

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th February 2018

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Marion Bettaney, Terry Bullock, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC, Caerwyn Roberts Clerk.

Apologies -- Nick Corney, Sian Godbert, Janet Charlton

Declaration of interest - None

Minutes of the meeting of the 8th January 2018, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence.

[1.1] Invoice/ Doggie Bins

Resolved to offer a reduced payment of £610.50 to Conwy CBC for the provision of two doggie bins at Cae Llan.

[1.2] Affordable Housing / Pentre Du

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.3] Road leading up and past Betws Motors/Road Sign Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.4] Traffic Issues Pont y Pair Bridge/Coed Cynhelir Road

Noted that the Conwy CBC traffic team would be making contact.

[1.5] Audit of Tourism Signs/ Closing date 19th January 2018

The clerk reported that an inspection of tourism signs had been undertaken with the Cultural & Heritage Officer of Conwy CBC in readiness for a grant application.

[1.6] National Eisteddfod of Wales / Funding Target

Noted that Siop Tandderwen had contributed a sum of £500.00 as prize money for musical entertainment.

Main Agenda

[1.7] Planning Matters

[a] Retrospective application to retain decking, Pont y Pair Hotel, Holyhead Road, Betws-y-Coed

[b] Proposed demolition of existing miniature train engine and carriage etc and erection of replacement, plus conservation consent for the proposed demolition of the miniature train engine etc. Conwy Valley Railway Shop and Museum.

[c] Demolition of single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey extension. Clogwyn Haul, Betws-y-Coed

Members raised no objection to the above four proposals.

[d] Proposed development adjacent to the Waterloo Hotel.

Resolved to defer pending full planning application..

[1.8] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during January 2018.

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of January 2018

[1.9] Budget 2018/19

Resolved to approve the estimated expenditure document prepared by the clerk

[1.9] Betws-y-Coed Surgery

The clerk referred to a letter from the surgery requesting that the Council consider a request for a contribution of £100.00 towards the cost of the delivery of prescriptions. Resolved to contribute £100.00 but to also advise that some members considered it to be the responsibility of the practice to finance the service as is common in other areas.

[2] Rural Development Plan in Wales

Ela Von Williams Conwy CBC's Culture & Heritage Officer outlined various opportunities for the community to take advantage of the plan and that the plan was a seven year investment programme in Wales. Ms Williams advised that support was available for communities and businesses to access other streams of funding.

[2.1] Conwy CBC Dog Control Orders

Noted that a proposal was in place for dogs to be on leads at all times on the footpaths traversing and surrounding the Golf Club at Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to support the proposal. Clerk to also complete questionnaire in support of all other dog controls.

[2.2] Overhanging Branches A5 Road Pentre Du to Betws

Clerk to contact Conwy CBC to request that the branches be trimmed.

[2.3] Notice Board Pentre Du

Clerk to arrange replacement.

[2.4] Betws-y-Coed Railway Station 150th Anniversary

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised of an event to be held on Cae Llan on the 16th June 2018, to mark a hundred and fifty years since the beginning of the railway at Betws. Further details will be announced in due course.

[2.5] Street Lights Opposite Dragon Restaurant

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to pursue concerns regarding unlit street columns at the above location.

[2.5] The following information was noted:

[a] SNPA – Revised Eryri Local Development Plan 2016-2031

[b] Conwy CBC Keep Wales Tidy Initiative –Keep Wales Tidy.

Chairman _____