

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2015

Present - Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Marion Bettenev, Meirion Owen, Sian Godbert, Janet Charlton, Terry Bullock, Conwy County Councillor Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Karen Pugh, Jim Boughton, Gareth Parry.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th December 2014, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

There was no Police presence at the meeting.

[1.1] Boots Chemists Appeal

The clerk referred to a letter from the Welsh Assembly advising of an appeal by Boots Chemists against the decision not to allow pharmaceutical services in the village.

Letters were also noted from Mr Marshall Smalley, Mrs Gladys Harrison, Mr John Godbert and Drs R Mackereth and P Keep opposing the appeal.

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and adjourned proceedings to allow representations to be made regarding the matter.

On reconvening of the meeting, members resolved to support the surgery at Pentre Du. Clerk to advise the Welsh Assembly accordingly.

[1.2] Unsightly Signs/Notices

Noted the response from Conwy CBC and SNPA. Cllr Marion Bettenev agreed to seek the details of the organiser of the Antique Fair and pass on to the clerk.

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

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that discussions were ongoing and was waiting further information from Network Rail.

[1.4] Swallow Falls Tourism Information Signs

The clerk advised that a meeting was now being arranged with Mr Glenn Evans to determine the most suitable location.

[1.5] Highway Matters

Wall opposite Hendre Farm campsite on the A5 trunk road. The clerk reported that no further information had been received from the Trunk Road Agency.

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

Noted that the Welsh Language Commissioner had no statutory powers to deal with the matter and was advising the Council to refer the matter to Network Rail.

[1.7] Memorial Hall Balcony Damage

The clerk reported that Mr Gwynne Lloyd had agreed to inspect the damage.

[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. Conwy CBC had agreed to repair.

Main Agenda

[1.9] Planning Matters

Erection of dwelling Plot 4 Parc Trawsafon, Betws-y-Coed.

Members raised no objection to the above proposal.

[2] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during December 2014

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of December 2014.

[c] Precept- Members considered the precept requirement for 2015/16, resolved to set the precept at £6,000.00

[2.1] Christmas Lights

Clerk to seek costs for additional Xmas lights in the village.

[2.2] Buckingham Palace Garden Party Invitation

Noted that the Chairman Gareth Wynne and guest had been invited to represent the Community Council at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

[2.3] World Mountain Running Championship

Noted that the event will be held at Betws-y-Coed in September 2015, and that Sara Jones and Melissa Davies [Conwy CBC] will be attending the next meeting of the Council.

[2.4] Deployment of Fibre Broadband within the County of Conwy

The clerk referred to a letter from BT advising that work will start in June 2015 on improved broadband connection at Betws-y-Coed, Llanrwst, and Dolwyddelan.

Chairman _____