

Betws-y-Coed Community Council  
Minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Present – Marion Bettenev Chairperson, Sian Godbert, Janet Charlton, Jim Boughton, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Gareth Wynne, Karen Pugh, Gwawr Jones, Meirion Owen, Terry Bullock, Gareth Parry Conwy County Councillor Elizabeth Roberts,

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

PCSO Phil Gales was in attendance and reported a burglary at Maesnewyddion and also the theft of logs from the Ugly House, the PCSO advised of no other incidents within the community.

[1.1] Boots Chemists Appeal

Noted, the copies of correspondence from various sources opposing the appeal.

[1.2] Unsightly Signs/Notices

Cllr Marion Bettenev agreed to forward the details of the organiser of the Antique Fair to the clerk.

[1.3] Footbridge Betws-y-Coed Railway Station/Maintenance Request.

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.4] Swallow Falls Tourism Information Signs

The clerk advised the new sign was now in place and that arrangements had been made to remove the slate sign.

[1.5] Highway Matters

Wall opposite Hendre Farm campsite on the A5 trunk road. Noted that the Highway Agency had advised that a contractor would carry out repairs to the wall.

[1.6] Automated Announcements Betws-y-Coed Railway Station

The clerk advised that no response had been received from Network Rail to the Community Council's letter of complaint regarding the automated announcements of Welsh place names.

[1.7] Memorial Hall Balcony Damage

The clerk reported that Mr Gwyn Lloyd was unable to carry out any repairs. Clerk to seek further advice.

[1.8] Potholes

[b] Large pothole opposite HSBC bank. The clerk reported that Conwy CBC had requested the owner to carry out repairs.

[c] Large pothole Forestry entrance by Dolgethin. Noted that the pothole had been repaired.

[1.9] Christmas Lights

The clerk referred to the following estimated costs for additional Christmas Lights in the village

- [a] Large decorative light £379.00 per light
- [b] Medium decorative light no colours, £280.00per light.
- [c] Rope lights.Clerk to arrange removal of faulty lights

Main Agenda

[2] Planning Matters

The following appeal was noted

Retrospective appeal to retain metal artwork. Land at Station Approach.

[2.1] Financial Matters

- [a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during January 2015
  - [b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of January 2015
  - [c] Budget estimate 2015/16.
- Resolved to approve the budget for the financial year 2015/16

[2.2] World Mountain Running Championship

Sara Jones, Marketing Officer Conwy CBC and colleague Melissa Davies outlined the arrangements for the world mountain running championship to be held at Betws-y-Coed from the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept to the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015 inc. The opening ceremony to be held on Cae Llan on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

[2.3] Betws-y-Coed Tourism Association

Resolved to renew the advert for Swallow Falls in the tourism brochure. Clerk to also advise the association that according to feedback there is still a need for the map handouts.

[2.4] Bryn –y-Bont

Resolved to proceed with the decorating of the cottage at an agreed cost of £2,200.00 plus vat.

[2.5] Zag Bubbles/Cae Llan

The clerk reported that an area of the field was showing signs of deterioration as a result of the liquid from the bubble buckets dropping on to the grass. Clerk to advise the business owner that in future an adequate cover must be placed on the grass.

[2.6] Snowdonia National Park

Noted that the National Park are proposing to organise a fun day at Cae Llan in June of this year.

[2.7] Alleged Accident/Claimant Mrs K Tidswell

The clerk referred to correspondence from Allianz Cornhill Ins Plc advising of a denial of responsibility for the alleged accident at the Memorial Hall by Mrs Tidswell

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_