

BRO MACHNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 13th September 2018 at Salem Vestry at 7.30pm

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

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

Natural Resources Wales: Dylan Williams and other representatives of Natural Resources Wales were welcomed to discuss possible solutions to the problem of heavy lorries using the road near the Woollen Mill. The options available were discussed. NRW said that the construction of a new bridge would be a long process as the cooperation of landowners and consent of the County Council would be required.

CNC favored Option 5, improving roads within the forest so that more lorries would come and go from the Dolwyddelan road. This would result in a 50% decrease in the number of lorries using the junction by the Woollen Mill.

The Chair thanked the representatives and left the meeting. After discussion, it was unanimously decided that the preferred option of the Council would be Option 4, the construction of a new bridge over the Machno river between the Woollen Mill and the entrance to the Penrhyn farm. However, if Option 5 would reduce the number of lorries by the mill, there would be no objection to Option 5 as a short-term solution, emphasizing that Option 4 is the only long-term solution.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2018 were accepted as a true record, Eryl Owain proposed and Siân Anwyl seconded.

Matters Arising:

Toilets: It was reported that the condition of the toilets was satisfactory but a litter bin and toilet roll holder were required. The clerk advised that the transfer of Deeds was proceeding and should be completed soon. There was a general discussion on cleaning the toilets after they had been transferred; one consideration would be to offer organizations a payment if members were willing to volunteer. It was decided to contact Llangernyw and Llansannan Community Councils to find out what their arrangements are.

Complaints about buildings: It was noted that further work had been carried out in London House. The National Park intends to deal with the number of vehicles at the old Machno Hotel car park.

Roads: Concern was expressed that the use of the Hafod-y-rhedwydd road by lorries contracted to the Natural Resources Wales is causing damage and inconvenience. It was resolved to contact CNC to press on them to implement the terms of the timber extraction contracts.

It was resolved to apply to Conwy County Council for a 20 mph speed restriction sign near Plas Derwen.

Adapting Bryn Crug Barn to Holiday Accommodation: It was reported that the application had been approved by the Snowdonia National Park Authority. It was resolved to contact the Chief Executive for further clarification stating dissatisfaction that the views of the Community Council had not been taken into account.

Church Cemetery: Following a survey of the cemetery, it was decided that tidying and levelling work was needed on the part near the War Memorial. It was decided to contact four businesses to obtain quotes for the work.

Financial Matters:

An update of the financial position was given by the clerk and it was noted that there were sufficient reserves from now to the end of the financial year.

Other business:

Planting flowers: It was decided to take up an offer of daffodil bulbs for planting at Penmachno and Cwm.

Blaen-y-Cwm Path: Following receiving a report, it was decided that clearing and repairing work was required on the Blaen-cwm path in Cwm Penmachno. The clerk was asked to make arrangements.

Obstruction of public roads: It was resolved to contact Conwy County Council regarding oil barrels and old vehicle on public roads.

Christmas Trees: It was decided to obtain Christmas trees for Penmachno and Cwm, and it was noted that there was a request for the one for Cwm by 25 November.

Christmas Dinner Committee: An application was received for a financial contribution towards the costs of the Christmas Dinner for the Elderly. It was decided to contribute the cost of the bus and to ask for more details before the next meeting.

Community Skips: It was decided that two skips should be ordered, for Cwm and Penmachno.