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Minutes of Town Council ONLINE Meeting Wednesday 17th June

Clerk introduced the meeting process:

Please remember to set your ZOOM to mute when you are not scheduled to talk. If you wish to talk, please raise your hand and await your turn.

There will be a formal voting procedure in place. A proposal will be tabled on the agenda and a vote will be taken in turn by alphabetical order. The Clerk will then record the result in minutes produced.

Members of the Public can attend the meeting and are able to contribute at Item 4 with 5 minutes to present their query.

323. In attendance: Chair: Mayor Delohne Merrell; Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Andrew Hinchliff; Cllr Claire Hughes; Cllr Christopher Jones; Cllr Iolo Kars Jones; Cllr Nia Jones; Cllr Christine Roberts

Three members of the public were also in attendance online

324. WELCOME BY CHAIR OF THE MEETING Mayor Delohne Merrell

Mayor Delohne Merrell welcome everyone to the meeting

325. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Penny Andow

Apologies from Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones had been sent in and were picked up from messages following the meeting

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

Cllr Andrew declared an interest as a member of the Planning Committee in CCBC (withdrew)

Cllr Carol Gell declared an interest in the payments section (did not need to withdraw)

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

Each member of the public asked in turn, and two queries were raised:

1. In view of the Town Council setting a precedent by not marking the VE Day remembrance, could the Town Council confirm if there would be Remembrance events in future?

Mayor stated that no precedent had been set and that the cautious approach to marking VE Day in the village was entirely due to the Covid lockdown. Clerk noted that a newsletter had been sent out inviting residents to mark the anniversary from home in accordance with stay at home policy. Councillor reported that they are keen to return to holding Remembrance Day service and they would not like to think that future events will be affected. Further discussion about Remembrance Day can take place later in the agenda at the events item. It was requested that town Council look into the situation and feedback.

2. Query about the Public Rights of Way work and whether it had been completed.

Clerk confirmed that the paths had just been finished and a light cut had taken place to clear access. Photos are on file have been received positively by CCBC. A heavy cut will take place in September – it feels that a balance between access and consideration of wildlife and plants has been achieved.

328. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES 4TH MARCH & 18TH MARCH (belated due to Covid-19 crisis)

Minutes from 20th May – Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr N Jones All agreed

329. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM May – June

All Councillors had received these reports and no queries were raised

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr C Hughes All agreed

330. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR s19, s137, s144, s176 Grants 2020/2021

All Councillors had received the draft pack and responded by email. Clerk thanked the Council for their help in compiling the pack and asked if everyone agreed that we could now market the pack and start the process. It was confirmed that there would be two grants rounds July 2020 and January 2021 but that emergency applications could be taken at any time during the year. Clerk to action the grants application process as soon as possible to ensure the Friday 15th July deadline could be met.

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr N Jones All agreed

331. TO DISCUSS FLOWER BEDS AND CENOTAPH AND APPROVE PROCESS DURING COVID -19 PANDEMIC

1. Cenotaph – plants and undergrowth

- a. CCBC have stated that no work will take place on the flower beds or undergrowth at cenotaphs this year due to Covid-19
- b. Working with volunteers and contractors, it is proposed that LLTC take on the work for this year to ensure the area remains tidy and cared for.
- c. Cllr Nia Jones has led on the cenotaph clearance and planting and work is already underway
- d. Clerk awaiting notification about whether plants are available from CCBC
- e. LLTC will possibly need to buy some extra plants for the area.
- f. It has been suggested that we plant poppy seeds for one of the beds
- g. The Neighbours by the cenotaph have been really helpful and agreed that trees can be pruned and have also confirmed that Town Council can use their electric for the Remembrance service

2. Victoria Gardens, Promenade tubs and Crossroads tubs

Cllr Carol Gell has led on the work for these areas and has already painted and planted the Promenade tubs and painted the new boat bed and placed it in Victoria Gardens. Councillor Gell has managed to source a donation of topsoil and this is now in the boat and awaiting plants. The aim is to fill with sensory plants and herbs to complement the work taking place in the Incredible edibles bed on the same site.

Update on PROW paths photos have been shared with all Councillors – already discussed.

