

## MACHNO BRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes** of a meeting held on Thursday, 14th November 2019 at Salem Vestry at 7.00

**Present:** Dafydd Gwyndaf (Chair), Eifion Davies, Dewi Jones, Colin Jones, Claire Roberts, Eryl Owain, Luned McFadden, Geraint Thomas, County Councillor Wyn Ellis Jones and the clerk, Elfed Williams.

An apology was received from Siân Anwyl Jones.

**Natural Resources Wales:** The Chair welcomed Dylan Williams of Natural Resources Wales for an update on the position of lorries carrying timber over the bridge near the Woollen Mill. He explained that there was no plans for a new bridge to cross the river Machno for a variety of reasons, including a lack of certainty as to whether the Trust would release land. It is proposed that approximately 60% of the lorries will use the bridge over the river Lledr near Llawr Ynys with a new road constructed within the forest land to facilitate this arrangement. There would therefore be a significant reduction in the number of lorries using the bridge near the Woollen Mill. Dylan Williams promised to keep in touch with the residents of nearby properties and that he would ensure that the rules about the times when lorries were allowed to come and go were effectively implemented. He was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 9th September 2019 meeting were accepted as a true record, Luned McFadden proposed and Eifion Davies seconded.

### **Matters arising:**

**Road matters:** The clerk had met with an officer of the County Council and had been informed that repairs to Glasgwm would be carried out shortly. He stated that the other issues raised would be addressed when resources allowed. In addition, it was decided to highlight the accumulation of water below Park Hill and the need for ditch clearances.

**Wales RAC Rally:** A number of issues were discussed following the Rally and a list of issues was drawn up for discussion with the organizers should the Rally return to the area.

**Gate at the bottom of Ilwybr y Waen:** Geraint Thomas offered to re-install the gate.

**Trees in Arwelfa Cemetery:** It was confirmed that the work had been completed to an acceptable standard.

**Clerk's post:** No applications have been received so it was decided to continue to advertise and make inquiries

**Financial Matters:**

The clerk presented a Financial report. He was authorized to pay £100 to the Elderly Christmas Lunch Committee, £369 to John Burton for maintaining public footpaths and £84 to the Roberts Brothers.

**Other issues:**

**Toilets:** The legal agreement to transfer the toilets to the Community Council ownership is nearing completion. The arrangements for managing the toilets were discussed and a plan for cleaning was drawn up. It was decided to contact local organizations to ask them if they would have volunteers to be part of a cleaning rota and that the organization would receive a contribution in recognition of their support.

**Changes to public transport arrangements:** Information was received that Conwy County Council intends to pilot a new scheme of providing on-call buses only. It was decided that more information was needed and that a reduction in the standard of provision would not be acceptable.