

MINERA (MCC) NEWS NOVEMBER 2018

Cllr J Edwards, Cllr J Rosier and the clerk attended a meeting with WCBC to go through bus routes in Gwynfryn. The WCBC was in receipt of the footfall of passengers utilising the bus to Gwynfryn when D Jones was in operation. With no subsidised service in existence this information shows that the route is not commercially viable and WCBC are unable to offer any form of subsidy. There is no likelihood of a service being reinstated. Other suggestions were proposed by WCBC i.e. volunteers coming together to offer a service either by car or sharing or a community initiative. The Clerk is contacting AVOW for possibilities as they may have some volunteers able to offer something. Clerk awaiting a date for a meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr J Savin that as he is on the board of Governors, that he contacts the school to advise them of the available taxi service from Gwynfryn to Minera or Bwlchgwyn Schools.

In his report, the chairman had cut back overgrown branches on Berwig Hill.

Along with Mr D Fidler (DF) retired MCC councillor, he erected the silent soldier on the bus shelter, Minera. DF had made a frame free of charge. He also contacted the police regarding traffic management on remembrance day November 10th.

It was reported that traffic was being diverted down Gegin Lane when the B5430 Old Road was temporarily closed. Following contact being made to WCBC the signs were moved to by Coedpoeth Station near Village Bakery.

An E Mail was sent to WCBC re an overgrown hedge in Gwynfryn causing a danger. Also a request was made to have Pen y Palmant lane swept following hedge cutting.

Problems had re-occurred regarding a light at Hafan Deg.

The chair visited Caia Park to seek advice for grant funding for play equipment.

Mr D Fidler inspected all five notice boards and will remove them in turn to do repairs.

A letter of thanks was sent to Tyn y Capel management to thank them for providing excellent refreshments following the Remembrance Day service.

A request was made to the contractor at a property in Gwynfryn to ensure the highway was kept clean to which he very kindly agreed.

Extra keys for WCBC workers to remove the newly installed bollard, which was erected to stop vehicles driving on the grass, will need to be purchased. During a meeting with a play equipment company representative attended by the chair and clerk, it was noticed one spring ride needed attention which was reported to the parks department. Subsequently an invoice was received by MCC for the work to be carried out as they are now responsible for maintenance.

The blocked drains on Vicarage Hill were discussed. Cllr D Kelly is to ask for this area to be looked at as well as others with problems.

Cllr D Kelly (DK) has completed some repairs to the bench by the village bakery. He and a handyman have assessed the benches and deem them to be repairable. A dialogue ensued in relation to the benches, locations, and the ability to repair. The relocation of some of these benches would become an issue as they would need approval from the highways department.

A discussion took place regarding employing a Lengths Man. The community council requested the post would be described as an Odd Job Person as this better describes what would be required of the role.

D K advised how the information from the survey on unadopted roads may be used. A number of the unadopted roads in the ward were debated.

The area around Min Y Grug has been deemed to be dark. The chair is to inspect.

D K reported the streetlight by The Chalet on the A525 is obstructed by a tree causing a shadow/dark spot on the road. The light between the Old School house and Elliston in Gwynfryn appears to be restricting the light effectiveness. Both problems have been reported to the Street Light working group to look into them further.

The clerk is to draft a letter of thanks to the police on behalf of the MCC for their assistance and presence on the 10th November 2018.

The WCBC had sent a letter regarding School Crossing Patrol Annual Contribution April 2019- March 2020. The community council will decide this in the Precept.

A letter from NWWT member Iwan Edwards re Green spaces initiative was received by the chair. This could be applied to the Old football pitch to secure allotments/nature reserve to protect it from development. This is not a Minera Community Council asset. A tentative approach is required as there is a possibility to include the Gors and Berwig quarries.

A request from Support the Armed Forces Community was received. The Community council agree with the covenant in principle but wish to seek further clarification on how the community council could assist.

The Street Crossing patrol rate has increased in line with NALC and WCBC pay structure.

The Minera Community council agreed to continue with this SLA.(Service Level Agreement)

MCC thanked Cllr H Field for her time and effort in preparing the information on the precept for the council.

Due to the Tyn Y Capel being busy throughout December members were asked if they should reconvene a MCC meeting for December 2018. It was decided as December is a short working month that the next meeting will be in January 2019.