Clerk to email about plants from CCBC

Thanks, were given to all volunteers and residents and businesses who have donated to the projects

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr C Roberts All agreed

332. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE PROCESS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY & MARKET DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC (IT WAS AGREED THAT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS)

1. Remembrance Sunday

This was discussed at length and the general feeling was that we should do what we can to ensure an event takes place in some form. Suggestions were:

- a. Invites to wreath layers only and then the numbers attending at the cenotaph could allow social distancing. Laying of the wreaths could take place using a one-way system
- b. Some sort of service could be relayed using social media or zoom online platform

It had been suggested that we could approach Christ Church for the service, but the feeling was that it would not be appropriate to hold the service inside the church due to the current Covid -19 regulations

- d. Clerk to investigate poppies on lamp posts programme and feedback information

It was noted that any event would have to follow Welsh Government guidelines and so any plans can only be provisional.

VJ Day 15th August 2020. Clerk to investigate what other Town Councils are doing for this and report back. Again it was noted that its very difficult to plan anything due to the current lockdown regulations.

To be added to next agenda – Clerk to gather information and report

2. Firework Display and Market

This has been added to the agenda as we generally have it booked by this time of year. It was noted that any bookings could only be provisional, but that Clerk should identify a date and feedback asap. It was noted the event last year was a great success and that it seems outdoor markets are going to be allowed quite soon.

There have been some resident requests that we use silent fireworks. This was considered and it was pointed out that this is a once a year event and advertised well in advance to allow residents to prepare. Clerk to enquire about the possibility of silent fireworks – it was stated that we possibly would have to arrange music as an alternative to sounds. It was noted that any event would have to follow Welsh Government guidelines and so any plans can only be provisional. To be added to next agenda – Clerk to gather information and report

333. DISCUSS AND APPROVE CCBC BUS MAINTENANCE SCHEME FOR 2020/21

Clerk to ask whether CCBC use a local company for the cleaning of the shelters. It was noted that taking on maintenance may be difficult this year due to Covid-19. Suggestion that the CCBC maintenance is agreed for 2020/21 and other options could be investigated for next year.

Proposed Cllr C Jones Seconded Cllr A Hinchliff All agreed

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

Reports had been sent out by email prior to meeting. No observations

Proposed Cllr C Jones Seconded Cllr A Hinchliff All agreed

335. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

- a. Staff Payments May – wages and employer & employee pension contributions £3172.68
- b. CCBC bus shelter maintenance 2020/21 £500 2 x shelters
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- d. Sional PPE for Environmental Operative – awaiting invoice but cost will not be above £100
- e. Huw Prys Jones Grant Pack translations for Meter laith £36.00
- f. Reimbursement to Town Clerk for Brown Bins payment - £50.41
- g. Zurich TC Insurance - £1234.33
- h. Reimbursement to Cllr Carol Gell plants £30.00

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr N Jones All agreed

336. TO DISCUSS PLANNING MATTERS –

0/47350 Elidr Mount Road

Cllr Andrew Hinchliff moved to the waiting room as no discussion took place. No observations were made on this matter.

337. TO RECEIVE URGENT COMPLAINTS / COMPLIMENTS / CONCERNS

Cllr Lisa Goodier from Maen Alaw has been in touch to ask about working together to bring hot meals to Llanfairfechan. It was agreed Clerk should gather more information and report back. It was noted there could be funds from the Dwr Anafon grant. It was also noted Rotary funding that has already been received does cover Llanfairfechan as well. There is a cost for meals but it may be that something could be done to provide meals for those who cannot afford it.

Erw Feiriol cemetery. Site meeting has taken place and CCBC can provide contractors to dig the trench and fit tap for water. It was noted the tap should be a push button one so that water is not wasted. A stop tap will also be fitted to protect against freezing pipes. Clerk to negotiate with CCBC and DWR Cymru to progress the project

Grass Cutting and weeds. Clerk to report to CCBC that cutting is not of sufficient quality – edges have not been done and chunks of grass missed. Clerk also to report weeds at the yacht pond

Query about mowing at cemeteries Clerk reported this has been done at Erw Feiriol and is due to be done at Rhandir.

Clerk to feedback concerns to NWP about about visitors to Llanfairfechan - still not following lockdown regs.

Beach access point to be checked and reported to Clerk if needing to be cut

Yacht pond – report went into NRW but no work can be undertaken currently due to the Covid-19 situation

Report about white car driving without care– Clerk to report

A request that Clerk contact CCBC to ask that the boards are removed from the promenade wall - it is causing access problems

Brambles growing onto the pavement at Cae Ffynnon hill. – Clerk to report

Query about community skips – Clerk reported that CCBC have said skips will return very soon but not before the end of July. Clerk to check about an August skip

CLOSE AT 8:25pm & NEXT ZOOM MEETING: Wednesday 22nd July at 7:00pm online