

Betws-y-Coed Community Council  
Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Marion Bettenev, Gwawr Jones, Meirion Owen, Gareth Parry, Terry Bullock, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC. Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.  
Apologies, Sian Godbert, Karen Pugh, Jim Boughton, Janet Charlton.  
Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest  
Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence.

[1.2] Defiliberator

The clerk reported that the electrician had still not connected the defiliberator to the power supply. Clerk to seek alternative electrical contractor to complete the work.

[1.3] Swallow Falls Information Leaflet

The clerk agreed to arrange for the Welsh translation of the leaflet.

[1.4] Extra Lighting Memorial Hall

Noted that Ms Haf Joes [Conwy CBC] was pursuing grant funding on behalf of the pantomime group.

[1.5] Pentre Du Playground/Picnic Tables

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.6] Giant Bubbles Cae Llan

Clerk to contact Mr William Hall and Snowdonia National Park to enquire of a possible response regarding bubble activity and the concern raised regarding the slippery footpath.

[1.7] Xmas Lights

Resolved to purchase 3 additional Xmas lights.

[1.8] Swallow Falls/Cash Collection

The clerk advised that a meeting with a representative of the cash collection company was being arranged.

[1.9] Vision Wheel/ Cae Llan

Noted the guidelines from the SNPA that planning approval was required after 28 days and that no objection had been raised by Conwy CBC or the Gwydyr Estate. Clerk to contact the leisure company to arrange site meeting.

[2] Flooding Pentre Du

Noted that Natural Resources Wales are now undertaking a flood review survey, report to be forwarded to the Community Council in due course

[2.1] Public Footpaths [19/31] Miners Bridge

Noted that the concern regarding the surface of the paths had been passed on by Conwy CBC to Peter Rutherford SNPA.

## Main Agenda

### [2.2] Affordable Housing

Mr Arfon Hughes Housing Enabler Gwynedd and colleague Dylan Owen attended the meeting and outlined the current position regarding possible affordable housing at Pentre Du. Mr Hughes confirmed that the access road was no longer a problem and advised that in the first instance a drop in session was required to assess demand etc.

### [2.3] Planning Matters

[a] Erection of affordable bungalow, land adjacent to Hendre Farm Pentre Du.

[b] Approval of non material amendment to reduce size of extension, Rhoslan, Gethin Road, Pentre Du.

Members raised no objection to the above 2 proposals.

### [2.4] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during January 2016

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of January 2016.

[d] Budget Forecast 2016/17. Resolved to approve the budget prepared by the clerk for 2016/17

### [2.5] Risk Assessment

Resolved to approve the risk assessment report, clerk to proceed with any issues raised.

### [2.6] Licence Agreement/ Cae Llan

The clerk referred to correspondence from Conwy CBC advising of an increase in the licence fee to £350.00 from the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2016. In view of the very poor financial return to the Community Council in hire fees, resolved to invite Mr Gareth Peters Case Officer Conwy CBC, to the next meeting of the Council.

### [2.7] Closure of HSBC Betws-y-Coed

The clerk advised of a meeting with Guto Bebb MP, Janet Finch Saunders AM and Mr Martin Lyons HSBC on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm to discuss the imminent closure of the bank. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### [2.8] Federalisation of Schools

The clerk referred to correspondence from Mr Jan Chapman Chairperson of the Governing Body advising of the proposed federalising of Ysgol Dolwyddelan, Ysgol Betws-y-Coed and Ysgol Capel Garmon. Resolved to raise no objection to the proposal.

### [2.9] Sewage Overflow

Concern was expressed at the sewage overflow to the field adjacent to the railway line. Clerk to raise the matter with Dwr Cymru.

### [3] Blocked Gullies Pentre Du.

Clr Elizabeth Roberts advised that Conwy CBC were aware of the blocked gullies opposite 4/5 Bro Gethin and that the matter was being addressed.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_