

BRO MACHNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 26th November 2020 at Ty'n-y-Porth Hall at 7.30

Present: Dafydd Gwyndaf (Chair), Eryl Owain, Eluned McFadden, Geraint Thomas and Eifion Davies. An apology was received from the clerk, Elfed Williams.

Minutes: The minutes of the 7 September 2020 meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Eluned McFadden and seconded by Geraint Thomas.

Matters arising:

Toilets: It was reported that the electricity bill for the last quarter was over £66 but the electricity used was only 66p. The clerk had not received further information from the County Council regarding the solar panels. It was resolved to ask the County Councillor to seek the information. Toilet cleaning arrangements were confirmed as satisfactory. Geraint Thomas promised to look at the problem of water entering the storage room under the door.

Road: It was reported that some vehicles had been moved off the side of the road in Cwm, having been warned by the County Council but that some obstructions were still causing problems, as well as a roadside vehicle in Penmachno. It was decided to contact the County Council again.

Machno car park: No response has been received from the National Park so it was decided to bring this to the attention of the County Councillor.

Clerk's Post: The need to try to get someone local to take up the post was confirmed and all members were asked to think of a suitable person.

Old Hearse House: one request to rent the building was received, from the Memorial Hall Trustees, as equipment storage space would be required while the Old School conversion is underway. They offered a rent of £ 350 but it was decided to set it at a symbolic rent of £1 a year. The need to check this against the Council's insurance policy was noted.

Ty Mawr Wybrnant: A reply was received from Trystan Edwards on behalf of the Trust stating that it was planned to re-open but that this was unlikely to happen until 2021. He said that hiring a permanent warden was too expensive and that innovative ideas to attract

people there were needed. It was decided to leave the matter for the time being but to be prepared to contribute to the debate on the future of Tŷ Mawr when the opportunity arises.

Applications for financial assistance: Three applications were received and it was decided to contribute £350 towards the Memorial Hall and £150 towards Machno Football Club. A decision on the third application, on behalf of Clwb y Llan, to install a bench near Maes-y-Waen estate was deferred pending further information.

Community Skips: It was reported that the skip for Cwm Penmachno was some hours late. Eluned McFadden was informed by telephone that the lorry had broken down on the way to Cwm but it is possible that the correct arrangements had not been made by the County Council. It was resolved to draw this to the attention of the County Councillor and also to note the need for greater clarity as to the exact times of the arrival and departure of the skips.

Council Membership: The names of two interested parties were accepted and it was unanimously decided to co-opt Ceri Phillips and Dylan Davies.

Finance: It was decided that the precept for 2020-21 would be the same as 2019-20.

Planning: A copy of a planning application for the erection of a notice board at the Grenyn road had been received but, as it had not been possible to search the application online, a decision was deferred.

Other matters:

Damage to Church gate: It was noted that a lorry had caused damage and that the police had been notified and had a record for claiming compensation. It was decided to seek estimates for the repairs.

Christmas Trees: It was decided to follow the usual procedure of having a Christmas tree for Penmachno and Cwm and it is understood that the clerk has already made inquiries.

Dog Fouling: Several complaints and reports were received that this was causing problems in many areas. It was decided to contact Conwy Dog Warden for advice and also ask for signs to exclude dogs from the playing field.

Flooding on the road near Park Hill: It was noted that this had caused problems again, but that council workers had been there. It was decided to inquire further and to press, if necessary, for work to resolve the problem.