

Cerrig-y-Drudion Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th October 2016

Present-Hefin Edwards Chairman, Menai Hughes, Guto Jones, Einion Edwards, John D Jones, Ffuon Williams. Alun Jones, Cllr Peter Lewis Conwy CBC, Caerwyn Roberts Clerk.

Apologies – Prys Ellis, Helen Ellis, Ieuan Jones.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September 2016, read and approved.

Declaration of interest – No declaration of interest.

[1] Police Matters

The police had not apparently called at the school regarding morning/afternoon traffic issues. Clerk to pursue.

Noted that Conwy CBC had agreed to arrange a 20mph speed limit opposite the school and also in part of the village, the school however is expected to contribute towards the costs. Clerk to enquire whether other schools had contributed.

[1.1] Public Footpath no 51 [Llwybr Bach]

Noted, the response from Elwyn Williams that the County Council were not prepared to erect a boardwalk to avoid the flooded area of the path. Clerk to enquire further whether the level of the path could be raised by laying shale to avoid the wet area.

[1.2] Welsh Water/Alwen Bungalow/o Photos/Artefacts

Clerk to discuss with Mrs Arfona Evans

[1.3] Tree opposite Bryn Hyfryd, Maes Aled

Cllr Peter Lewis reported that the tree officer had confirmed that the tree opposite Bryn Hyfryd and Maelor posed no risks.

[1.4] CCTV/Community Centre Warden

Noting that a further £721.00 was required to meet the costs for CCTV, resolved to defer until further information was available from the warden regarding the grant application.

[1.7] Letter from Mrs Helen Williams/Purchase of parcel of land at Cae Llwyd.

The clerk reported that no further contact had been made by Mrs Williams.

[1.8] Path from opposite the School to the Cefn Brith junction.

The clerk reported that no response had been received from Conwy CBC.

[1.9] External Auditor's Report

The clerk referred to the following observations

[a] The Council was unable to supply a letter of appointment for the internal auditor.

[b] Budget - Although a precept had been set, the Council did not sufficiently monitor the budget during the financial year.

[c] Although a precept had been set by the due date, the level of reserves had not been taken into consideration.

Resolved to approve the report. Clerk to address the issues raised.

[2] Empty Properties/Cartrefi Conwy

The clerk referred to correspondence from Cartrefi Conwy seeking the Council's views on lowering the eligibility age from 55 to 40 for people seeking tenancy of empty properties. Resolved to oppose the proposal on the basis that the measure would reduce the number of properties available to older people.

[2.1] Maes y Ffynnon

The clerk referred to concerns that vehicles are parking on the approach road to the estate and causing difficulties to delivery vehicles etc which require access. Cllr Peter Lewis agreed to draw the attention of the Highways Dept to the matter, with a view of introducing yellow lines.

[2.2] Closure of the Council Yard

Noted that Conwy CBC was proposing to close the Council yard in the village. Concern was expressed at gritting arrangements during the winter months where both the Ruthin and Brenig roads required to be gritted in early morning. Cllr Peter Lewis advised that a consultation would be held in the first instance.

[2.3] The following information was noted

[a] Conwy CBC – Council Tax Premiums on Long Term empty Properties and Second Homes

[b] Conwy CBC – Invitation to the Chairman's Civic Sunday Service.

Chairman_____