

Bro Machno Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on 16 May 2018 at Salem Vestry at 7.30

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

Apologies had been received from Dewi Jones and Geraint Thomas.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 8 March 2018 were accepted as correct, Sian Anwyl proposing and Claire Roberts seconding.

Matters arising:

Toilets: Signs and barriers to prevent parking in front of the toilets have been laid but the County Council has not completed the legal transfer. It was decided to contact the County Council as the situation is completely unacceptable.

Lorries near the Woollen Mill Junction: A report of the meeting held on 14 May with Natural Resources Wales to consider four different schemes to deal with the problem of transporting timber. NRW favoured improving the roads within the forest so that more lorries could come out past Tanrallt to the A487. It was decided that the Community Council's choice as a long term solution would be to erect a new bridge over Afon Machno to join the B4406 near the entrance to Penrhyn Farm.

Path between Benar and Blaen-ddol: It has been confirmed that work has been carried out by the National Park and that a new stile will be erected at the boundary.

Complainmts re Empty Properties: Following enquiries by the clerk, it was reported that there may be improvements to London House and that the owners of the former Odd Fellows Association building are considering the future of the building.

Financial matters:

Financial balance 2017-18: The balance sheet, audited by J. Llywelyn Hughes & Co., was accepted, proposed by Eryl Owain and seconded by Claire Roberts seconding

Payments: A payment of £200 to Customs and Excise and of £180 to J. Llywelyn Hughes was confirmed, Eryl Owain proposing and Lyn McFadden seconding.

Planning Matters:

Application to construct an extension to Tan-Rhiw: It was resolved to make the following comments to the National Park Committee that there was concern about the nature of the plans. There appears to be a possibility that it could be divided into two houses, and one may be placed a holiday-let.

Other Matters:

Roads: – attention was drawn to the unsatisfactory state of the Hafod-y-Rhedwydd road and that urgent attention was needed to deal with the pot-holes.

There is concern that trees growing near Waterloo bridge in Betws-y-Coed makes it difficult for those coming down the A5 to see vehicles crossing the bridge. It was resolved to contact the County Council.

Summer Play-scheme: It was confirmed that the scheme to offer children opportunities will be operational in Penmachno and Cwm. It will be possible to use the field opposite the Siloh Centre, courtesy of the owner.

Llwybr y Waen: It was decided that the steps leading from Bron-y-waen to Llwybr y Waen need to be levelled to make it accessible to wheelchair users etc. Also that repair and maintenance work is required on the path.

Arwelfa Cemetery: There was a report of moles in the cemetery. It was decided to accept the offer of an individual who volunteered to deal with the problem.

Resignation: Colin Jones reported that Dewi Jones intended to resign. It was decided to ask him to carry on but, if he resigns, that a written notification would be required.