



Thursday evening, 11 July 2024 – 7.30pm
Shiloh, Penmachno Valley

draft records

Minutes of a meeting held on **Thursday 11 July 2024** at 7.30 in the Shiloh Community Centre

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interest
3. Receipt of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
4. Statement / explanation from the landowner of the path that crosses the concrete bridge
5. Report of the Penmachno Historic Parish Aid in Need Charity
6. Matters in Raised from Previous Minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)
7. Correspondence
8. Financial Report
9. Planning Matters
10. Other matters

Present:

Bethan Corrigan
Claire Roberts
Dafydd Gwyndaf
Daniel Tomos (Clerk)
Dylan Davies (Vice Chairman)
Eifion Davies
Eryl Owain (Chairman)
Owen Davis
Will Edwards
Dilwyn Roberts (County Councillor)
And four members of the public

Apologies:

Geraint Thomas

Declaration of interest

There were no statements

Accept the minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the **09 May 2024** meeting were accepted as correct, Wil Edwards proposed and Owen Davis seconded.

Statement / explanation from the landowner of the path that crosses the concrete bridge

Alun Davies very kindly attended the meeting to give an explanation about footpath 73, which crosses his land between Hafod Dwyrdd and Cae Gwyn as well as the track to the west of the public footpath which crosses the bridge concrete to join the main road. There was an adjournment to the Community Council meeting to facilitate a public participation session.

It was reported that the route across the bridge is not a public route but has been a Voluntary Allowed Route between 2001 and 2023. The agreement had expired with no option currently available from the Welsh Government to reopen the route. It was reported that problems come with voluntary access such as dogs disturbing farm stock and people sometimes disturbing sheep especially during the lambing season. Large horses also graze on the farm and there has been a problem this year especially with internal gates being left open with the stock mixing within the farm: a long term problem which has been worse this year.

Alun proposed that he is considering giving some kind of license to local residents allowing them to walk on the path except for periods that are exempt such as the end of March and April during lambing and at short notice at other times of the year.

It was decided to publish something on social media in agreement with the landowner. Mr Davies was thanked for coming to the meeting.

Issues arising:

Lorries in Cwm Penmachno: It was reported that the new signs are now in place on the A5. It was decided to complain to NRW about their contractors continuing to drive through Penmachno Valley.

Public Toilet: It was reported that the floor needed to be raised and a dehumidifier used to dry the concrete before installing a new floor.

Speeding Vehicles: It was reported that the new electronic sign had been installed. Over a period of 13 days, 6,524 vehicles had passed the sign and 85% had slowed down. 3% of vehicles were driven at more than twice the legal speed limit.

Mobile Telephone Service: It was reported that the mast in Penmachno Valley was due to be switched on in July. The mast in Penmachno was slightly delayed while BT/EE obtained an agreement from the Park Authority for the biodiversity scheme.

Cwm Penmachno Sign: It was reported that the sign has still not been fixed. It was decided to contact the County Council once again.

Betws-y-coed and Ildiwch Signs: It was reported that two signs near the pub need to be repaired. It was decided to report the matter to the County Council.

Ffordd Grenyn Junction with the B4406: It was reported that the County Council had visited the site and that they hoped to install a mirror mounted on a pole if there was enough space for the pole.

Public Route 55 – Y Waen: It was reported that several emails had been sent to the County Council's land drainage department regarding the flooding but the Clerk was still waiting for a reply. It was decided to contact the Council again.

Footpath 64 – Swch Isa: It was reported that the Warden of the Park had been a great help and arranged for a local contractor to carry out the repair work.

Penmachno Historic Parish Aid in Need Charity Report

Dylan Davies presented an annual report to the charity. Heartfelt condolences were expressed to the family of the late Aled Pemfridd. It was reported that the tenancy of the farm had been extended for another year due to uncertainty about the Welsh Government's farming plan. Two grants had been paid to Ty'n y Porth Hall and Clwb y Llan.

Correspondence

Rhydlanfair Bridge: It was reported that a tree was growing through the bridge and that the matter had been reported to the County Council.

Plants: An application for funds under Section 137 to purchase plants for the bus stop / pagoda was approved.

Plasglasgwm: A plan to hold an event for the community in Plasglasgwm was enthusiastically welcomed.

Sant Tudclud: A request was received from the church to keep an area of the Community Council's cemetery in St Tudclud for wild flowers and for the placement / burial of ashes. It was decided to hold a site meeting.

Grass cutting in the cemeteries: It was decided to review the grass cutting arrangements with the intention of cutting earlier in the year and more often. It was decided to discuss the matter with the church, the contractor and also review the annual fee a contractor.

Financial Report

The Clerk provided a list of all financial transactions since the last meeting for analysis. It was agreed that everything was in order.

Planning Matters

It was reported that there were no new applications to consider. A response had been sent regarding a retrospective application for improvements to the appearance of a garage in Llewelyn Street.

Other matters

Notice board: It was noted that the Community Council has an attractive new notice board in Penmachno. The Clerk's husband was thanked for putting up the notice board.

Graffiti, Laminated Posters and Balloons: It was decided to use social media to draw the community's attention to the problem of graffiti at the bus stop. It was decided to discourage people from using laminated posters and balloons which can harm or even kill livestock.

Cutting grass in Cwm: It was noted that the grass had not been cut on the playing field in Cwm Penmachno.

School Bus: It was reported that the school bus was carrying so many children that some had to sit on the floor. It was decided to contact the County Council.

Ceunant Bridge: It was reported that a tree was growing through the bridge near Penmachno Hall. It was decided to report the matter to the County Council.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 12 September 2024, 7.30 in Salem Chapel Vestry.