decided that a new sign was needed and the clerk was asked to make arrangements.

Blaen-Cwm Path: It was decided to ask Roberts Brothers to carry out work levelling, tidying and filling holes on the path.

Christmas Dinner for the elderly: It was agreed to pay the cost of the bus of £230 to take the elderly to Betws-y-coed.

Village of the Year Award: Congratulations to Sian Anwyl and Claire Roberts and all involved in the submission of the Bro Machno bid to the Conwy County Village of the Year competition organized by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales and on being successful. It was decided to place the stone plaque on the Green in Penmachno and Wyn Ellis Jones offer to print a full size picture of the stone, to be displayed at the Siloh Centre in Cwm, was gratefully accepted.

Carrog Farm: The Chairman and Eryl Owain reported from a meeting on site with Dewi Davies and other officials from the National Trust to discuss the plan for managing the river adjacent to Carrog meadows. The planning application submitted to the National Park Authority was different from what was originally agreed. Dewi Davies explained that there were design errors in the planning application and that the application would be amended to accord with the agreed agreement.

Emergency telephone mast: The clerk reported that the application will be considered by the National Park Planning Committee on the 5th of December.

Financial Matters: Two payments were confirmed; £139.03 to Cennin Computers for the maintenance of the website and £330 to John Burton for work on footpaths. Proposed by Dewi Jones, seconded by Eryl Owain.

Other matters:

The Clerk: Following attending an event at Plas y Brenin where Dewi Davies of the National Trust was speaking, the clerk said that he had received a telephone call later that evening from DD and had accused the clerk from influencing the decisions of the community council regarding Carrog farm. It was resolved that the Chair and Vice Chair (Dafydd Gwyndaf and Eryl Owain) request a meeting with Trystan Edwards, Eryri Area Manager of the Trust.