

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 2nd August 2021

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Neil Pringle, Janet Charlton, Catherine Williams, Beth Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Mari E M Mathews

New Member. The chairman welcomed Ms Beth Thomas as a co-opted member of the Community Council

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting of the 8th June read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk reported that the police were unable to be present, however the following update of local incidents, had been received

- [a] Jumping off the Pont-y-Pair Bridge
- [b] Anti Social behaviour on the bridge
- [c] Incident of assault
- [d] Unruly behaviour by young adults

[1.1] Proposed Footbridge upstream from Pont-y-Pair

Noted that the chairman and clerk were arranging to meet with CADW given that Pont-y-Pair is a listed structure of historical importance.

[1.2] Miners Bridge

The clerk reported that Conwy CBC was advising that the new bridge should be in place by possibly October 2021.

[1.3] Conwy CBC Sustainable Services

Noted that the matter was ongoing

[1.4] CCTV Pentre Du

The clerk advised that Conwy CBC's CCTV officer was now preparing costs etc for consideration by the Community Council

[1.5] Climber & Rambler Empty Shop

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that disappointingly no further contact had been made by Conwy CBC or SNPA.

[1.6] Repairs Memorial Hall

The Chairman reported that following a specially convened zoom meeting on the 22nd June it was resolved that given the age and size of the building, the Community Council was not in a position to take a full repairing lease which would commit the Council to considerable and regular expenditure. Following the Community Council's resolution no alternative proposal had been received from Conwy CBC.

[1.7] Skip Services

The skip service will be on the grassed triangle at Pentre Du on the 17th Aug and the 15th Sept from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm or will leave earlier if the skip is full. Clerk to enquire regarding the reinstatement of the mobile skip service on Saturdays.

[1.8] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

The chairman outlined the background to intermediate and social housing in particular the costs etc. Resolved that Social Housing was the preferred option, with a local residents letting policy being adopted.

[1.9] Minature Railway Café

The clerk reported that no response had been received Conwy CBC's Environmental Health officer Bethan Lloyd regarding the condition of the railway carriages. A further email had been sent on the 17th July but no response had been received.

[2] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

Resolved to write to Andrew Bowden to enquire whether Cartrefi Conwy were prepared to reconsider the Community Council's offer of financial support and whether the Housing Association had any other proposal for consideration.

[2.1] Local Signage

The clerk reported that SNPA was arranging new signage within the village and also a new gate at the bottom of Cae Llan. The signage will be subject to planning approval.

Main Agenda

[2.2] Planning Applications

[a] Conversion and extension to form self catering holiday unit. Outbuilding at Craig Glanconwy, Betws-y-Coed

Resolved to raise no objection to the above proposal

[b] Erection of 5 two storey affordable dwellings. Land at rear of surgery Pentre Du, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to support the above proposal subject to the adoption of a local lettings policy.

[2.3] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments for the period 1st – 31 July 2021

[b] The clerk reported that admissions to Swallow Falls were now improving following closure due to covid 19

[c] Internal Auditor's Report – Noted that no issues had been raised in the report. Resolved to approve the annual return for the financial year 2020/21

[2.4] Bench Seats Cae Llan

Clerk to discuss with Geraint Thomas if repairs of the seats is worth pursuing.

[2.5] Anti Social Behaviour/Pont-y-Pair

Given the ongoing ASB on the bridge, resolved to write to the police expressing the Community Council's disappointment that the enforcement notice has been allowed to expire by Conwy CBC and that there is now no deterrent when it is most needed.

[2.6] SNPA Planting of Trees

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to contact the school to enquire whether it wished to acquire trees for planting within the school grounds. Clerk to contact SNPA regarding the species of trees available.

[2.7] Cwr y Cyrau

Resolved to write to NRW regarding possible land encroachment.

[2.8] St Michael's Flower Festival

Cllr Janet Charlton agreed to arrange for a presentation flowers on behalf of the Community Council.

[2.9] Vegetation/ Pont-y-Pair

Clerk to again remind Conwy CBC regarding the vegetation growth on the bridge.

[3] Proposed Lighting of river bank below Pont-y-Pair

Noted a provisional estimate of £15,000 for lighting the river bank below the bridge. Clerk to make further enquiries regarding planning approval etc.

Gareth Wynne, Chairman. _____