

Betws-y-Coed Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2017

Present: Gareth Wynne Chairman, Jim Boughton, Gwawr Jones, Janet Charlton, Gareth Parry, Terry Bullock, Marion Betteney, Sian Godbert, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Karen Pugh, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC.

Declaration of interest. Cllr Sian Godbert declared an interest in Min 1.6 [c] and left the meeting whilst the matter was under discussion.

Minutes of the meeting of the 12th December 2016, read and approved.

January Meeting

The Chairman advised that the Council meeting scheduled for the 9th January 2017 was not held due to a quorum of members not being available.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence

[1.1] Pentre Du Playground/Picnic Tables

Noted that the picnic tables were now in place. Resolved to also proceed with a picnic table for the disabled on the Tan Dinas path

[1.2] Water Abstraction/Llyn Elsie

The clerk referred to the response from Allied Hydro confirming that the hopper was to be removed

[1.3] Fencing Cae Llan

Resolved to contribute 50% of the cost [£1325.00] towards a new fence. Work to be arranged by Snowdonia National Park.

[1.4] Street Lighting Station Road/Cleaning of Globes.

The clerk referred to the response from SNPA as follows;

[a] The authority is waiting for costs to upgrade part of the lighting which is emitting the worst pollution, unfortunately the cost is considerable and will have to be financed from what is left from other budgets.

[b] Priority will be given to the lighting from Station Road to the Tourist information Centre.

[c] The lights on Station road will be considered from next year's budget.

[1.5] Pedestrian Crossing Station Road

Noted that SNPA is proposing to create a crossing before the Easter bank holiday.

Main Agenda

[1.6] Planning Matters

[a] Demolish part of single storey extension and construct veranda etc. Gwydr Hotel.

[b] Demolition of existing retail premises and erection of new 3 storey premises. Ultimate Outdoors.

[c] Conversion and extension of farm building to form new dwelling etc. Ty'n Bryn, Pentre Felin.

[d] Replacement Conservatory. Minafon.

Members raised no objection to the above 4 proposals.

[1.7] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during January 2017.

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of January 2017.

[1.8] Precept

Following a general discussion and noting that the forthcoming elections may incur costs, resolved to set a precept of £6,000.00 for the 2017/18 financial year.

[1.9] Budget 2017/18 Financial Year

Resolved to approve the budget estimate for the financial year 2017/18

[2] Proposed Memorial Hall New Entrance

Clerk to discuss proposals with SNPA planning officer.

[2.1] Open Access Rivers in Wales

Resolved to support Betws-y-Coed Angling Club regarding their concern to allow open access to rivers in Wales. Clerk to write to Guto Bebb MP and Janet F Saunders AM.

[2.2] BT Closure of Telephone Kiosks

Resolved to raise no objection to the closure of the 3 telephone kiosks within the community.

[2.3] Llanrwst Eisteddfod

Resolved to make a contribution of £50.00 towards the Eisteddfod.

[2.4] Betws-y-Coed Football Club request for contribution

Cllr Sian Godbert agreed to forward a balance sheet to the clerk.

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Chairman_____