



Minera Community Council Meeting March 2016

There was a personal declaration of interest in relation to the planning application P2016/0203 Single Storey rear extension (Demolition of Porch) Ael y Bryn, Church Road, Minera, Wrexham.

The adoption of old lights on Wern Road and Ty Brith Lane is still being progressed with Wrexham County Borough Council.

Chairs Report

The numerous incidents with dog attacks within the ward were discussed. There were two incidents in Gwynfryn where pets on leads were attacked by another dog not under control. In the second incident, the dog owner was bitten and had to seek medical attention as well as accruing vet bill costs. The victim of the first attack was again involved with another similar breed of dog in Minera which resulted in her sustaining serious back injuries. A meeting is to be arranged with Sgt Rhian Hughes and the Councillors to discuss further.

A request to clear the f/p No 6 (Cinder Path) along with f/p No 7 'The Stryt' has been made to Rights of Way. The latter has been cleared by a contractor.

A member of the public has contacted the chairman in relation to the provision of a bus service down the B5430 Old Road. It was explained that the service is a commercial business and that the local authority cannot insist on there being provision on that road. He was also advised that the extension of the 30 mph up to Cae Adar Lane will take place this year. The location of a hard standing to enable Go Safe (formerly 'Arrive Alive) to park is still under discussion.

A light that was recently repaired at Mun Y Grug stays on 24 hours. Work to resolve the matter requires scaffold to be used as access is not available for a 'Cherry Picker'.

A Welsh Water blocked drain by the old Berwig crossing was cleared within hours of being reported.

On the 2nd March it was necessary for gritters to be requested to clear the roads in Gwynfryn due to a heavy snowfall.

A signpost that had been thrown into the river in Minera Quarry has now been re-erected by Rights of Way.

A notice had been placed at the entrance to 'The Boncyn' in Gwynfryn requesting that dog owners clear up their pets mess.

An Ash tree that had been felled and was a cause of concern as it was within a conservation area, had been removed on behalf of Scottish Power by contractors and had been authorised by WCBC.

A Gwynfryn resident had complained that an Arriva Bus didn't go down the designated route at 6.15 am resulting in him missing the bus. He has since written to the company for an explanation.

Land in the village of Gwynfryn has been sold recently, including 'The Boncyn' a local beauty spot popular with walkers.

WCBC Report

It will be compulsory for all dogs to be micro-chipped as of April 2016.

There is confirmation from WCBC that Hall road is to be surface dressed

The head of environment has passed the Community Councils concerns in relation to the Caravans and HGV's on to the Assets department.

A private company have been enlisted to deal with dog fouling and litter problems. There will be zero tolerance. They will be operational from April 4th 2016.

The Minera Community Councils position with Welsh language policy and provision of a Welsh copy of meeting minutes was discussed. It was proposed for the clerk to clarify statutory obligation with One Voice Wales.

There was a request received for a bin to be located by the bus stop on the A525 beyond the Village bakery. It was also noted that the bench is in need of replacing. This is to be an agenda item at the April meeting.

A resident had experienced problems with Jones Bus Service advising there was no bus stop beyond the crossroads on Ffordd Uchaf, Gwynfryn. The chair is awaiting a response from WCBC transport officer.



PCSO Report

There was one report of a burglary,

The PCSO was issuing an advisory for residents to be cautious of people knocking on doors purporting to be deaf trying to sell paintings. Residents are advised to contact 101 if they encounter them.

There is a report of a Blue transit type van in the area selling stolen goods.

It was requested if PCSO Nichole Smith could speak to Go Safe in relation to a sight meeting for the ideal location for the Go Safe vehicle to be positioned on the B5430.

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Correspondence

The letter / e mail from WCBC Children and Young People Service re: reshaping Programme 1b-Education Enrichment and intervention was read out.

The e mail rec'd from Sylvia Partington detailing a thank you on behalf of Saint Mary's Church, Minera and the progress of work was discussed. It is anticipated the church will re-open on Easter Sunday.

Jones Lighting had issued an email in relation to an Increase in Community council rates for April 2016. The clerk has contacted Jeff Edwards the joint Community Councils committee chair to confirm if this is correct and within the agreed contract.

The notification from the Welsh Planning Inspectorate stated that the planning application appeal for development on Land North of Minera Hall Road, LL14 4LG has been refused.

An e mail from the area Youth Worker was received giving thanks for the donation and advising how they will keep the council up to date with the project.

Following the decision to no longer hold a summer Fun Day, a letter was received from Mrs Hazel Richards (sec) re: Summer Event Committee Closure confirming arrangement to transfer funds to Minera Community council which will be held in a suspense account for community projects..

Diana Beaupre had written asking for assistance in locating the burial ground for a WW1 veteran. It was advised she should contact the Minera History Society. They have some information already on site and have researchers who may investigate further. Clerk to advise Diana Beaupre.

It was proposed to donate £120.00 to the Royal British Legion to cover the cost of the wreaths and poppies received for the Armistice Service completed by the Community Council on the 11th November 2015.

Planning Application.

The Planning application P2016/0203 Single Storey rear extension (Demolition of Porch) Ael y Bryn, Church Road, Minera, Wrexham. This planning application was read, reviewed and discussed. The community council had received representation from a resident's family. This representation advised that the proposed extension will reduce the available light to the property, reducing the light available to the staircase. The resident had previously installed a larger window to maximise the light, and this effect will be negated. The Minera Community Council is to forward this representation onto the Planning Department.

P/2013/0108 Station House, Old Road Minera, Wrexham. This planning Application was read, reviewed and subsequently a lot of discussion ensued. A number of letters received from residents in connection with this application were read out.

A license for the transfer of waste was given by the licensing authority as the company have been operating on the site for the past ten years and they are adhering to the regulations of the license.

The new building and its position will help to screen machinery, material, workings and also help to reduce noise and dust pollution. Therefore the Minera Community

Council offers their support in principle as long as all the points raised below are agreed and conditioned when deciding upon the planning application.

-The finish on the rear of the building should be of a dark green colour with roof to match, also occasional tree planting to break up the large expanse of sheeting.

-The area used as a storage for empty skips also top soil and aggregates should have a defined finish area and not to keep moving closer to the Vicarage Crossing. This must be a controlled boundary line with controlled noise from loading machinery to minimise the noise pollution to council house inhabitants and other neighbours.

-There is a North Sea Mains Gas Supply crossing the site, there needs to be safeguards in place to protect this from damage.

-The drainage pipe running across the property from the corner of Penyfron is of 6" diameter. This pipe is not of sufficient diameter to allow for adequate drainage from Pen Y Fron and adjoining fields and ditches. There is always evidence of a build-up of water in this area which will then overflow onto the Cinder path between the playing field and the site. This drainage should be improved before work commences on the erection of any buildings.

The points detailed, along with the residents letters are to be forwarded to the planning department.