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Minutes of Town Council ONLINE Meeting Wednesday 14th October

379. In attendance: Chair: Mayor Delohne Merrell; Deputy Mayor Penny Andow; Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Andrew Hinchliff; Cllr Christopher Jones; Cllr Nia Jones; Cllr Iolo Kars Jones; Cllr Christine Roberts

One member of the public was also in attendance online.

380. WELCOME BY CHAIR OF THE MEETING

Mayor Delohne Merrell welcomed everyone to the meeting

381. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Claire Hughes; Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones

382. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR'S INTEREST – CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

Name	Nature of Interest	Withdraw
Cllr Delohne Merrell	Item 11 Payment and decisions for Town Clerk cover Governor for Ysgolion	Moved to waiting room Not necessary as decision previously made
Cllr Chris Jones	Item 13.5 Planning Aid Wales payment	Not necessary
Cllr Iolo Jones	Item 13.6 EPC payment	Not necessary
Cllr Andrew Hinchliff	Governor for Ysgolion	Not necessary

383. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Sound not working for member of the public so email will be sent to ensure any queries will be addressed

384. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES 23rd September

Minutes from 23rd September had been received by email and were taken as read. Matters Arising:

Item 368. County Councillor has been involved with the working group. The company have now sent out an information pack to all interested parties and residents in the area. A full apology has been made. It was noted that ash die has been included in this pack and three trees have been removed due to this. County Councillor will maintain contact with the working group.

Item 371 Point 7 Discover Llanfairfechan calendars are now available to buy from Nisa and Split Willow and the video will be out soon on the website

Proposed Cllr C Jones Seconded Cllr A Hinchliff Unanimous

Resolved to approve and take note

385. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM

The CMT use the Action List as an operational tool.

Town Clerk reported on the list and queries were as follows:

2. Crack in pathway at Glan y Mor Elias. Report has gone in and CCBC are inspecting the situation

4. Flooding at Caradog Place It was stressed that NRW need regular updates on the state of the river and any flooding issues. TC to email Site Manager as issues arise

4. Flooding near cemetery Gulleys have been cleared by CCBC. Problem is reduced but still an issue

6. It seems that the missing Covid signs are now reemerging. Suggestion that perhaps lamppost signs would be better – Clerk to email ERF

14 Activities poster has been distributed on Facebook – advertises the community activities that are planned over the next few months

16 Halloween pumpkins are in the process of being purchased at £1.50 each. Fizzy Pickle projects have negotiated the deal, and this is considerably better than the original quote of £2.50. PCSO Sara has applied for funding towards this project so in all we will be able to order 50 pumpkins using Town Council funding and 50 using North Wales Police funding. 82 orders are already in, so this is really positive.

17 Community Hall have been asked if we can act as a venue for A55 Junction information sessions. Clerk to check if this approach is acceptable within current Covid-19 regulations. Clerk to email project team to request hard copies of information for all householders directly affected by the project

30 Erw Feiriol cemetery water – project is almost complete. This has been achieved as a joint project between Town Council, CCBC and Dwr Cymru

36 Although there will be no Remembrance Day service, Town Council have organised some projects to mark the occasion and will be advertising these over the next month. Poppy project is going well, over 100 already made – we are asking residents to make 11 poppies for our display at the Community Hall. Wreaths have arrived and information will be going out soon to organisations and residents. A justgiving page has been set to encourage residents and organisations to donate to Royal British legion if they can. Town Council are paying for wreaths this year to help Llanfairfechan organisations at this difficult time

Resolved to receive and take note

386. TO REPORT AND APPROVE APPLICATION FOR COVID-19 TOWN CENTRE RENEWAL

All Councillors have received copies of the application previously. It was with regret that Town Clerk reported that very few of our suggestions have been agreed by the funding board, despite the fact they were based on resident consultation. Town Council will go ahead with the revised application that will allow us to buy fixed canopies for the community hall, library and chemist and portable gazebos and marquees to help other businesses in the town. In addition, we plan to buy a bench on Valley Road to help encourage walking up and down the village. We will be seeking other funding for the shop vinyl, plants, and sign painting.

Resolved to receive and take note

387. TO REPORT ON COASTAL COMMUNITIES EOI – All Councillors have received copies of the EOI previously Coastal Communities have refused our application, but this will now be resubmitted to National Lottery People and Places which looks to be more suited to our needs. The Coastal Communities covers the whole of Wales and only awards 17 projects each round, previous awards have been mostly to businesses. People and Places awards on a rolling programme and has a track record of supporting community projects.

Resolved to receive and take note

388. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES ACROSS LLANFAIRFECHAN – Cllr C Roberts

Concerns in the Pen y Bryn area as there is a large white van regularly parking in the access road and leaving very little room for manoeuvre in the road. Residents are worried this causes difficulty for emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles. There is also very little visibility for pedestrians crossing the road. There are no restrictions at point in the road so, although it has been reported, there is no formal obstruction so this is not something that the police or CCBC can address. It would be possible to request restrictions to be considered but this is a long process and one that may not be popular with residents. There are pressures over parking across the town and it is recognised that the roads were not built for large vehicles and multiple vehicles at each house. In the longer term, this problem can only be helped by residents parking in a considerate manner with thought about how they are affecting access. Clerk to email ERF to discuss the matter and request a site meeting to discuss options.

