

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April 2023

Present – Mari E M Mathews Chairperson, Anna Brown, Janet Charlton, Ffiona Jones, Catherine Williams, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC, Caerwyn Roberts Clerk.

Apologies, Neil Pringle

Declaration of interest, Mari E M Mathews declared an interest in min [2.8 Hanging Pizzeria] and took no part in the ensuing discussion.

Minutes of the meeting of the 13th March 2023, read and approved.

[1] BYCDTA Proposed Plastic Free Community

Michelle Bayliss was welcomed to the meeting and spoke regarding the aims of BYCDTA to create a plastic free community. Members welcomed the initiative, Cllr Catherine Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Ffion Jones that the that the proposal be supported' Council member to be nominated to serve on the Plastic Free Community Steering Group.

Matters Arising

Police Matters

No Police presence.

[1.1] Footbridge/Pont-y-Pair

The clerk reported that a response was now awaited from consultants regarding a possible feasibility study

[1.2] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.3] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

Noted the tender specification for the Pentre Du Parking consultation prepared by the chairperson.

[1.4] Removal of Vegetation Pont -y-Pair.

Noted that the matter was ongoing and that all Capital Expenditure by Conwy CBC was being deferred pending the re-prioritising of the revised capital programme.

[1.5] Man in a Van

The clerk reported that a work schedule was being prepared by Edward Jones SNPA .

[1.6] Project Co-ordinator/ Clerk to the Council

The chairperson reported that the job description for the Project Co-ordinator had now been completed. Chairperson and clerk to liaise regarding clerk's job description

[1.7] Betws-y-Coed Football Club/ Refurbishment of Dressing Rooms

Noted a letter of thanks form Mr Tony Godbert for the Community Council's contribution of £600.00

[1.8] Council Website

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.9] St Michael's Old Church/ Overgrown Cemetery

Cllr Janet Charlton reported that at present the cemetery appeared to be reasonably tidy.

[2] Erw Hedd Cemetery/ Cemetery Space

The clerk reported that Conwy CBC was due to advise on the matter.

The clerk referred to a response from Gary Williams Conwy CBC regarding Erw Hedd's cemetery space. Mr Williams to advise further, pending discussions with departmental colleagues.

[2.1] Riverbank Improvements Pont-y-Pair

The clerk reported that the additional improvements had been deferred at present

[2.2] Playground Pentre Du

Resolved to accept a price of £720.00 plus vat from Gary Pierce for erecting the boards. Cllrs Catherine Williams and Elizabeth Roberts agreed to meet at the playground to agree on suitable location.

[2.3] Ms Beth Thomas

The clerk reported that no response had been received from Ms Thomas regarding her role as a Community Councillor. Resolved that the seat be declared vacant. Clerk to contact Conwy CBC regarding current vacancies.

Main Agenda

[2.4] Active Travel

Noted further Active Travel meeting [Zoom] on the 26th April 2023

[2.5] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments to the end of March 2023

[b] The clerk reported that attendances at Swallow Falls were lower than the similar period in March 2022

[2.6] Risk Assessments Memorial Hall/Swallow Falls

Clerk to remind Conwy CBC regarding its enquiry of asbestos within the structure of the hall.

[2.7] Boarded Area Adjacent to Pont-y-Pair Hotel

Noting the response from SNPA that the boarding was acceptable, clerk to write to Ultimate Outdoors requesting that it be tidied up

[2.8] Hanging Pizzeria

The clerk referred to correspondence expressing concern that the frontage of the Hanging Pizzeria was now closed off and that in particular elderly people are not able to cross the road safely to the Station Road Shops.

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to contact Jonathan Cawley SNPA regarding the matter.

[2.9] Jui Jitsu

Noted, further correspondence from Mr Amaan Abbasi that no response had been received from the Sports Council for Wales and Conwy CBC to his application for grant funding towards Jui Jitsu classes. Clerk to advise Mr Abbasi that the Community Council will be putting together a small grants pot open to local organisations in due course.

[3] Hire of Memorial Hall

As a consequence of increased gas and electricity costs, resolved to increase the hire fees as follows.
Local organisations or individuals based within the community £20.00 for morning/afternoon or evening

Organisations or individuals outside the community boundary £25.00 an hour, minimum charge 2 hours.

[3.1] The following information was noted

SNPA Draft Review Eryri Local Development Plan

Chairperson_____

