

BRO MACHNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 17th January 2019 at Salem Vestry at 7.30pm

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

Apologies were received from Claire Roberts and Councillor Wyn Ellis Jones.

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

Matters Arising:

Hafod-y-rhedwydd Road: It was reported that heavy lorries were still using the road so it was decided to contact Natural Resources Wales again.

Natural Resources Wales: A report was received on a meeting between NRW and Dafydd Gwyndaf, Eryl Owain and the clerk to discuss the plot of forestry land near the Bryn-crug Stables. NRW will prepare a Land Management Agreement so it has been decided to wait until the agreement is received before making a decision as to whether to proceed with the project.

Roads: No information about the application to introduce a 20 mph parking ban near the school. It was decided to contract the County Council again.

Village of the Year Award: It was decided to ask Guto Williams to make a frame for the photograph of the plaque for the Sheiloh Centre and Geraint Thomas's offer to mount the plaque on the Green was accepted. Geraint was thanked for repairing the notice board.

The Clerk: Dafydd Gwyndaf and Eryl Owain met with Trystan Edwards and Dewi Davies of the National Trust to discuss the alleged comments made by DD about the clerk. DD denied that he had accused the clerk of influencing the Community Council's opinion in respect of the Carrog farm.

Church Cemetery: Quotes for work have not been received.

Arwelfa Cemetery: The clerk confirmed that a new sign was being made.

Blaen-Cwm Path: It was confirmed that the work on the Blaen Cwm path had been completed satisfactorily.

Financial Matters: The clerk presented a Financial Report which included an estimate of expenditure for the coming year; grass cutting in cemeteries £1500, maintenance of paths £600 to £700, salary and costs of clerk £850-£880, insurance £250-£300, hiring of committee room £150, toilets £500, accountant and audit costs £450, National Eisteddfod £750. After a detailed discussion, it was decided to retain the precept at £5000.

A proposal by Siân Anwyl seconded by Dewi Jones that the Council invite applications from local organisations for financial donations, including an advertisement in *Yr Odyn* was accepted.

Other matters:

Letter from Beics Betws: It was decided to note the content of the letter, drawing attention to the contribution of mountain biking to the local economy.

Menter Bro Machno: As there is apparently no recent activity, it was decided to make further inquiries.

Village Shop: A local businessman is considering opening a shop in Penmachno and wanted to meet the community council. It was decided to accept the offer.

Resignation: Siân Anwyl stated that she was willing to resign as she had moved from the area. Siân was thanked for her valuable contribution since she became a member and it was noted that she did not have to resign. She agreed to continue but would be prepared to resign if others were interested in the position.