

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th April 2014

Present - Gareth Wynne Chairperson, Gwawr Jones, Medwen Hughes, Marion Bettenev, Michael Hughes, Janet Charlton, Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Terry Bullock, Karen Pugh, Jim Boughton, Gareth Parry.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2014, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk reported that the Police were unable to attend and had advised that there were no local issues of concern to report

[1.1] Pont-y-Pair / Bridge Jumping

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported on a meeting with North Wales Police also attended by Cllr Marion Bettenev and the clerk. Noted that the police were now preparing an action plan to hopefully deter bridge jumpers.

[1.2] Pont-y-Pair Car Park/Concessionary Parking

The Clerk reported that there had been no further communication from Mr Andrew Wilkinson [Conwy CBC] Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to contact Mr Wilkinson.

[1.3] Blocked Gulley A5 road opposite Post Office

Noted the continuing problem regarding the gulley. Clerk to contact the highways department.

[1.4] Conwy Falls Hydro Electric Scheme

Resolved to write to RWE Innogy UK expressing the Council's interest in the proposal to fund local initiatives.

[1.5] Artwork Station Road

Noted that a retrospective planning application was to be submitted to the Snowdonia National Park in respect of the unauthorised artwork.

Main Agenda

[1.6] Street Trading at Betws-y-Coed

Mr John Donnelly Conwy CBC'S Licensing Officer was welcomed to the meeting and outlined the County Council's policy regarding street trading. The meeting was then adjourned to allow members of the public [local business people] to express their concern to Mr Donnelly.

Mr Donnelly confirmed that a street trader operating locally had been advised not to trade beyond any location permitted on his licence. Following a general discussion, the meeting was reconvened and Mr Donnelly was thanked for his attendance.

[1.7] Financial Matters

- [a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during March 2014
- [b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of March 2014.

[1.8] Final Proposals/Community Council Boundaries Electoral Arrangements

Noted the report's recommendations that the number of Community Councillors for Betws-y-Coed Community Council be reduced from 11 to 8

[1.9] Pathway Cae Llan

Clerk to draw attention of the County Council to the need for maintenance work on the path.

[2] Abandoned Cars

Members expressed concern that 2 vehicles appeared to have been left for some considerable time in the lay by on Coedcynhelir Hill.

Clerk to refer the matter to North Wales Police..

[2.1] Discretionary Rate Relief/Memorial Hall

The clerk advised that the application for charity rate relief had been approved as follows, 80% Mandatory and 20% Discretionary rate relief for the period 1st April 2014 TO 31ST March 2017.

Chairman _____