Minutes of T&A CA General Meeting 5th August 2020

Zoom meeting. Present Cllr Tim Thomas, Geoff Bushell, Carole Bushell and Ian Gulliford.

Apologies: Lin & John Masters, Christine Shaw, Geoff Letman, Anne Wilkes

Minutes of last meeting approved

Secretary's Report: On the 28th February I had to email Simon Grey (Llanmoor) regarding a breach in the embankment to the rear of houses in Clos Pwll Clai, as the water was encroaching on those properties. Thankfully, he immediately dispatched a crew to deal with the situation.

Lin and John Masters and I attended a meeting of the NHCC on the 10th March, hopefully you all received a copy of my report. Briefly, at last Committee agreed to fund a defibrillator, seeing as they had already agreed to fund one for Pen-y-fai – we're still waiting. Secretary to write to NHCC regarding progress. Geoff and Tim to approach Garage on Maesteg Road about siting.
On the 13th March, I received an email from Simon Grey to the effect, they had been notified by their site investigation consultant, that they would be likely to commence a ground investigation from Tuesday 17th March for a period of up to 4 weeks. He asked if we would post notice on our FB page, which I did.
Had occasion to write to him regarding complaints from residents close to the entrance of the site regarding the bad language and lack of social distancing!!
A further email on 24th March notifying us of the closure of the play area in Pentre Felin and they had closed down the construction side of their business due to the Pandemic.
In a further email on 19th May, stated they would be recommencing the investigation works, but as yet nothing has happened. Various rumours abound – Llanmoor had sold the site, a coal vein had been discovered, legal problems, when speaking to James in the village he stated it was due to BCBC planning being behind with the applications.

Report from Cllr James Radcliffe (Aberkenfig): Did not attend

Report from Cllr Tim Thomas (Ynysawdre): Has been busy with case work due to a cut-back on staff, however he now has a newsletter, which he has been delivering to households in his constituency by hand.
All sports Clubs received the £1000 Covid grant and regarding the transfer of Pandy Parc from BCBC to the Tondu Rugby Club, a joint meeting of the 3 Community Councils involved is being arranged to discuss what help can be offered.
The campaign to keep our 6 Forms has been a success.
Regarding the speeding on Maesteg Road (Matt Dukes Chief Constable) BCBC must apply for a grant to the Welsh government.
There has been a noted increase in the rat population.
YCC have placed dog bags near the entrance to the Park in Derllwyn Parc and by the Bus stop on Maesteg Road.

Any other business: Wildflower seeding – secretary to write to the Community Councils for funding and to seek permission from landowners to plant on suitable locations. Also, to approach Highways regarding the necessity for verge cutting, a win win situation for wildflower planting.
Ian Guliford has written several letters to Highways regarding the speeding on Maesteg Road and noted a speed measurer had been placed a couple of weeks back – he will try to obtain the results.
Mention was made to the knotweed on Iron Way.
We need to contact YCC re rubbish bins and dog bins for Derllwyn Parc.

Thanks, was given to Geoff and Carole Bushell for the renovation of the Milestone (Grade II listed).

Open Discussion: Regarding the proposed Highway diversion, those present liked the idea previously put forward by Cllr Radcliffe to adopt a oneway system through Aberkenfig, as all agreed the proposed layout seems to be a waste of money.
It was suggested we and ask for volunteers to form a Community Litter Pickers Group and apply to BCBC for a litter pickers kit. They will than advise of collection times to organise the event.

Next meeting: All being well - Wednesday 4th November 2020 - 7pm at the Parish Rooms, Bryn Road, Tondu