

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January 2016

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Meirion Owen, Sian Godbert, Karen Pugh, Jim Boughton, Janet Charlton, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC. Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.
Apologies, Marion Bettenev, Gareth Parry, Gwawr Jones.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest
Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2015 read and approved.
Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

[a] The clerk referred to a brief report from PCSO Dean Cavey indicating that no incidents of speeding or anti social driving had recently been apparent in the village.

[b] The parking meter at Station Road Car Park had been broken into and an amount of money stolen

[c] An attempt had been made to steal money from the coin box at Swallow Falls, but the attempt had been unsuccessful.

[1.1] Highway Matters Introduction of Speed Limit at Pentre Du

[a] Noted the proposal from Conwy CBC to introduce a 20 mph at the following locations; Ffordd Gethin, Rhes Gethin, Rhes Dolydd, and Bro Gethin. Resolved to support the proposal.

[b] Clerk to request that signage on the A5 trunk road at Pentre Du is cleaned.

[c] Welsh Government Trunk Roads Safety Review – Noted that the review is available at <http://www.traffic-wales.com/Trunkroadsafetyreview.aspx>

[1.2] Defiliberator

The clerk advised that he was still waiting for the electrician to install the defiliberator

[1.3] Swallow Falls Information Leaflet

The Chairman circulated a copy of the draft tourism leaflet and agreed to seek costs for printing etc.

[1.4] Extra Lighting Memorial Hall

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.5] Pentre Du Playground/Picnic Tables

The clerk reported that no further information had been received from Conwy CBC following the removal of the tables.

[1.6] Giant Bubbles Cae Llan

Clerk to contact Mr William Hall to enquire of a possible response regarding bubble activity on the field.

[1.7] Xmas Lights

Clerk to enquire regarding costs for 2/3 additional Xmas lighting.

[1.8] Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Resolved to propose to One Voice Wales that Cllr Karen Pugh be invited to the garden party.

[1.9] Public Toilets Station Road

Mr Steven Teale Environmental Services Conwy CBC attended the meeting and advised on the current admission arrangements to the toilets. Following an exchange of views with the members, Mr Teale advised that subject to capital funding being available, the County Council will seek to improve the entry system at the earliest opportunity.

[2] Swallow Falls

The clerk reported an attempted break in at Swallow Falls at approx 2.00 am on the 27th December 2015, whilst no money was taken damage had been done to the coin mechanism resulting in considerable financial loss over the New Year period.

Main Agenda

[2.1] Planning Matters

[a] Application no NP4/11/377

Change of use from shop to shop/café/restaurant. Unit 1 Station Approach, Betws-y-Coed.

[b] Proposed upgrade to telecommunications radio base station, Swallow Falls Hotel, Betws-y-Coed.

Members raised no objection to the above 2 applications.

[2.2] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during December 2015

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of December 2015.

[2.3] Wheel of Vision

Noting an application to site a wheel of vision on a temporary basis at Cae Llan, clerk to enquire regarding the following;

[a] Financial return to the Council

[b] Duration of temporary period.

[2.4] Flooding Pentre Du

[a] Cllr Elizabeth Roberts referred to the problem of flooding at Pentre Du and advised of a meeting to be arranged with the Environment Agency, Conwy CBC, Mr William Hall Ancaster Estate and representatives of the Community Council. Cllr Roberts to advise of the arrangements.

[b] The clerk reported that an additional water pump had been purchased to assist with flooding problems. The pump to be in the care of the two flood wardens Cllrs Karen Pugh and Sian Godbert.

[2.5] Charity Vintage Fair

The clerk referred to an application from Ms Samantha F Tilley to hire the hall for the purpose of selling vintage clothing/handbags/ jewellery etc. Resolved to approve the application.

[2.6] Public Footpaths/ Miners Bridge

Clerk to request that Conwy CBC undertake repairs to paths no 31 and 19 above and below Miners Bridge.

[2.7] The following information was noted

[a] Conwy CBC, Invitation to the Chairperson's Civic Sunday on the 28th Feb at St Mary's Church at 2.30 pm

[b] Welsh Assembly Government, Consultation Draft Local Government Bill, Venue Cymru Llandudno 15th Feb 10.30 am.

[c] Snowdonia National Park, Public Consultation, Draft Planning Guidance Notes

Chairman _____