Resolved to receive and take note

389. TO DISCUSS GP SURGERY REPORT - All Councillors will receive copies of the report for discussion

1. Concerns about parking on the road and the car park situation.

Action: Town Council will help to look at some alternative sites for parking, but this would depend on the goodwill of local business. Also to encourage patients to engage individually with the surgery if they have access issues. CMT have spoken to Jane Mills from the Split Willow to ask if their top car park could help with

overflow surgery parking. This has been formally agreed. Clerk to send letter of thanks and, in partnership with surgery, action this option

2. Phone system – length of response time and continual messages

Actions: Messages are going to be kept updated and surgery will share information with Town Council. Town Clerk can help with sharing surgery messages online

3. Pedestrian walkway and steps into car park -The surgery will look into the matter of the pedestrian walkway, but it is their belief that only a handful of patients use this access point.

Actions: Town Clerk and surgery to keep in contact about this

4. Other matters

Surgery Business Manager thanked the Town Council and Community Hall Committee for helping to put together the Community Flu Immunisation events for October and November. Our surgery is the only one in the GP cluster approaching the process in this way and it will ensure patients have safe access to their immunisation in 2020 despite Covid. Over 1500 patients have subscribed for immunisation which is a real success. The surgery is aware of Llanfairfechan Foodbank and a reminder was given that doctors can refer any concerns to the foodbank directly if patients need support. Resolved to receive and take note

390. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE AFTERNOON COVER FOR STREET SUPPORT PROJECT

All Councillors received copies of the report for discussion. It was reported that the Town Clerk had been covering the Street Support afternoon cover (2pm – 4pm) from March as a volunteer. CMT are concerned to ensure that Town Council enact their duty of care for staff and so proposed that extra help should be sought to support the Town Clerk role. Fizzy Pickle Project has been contracted to help develop community activities in the town during the winter months and it was proposed that an extra 10 contract hours a week should be provided to support staff cover during the Covid -19 pandemic period. This will be reviewed regularly by the Staffing Committee. Point was made that Mayor Delohne Merrell has not be involved with discussions about Fizzy Pickle and that the proposal has been made as an emergency measure to meet an urgent demand on staff time during the pandemic.

Proposed Cllr C Gell Seconded Cllr C Roberts Unanimous

Resolved to approve and take note

391. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT AND PETTY CASH REPORT

No points were raised

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr A Hinchliff Unanimous

Resolved to approve and take note

392. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

1. Staff Payments September– wages and employer & employee pension contributions payments to date - £3194.46

2. Fizzy Pickle Projects – cover for Clerk’s annual leave and project costs for September £600.00

3. Conwy County Borough Council community skip Station Road £264.00

4. Antur Waunfawr Confidential Waste disposal £93.60

5. Planning Aid Wales training Cllr C Jones £30.00

6. EPC Forestry 2nd PROW cut £800

7 Ysgol Pant y Rhedyn s137 grant 2020 £1500.00

8 Ysgol Babanod s137 grant 2020 £1500.00

9 Petty Cash request £100

No points were raised

Proposed Cllr An Hinchliff Cllr Seconded Cllr C Roberts Unanimous

Resolved to approve and take note

393. TO DISCUSS PLANNING MATTERS

None received.

394. TO RECEIVE URGENT CORRESPONDANCE

1. **Network Rail – full details have been received about the planned green maintenance and shared to Town Councillors. The company have recognised that they had initially neglected to include stakeholders and fully comply with their environmental survey. This has now been rectified and partnership group meetings are planned**

2. **Previous email shared on Remuneration report – to be discussed in future meeting**

Resolved to receive and take note

395. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS

1. Planning aid Tutorial – Report from Cllr C Jones. Very good session online with many people in attendance and three people presenting. Big planning applications should have infrastructure like playgrounds in place before building is agreed. Opportunity to comment and query through the online comments box. All information suggested that our planning matters are being dealt with correctly.

2. Carneddau Project launch – Report from Cllr C Jones. Interesting project information and the presentation will be available to all after the event. 1.7m grant to cover the project area – roughly all of Conwy County. 5 yr plan to safeguard the Carneddau geography, culture, and history. The scheme will include accessible pathways and cycle tracks and community projects linked to the Carneddau. Town Council has representation on the group and has already met with the Community Engagement Officer.

3. Town & Community Council forum – report from Mayor Delohne Merrell, Cllr Chris Jones and Clerk.

This meeting gave a report on matters from CCBC. Sustainable Services project will be resurrected for 2021/2022 and Town Councils will be asked to look at what they can contribute to local services. This will be a matter for discussion at precept meetings. Lots of positive comments about good working relationships during Covid-19. Presentation on Ash Dieback disease. It was reported that a large percentage of ash trees will be affected in Conwy County and will have to be felled as they become dangerous once the disease takes hold at 60% level. All ash trees need to be checked and dealt with accordingly – trees with blue spots on them are under monitoring procedures, red spots are marked for those that need to be felled. Officers in Conwy can advise residents. There is a working group of organisations to encourage joint work. Town Council could be involved in replanting native trees to replace the ash trees that are lost, and trees are available for community planting from the Woodland Trust.

396. TO RECEIVE URGENT COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS/CONCERNS

1. **Ferranti's fence – concern that the fence has been cut and dogs and lamps had been seen in the area. Clerk to report**

2. **Thanks were given to Cllr Carol Gell for her work in the recent floods.**

3. **Resident's thanks were reported for the work of the Town Council staff on the Street Support project**

4. **Concerns about fast moving van couriers around Parc Crescent. CCBC no longer lay speed bumps due to car damages. It was suggested that companies should be phoned if driving is inappropriate.**

397. CLOSE AT 20:50PM NEXT ZOOM MEETING: Wednesday 4th November 2020 7pm online

**If you have any queries or comments, please contact:
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