

Present

Bethan Rees Jones

Elsbeth Thomas

Dewi Williams

Lyn Jones

Jean Edwards

Graham Johnson

Gareth Hughes

1. The purpose of this meeting was discuss the proposed bicentennial celebrations in 2011 of the opening of the Cob in 1811.

1. **Minutes of 16/11/09:** Agreed correct *Proposed:* Dewi Williams *Seconded:* Elsbeth Thomas

2. **Matters arising:**

Public Toilets: FV has written to Gwynedd council to request installation of alcohol hand-cleaning equipment in the toilets.

Gate padlock: Cartrefi Cymru have this week installed a padlock on the main gates. A key has been provided to FV to hold with all the property's keys on behalf of the trustees.

Vandalism: Bethan Rees Jones has spoken to the Community police who have agreed to keep a closer eye on the premises.

3. **Landlord's duties:**

Tree Safety: FV tabled the report from the tree survey from Paolo Bavaresco of Garndolbenmaen. This is a survey from the ground without climbing. There is no emergency work but there is work recommended to be undertaken to three trees within the next 12 months (the Beech tree near the Coade Arch, an Oak tree on the street frontage and the Ash tree north of the car park.) He advises resurvey of the Ash in September; thinning of the Oak and close monitoring; for the large Beech he recommends removal of a low-sweeping branch, pruning of branches over the pavement, removal of dead wood and a climbing survey (that may reveal the need for further works or confirm that it is sound). *FV to check exactly what the cost for the Ash includes (£156) and to confirm the works to the Oak (£142) and to the Beech (£369).*

Emergency & security lights at rear: FV obtained a quote from Falconer Electrical of Penrhyndeudraeth to supply and install an external emergency light with back-up battery so that the safe escape route across the east end of the building to the car park will be lit even if the mains electricity goes down; also, movement-sensors linked to lights in the porch and at the rear of the church to deter access by mischief-makers. FV is awaiting detail of actual light fittings to ensure they are discreet. £402 + VAT. *Trustees approved this expenditure.*

4. **Gardens:** Graham Johnston reported that after enquiries with the church authorities both in Porthmadog and in Bangor he has been unable to find any records of cremated burials at Tremadog. FV gave Gareth Hughes the mobile number for Cartrefi Cymru's Eric.

5. **Lleifior:** *Update:* The developer has proceeded to stone-clad the external walls and install windows and doors despite the County's Stop Notice. Gareth Hughes observed (as a professional driver of a similar size and weight of vehicle) that the County's vehicle for maintaining the drains and sinks at the rear of the property cannot reverse on the steep access track. The new development prevents through-use of the track so that it prevents these drains being maintained. Barristers have advised that the County would have a strong case against the developer, but to date no action has been decided.

6. **Tannery:** (See AGM report).
7. **Peniel:** (See AGM report)
8. **Bicentennial Celebrations** of opening of Cob: Bethan Rees Jones reported that there is to be a meeting of interested parties tomorrow 24th Feb 2010 at 7.30. She will attend on behalf of CCT. CCT trustees need to meet again soon to discuss CCT's role. FV to check her info to identify any significant dates in 1811 for Cob 200. Graham Johnston suggested CCT work up a time-line for Tremadog from the prehistoric and Roman period to the present.
9. **Dendrochronology group subscription:** Bethan Rees Jones confirmed that she had posted the £10 subscription to the address given on the membership form.
10. **Porthmadog Maritime Museum:** FV passed the names of the trustees of the Museum to Bethan Rees Jones. These are Mike Biggs, Robin Kyffin, BryanRees Jones and Edward Morris.
11. **AOB:** Work has started on the two roundabouts fro the by-pass: Is the archaeology of the area being protected? FV to contact Highways and Archaeologists.
12. **Next Meeting Wednesday 3 March 6.30 Fleece**