

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th April 2019

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Marion Bettenev, Nick Corney, Neil Pringle, Dyfed Jones, Janet Charlton, Sian Godbert, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies -- Cllr Elizabeth Roberts

Declaration of interest – No Declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting of the 11th March 2018, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

Noted the following report from PCSO Jonathan Thomas;

[a] Incident involving a group of youths jumping in front of vehicles, unfortunately the youths had not been identified.

[b] 2 instances of anti-social behaviour, 4 suspicious circumstances and 11 road disruptions primarily due to flooding in the locality.

Clerk to draw attention of the PCSO to vehicles parking on the A5 road opposite the Pont-y-Pair hotel and Hawkshead.

[1.1] Proposed Footbridge above Pont-y-Pair

Noted the letter from the AM Janet F Saunders advising that a request had been made to Conwy CBC [Mr Vic Turner] regarding the possible removal of the stone wall opposite Cunningham's.

Clerk to seek information regarding ownership of river bank across the river from the car park.

[1.2] Management of Cae Llan

Resolved to discuss at the next meeting.

[1.3] Flooding Pentre Du

Noted that the meeting regarding flooding was now due to be held on Monday evening the 15th April at 7.00 pm. Cllrs Sian Godbert and Nick Corney agreed to attend.

[1.4] National Eisteddfod of Wales Llanrwst

Cllr Neil Pringle on behalf of the eisteddfod committee enquired whether Cae Llan could possibly be available as a parking area. Given the field's usage as a recreational area, members regrettably refused the request.

[1.5] Gwydir Reservoir Safety Works/ Update

Natural Resources Wales reported that the principal contractor Dawnus Construction had entered into administration. However, a new contractor will be resuming the work with the aim of completion by October 2019.

[1.6] Lighting Column Station Road

Noting the lack of progress by Snowdonia National Park to undertake repairs. Resolved to seek a monthly update.

[1.7] Ultimate Outdoors

In view of JD Sports lack of any action regarding the dilapidated property, clerk to write to Guto Bebb MP and Janet Finch-Sundens AM expressing the Council's concern.

Main Agenda

[1.8] Planning Matters

[a] Demolition of single storey extension and construction of two storey extension. Coed-y-Fron, Vicarage Road, Betws-y-Coed.

[b] Proposed advertisement consent to display illuminated projecting signs etc. Siop Tandderwen, Betws-y-Coed.

Members raised no objection to the above two proposals.

[1.9] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during March 2019.

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of March 2019

[2] Swallow Falls/Renewal of Turnstiles

Noting the standard requirement of the Council's Financial Regulations that contracts between £3,000.00 and £25,000 be advertised externally, members considered the work an extension to the existing contract with Strobe Security and resolved to waive the financial regulations [Section 11.1.C] to allow the price to be negotiated without competition.

Resolved that Strobe Security be appointed to renew the turnstiles along with other improvements.

[2.1] Xmas Lights

Clerk to contact representative of Blachere Illuminations requesting a visit to discuss requirements.

[2.2] Hire of Hall

The clerk referred to an application to hire the hall for the purpose of a Craft Fair. Resolved to approve the application.

[2.3] Letter from Mr Michael Hatch Bryn Afon

The clerk referred to correspondence from Mr Michael Hatch explaining that smoke from a nearby cottage was drifting to his property and causing concern resulting in all the windows and doors needing to be closed. Clerk to respond that it is a matter for Conwy CBC'S Environment Dept who can advise on the burning of fuels etc.

[2.4] Conwy Valley Line

The clerk referred to a letter from Network Rail advising that repairs are already underway following the damage caused by flooding in the middle of March. Noted that a meeting was to be held at Glasdir on the 10th April at 6.00 pm when engineers will provide an update on progress.

[2.5] All Ability Path

Clerk to contact Natural Resources Wales to request removal of building materials left on path over several months.

Chairman _____