

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2014

Present - Gareth Wynne Chairperson, Gwawr Jones, Karen Pugh, Marion Bettenev, Terry Bullock, Michael Hughes, Janet Charlton, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.
Apologies, Medwen Hughes, Jim Boughton, Gareth Parry, Elizabeth Roberts.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th December 2013, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

In the absence of North Wales Police, clerk to request an e-mail update of local issues when attendance may not always be possible.

[1.1] Pont-y-Pair / Bridge Jumping

The clerk reported that no date had yet been arranged by Conwy CBC regarding a proposed meeting.

[1.2] Cae Llan

Clerk to remind SNPA of the undertaking given to thin out the trees adjacent to the Public Toilets at Cae Llan.

[1.3] Path No 41 Pentre Du

Noted, a copy of the diversion order passed on to Cllr Terry Bullock.

[1.4] Refurbishment of toilets/Memorial Hall

Members considered 3 quotes from the following to carry out the proposed improvements: G Thomas, G W Griffiths and G M Jones. Resolved that the contract be awarded G M Jones, Nebo Road, Llanrwst .

[1.5] Affordable Housing

Cllrs Terry Bullock/Michael Hughes agreed to attend a site meeting at Pentre Du at 11.00 am on Thursday 23rd January 2014.

[1.6] Swallow Falls CCTV System

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.7] Car Parking Charges Pont-y-Pair Car Park

Mr Andrew Wilkinson [Conwy CBC] was welcomed to the meeting and in discussing parking issues, members requested that concessionary parking permits be given to regular user of the hall. Following a general discussion Mr Wilkinson agreed to consider the matter and to report back.

[1.8] Bus Shelter Pentre Du

Noted that Conwy CBC was not prepared to reverse the bus route through Pentre Du.

[1.9] Community Council Website

Mr Nick Ferguson demonstrated the proposed Council website. Members approved and agreed that the site can now be live @ www.betws-y-coed-communitycouncil.org

Main Agenda

[2] Planning Matters

Advertisement Consent to display 4 illuminated fascia signs, 2 illuminated hanging signs, 3 illuminated hoarding signs and 1 non illuminated sign. Pont –y-Pair Hotel, Holyhead Road

Members considered that the number of signs appeared excessive but that the proposal be left to the discretion of the National Park Planning Authority

[2.1] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during Dec 2013

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of Dec 2013.

[c] Annual Precept – Resolved not to increase the precept payment currently set at £6,000.00

[2.2] Proposed Pharmaceutical Services Boots Chemists

The clerk referred to correspondence from

[a] NHS Wales advising of an application from Boots Chemist to provide a local pharmaceutical service.

[b] Letter from the medical practice at Pentre Du seeking the Council's support opposing the application.

Following careful consideration members considered that such service would be beneficial to the community and resolved to raise no objection to the proposal.

[2.3] Buckingham Palace Garden Party

The Chairman Mr Gareth Wynne agreed to represent the Council in the event of an invitation to attend.

[2.3] Artwork Station Road

Noting the enquiry from SNPA regarding unauthorised artwork at Station Road. Clerk to respond that regrettably the Council had no information on the matter.

[2.4] Summer Playing Scheme

Noting a cost of £428.00 to administer the scheme during 2014, clerk to request attendance figures for 2013.

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[2.5] The following information was noted

[a] Menter Iaith Conwy, Green Energy Scheme

[b] Letter of thanks, St Michael's Old Church

[c] One Voice Wales, Area Committee 22/1/14

[d] Community Health Council, Welsh Language in Local NHS Services.

Chairman _____