

MINERA NEWS JUNE 2018

Easy-coach applied to operate new routes within Wrexham, but these new routes do not include Gwynfryn. There is no subsidy available for Gwynfryn so unless an operator is willing to adopt this route on a commercial basis, there is no service for the foreseeable future. The council expressed their disappointment that there are no other services within the village. The only thing they had was the bus and now that's no longer operating they have no way of getting to other services such as doctors, shops, post office which are within Coedpoeth. The MCC clerk is to write to Welsh Assembly and the community council will keep the situation under review.

It was detailed that a lot of crime is not reported by residents and should be encouraged to report any crime they have encountered or witnessed, as this will assist with allocation of resources.

In relation to the K6 kiosk at New Brighton, the Areas of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB) have offered assistance. It was queried in what way they were able to make this offer. This was clarified as they would assist in any community projects which enhances the AONB. It was decided to rescind the proposal made at the October 2017 meeting to sell the telephone box. A further meeting will be convened to discuss the future use of the kiosk.

In his report the chairman stated that a walker was concerned that the gate leading to the kilns in the quarry was locked. Further information was given in relation to the locking of the gates on the footpath by Rock Cottage and the kilns. Only NWWT are able to access currently as it isn't safe at present.

The chair attended the official opening of the old quarry. Mike Dimble (The one show) opened the event and it was a great success attended by 400 people. Visitors are requested to respect the nature reserve and to clean up after their dogs.

He stated that he had received numerous complaints relating to rats in Minera. He contacted Wrexham Environmental Services. Also the drain by Hafan Deg on the A525 has been repaired..

The bins at Maesteg, Gwynfryn weren't emptied due to scaffolding taking place. The refuse department were contacted and dealt with the problem.

There have been outages from time to time in the Gwynfryn area which only last a short time. The chair has reported the problem to Scottish Power who investigated without success to date.

He also reported a dangerous tree at Shepherd's Bush where rotten branches had fallen and caused damage to a vehicle. He immediately contacted the WCBC tree officer who attended and dealt with the problem.

In his report WCBC Cllr D Kelly advised that planning for White Cottage Maesyffynon Road had been refused due to the size.

The mountain Road potholes on the Wrexham half of the road have been checked and repaired where required.

He stated that identifying pot holes on the B5430 Old Road is on the schedule for repair.

The Minera Road from the Ffrwd to Gwern y Gaseg has been repaired and then surface dressed. Gwern y gaseg Road is on the schedule.

An E mail received from a resident, detailed how they have taken it upon themselves to attend to the verges around the Cinder Path.

An e mail was received from Craig Mathews re: Youth Work Feedback informing the council that a meeting is scheduled for Friday 22nd May 2018.

An e mail from Jones Lighting was received requesting authorising the company to act on the council's behalf reporting faults to Scottish Power.

A reply was received via e mail from Environmental Enforcement Team re: Kingdom dog fouling, advising how they were taking MCC concerns seriously but had limited staff in the whole of the Wrexham ward. The report for May 2018 was received.

A reply was received following complaints by MCC from Street-scene in relation to missing road names including Vicarage Hill. They are investigating.

An e mail was rec'd from Debbie Calverley from Groundworks re: Minera Lead Mines.

A request was made from the Citizens Advice Bureau. The letter detailed how the Statutory Funding from WCBC for debt services had been withdrawn. Cllr D Kelly advised that no funding has been withdrawn. The clerk is to request that MCC ask for the accounts of the Citizens Advice Centre and the most recent bank statement, before making a decision.

The price of electric is determined by an annual certificate to be received from Scottish Power and forwarded to SSE.

The streetlight maintenance contract is out for tender in July and the decision for the contract is in September, with the new contract commencing in October 2018.

LED lights will be able to be supplied within the next 6 months solar powered, they will have a 30 day battery life.

The streetlight working group has tried to contact the AONB Dark skies representative.

MCC currently have G4 lighting, this is the grade for the spread of the light. The new LED lights will provide G6.

In light of the possibility of community councils moving to LED lighting, the contract for the maintenance will change. Inspections will defer from 1 year to 3 years and 3 yearly inspections will defer to 6 years. There is to be a 4 month notice to leave the contract for both contractor and the Community Council.