

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2023

Present – Mari E M Mathews Chairperson, Ffiona Jones, Neil Pringle, Catherine Williams, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC, Caerwyn Roberts Clerk.

Apologies, - Janet Charlton, Anna Brown.

Declaration of interest, Mari E M Mathews declared an interest in min [2.4 d] and took no part in discussions regarding the planning application.

Minutes of the meeting of the 13th December 2022, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk referred to the following brief report from PCSO Peter Jones

[a] Shoplifting at Cotswolds, CCTV footage checked but no details of the suspects found.

[b] Anti Social Behaviour Reports of ASB personal regarding comments being posted on social media referring to Pont-y-Pair Hotel. The matter is currently ongoing.

[c] Clerk to seek update from Chief Insp Jeff Moses regarding the possible appointment of a dedicated PCSO for the village.

[1.1] Footbridge/Pont-y-Pair

Resolved to seek a further 2 quotes to undertake a feasibility study.

[1.2] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

Cllr E Roberts reported that Group Cynefin is pursuing the matter.

[1.3] Miniature Railway Café

The clerk reported that the leaseholder had advised that the lease was not being renewed given an estimated cost of £15,000 to upgrade the carriage.

[1.4] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

The Chairperson advised that she was now awaiting responses to the tender specification.

[1.5] Removal of Vegetation Pont -y-Pair.

Noted that the matter was ongoing

[1.6] Man in a Van

Noted that a meeting with Edward Jones SNPA is scheduled at the hall for the 16th Feb at 10.00 am,

[1.7] Sappers Bridge/ Repairs

Noted that Cllr Elizabeth Roberts will contact Richard Thomas SNPA regarding conservation status.

[1.8] Project Co-ordinator

The Chairperson drew attention to a prepared job description for consideration by the members.

[1.9] Betws-y-Coed Football Club/ Raising of Fence

The Clerk reported that no further contact had been made by the contractor regarding costs etc.

Cllr Neil Pringle advised that he will pursue the matter.

[2] Council Website

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[2.1] St Michael's Old Church/ Overgrown Cemetery

Noted that Cllr Janet Charlton had agreed to undertake an inspection.

[2.2] Erw Hedd Cemetery/Planting of Trees

Noted that the matter was ongoing. Clerk to also contact Gary Williams Conwy CBC regarding Erw Hedd's cemetery space.

[2.3] Warm Hub Grant

The clerk reported that the grant had been awarded to St Mary's Church.

Main Agenda

[2.4] Planning Matters

[a] Construction of first floor extension to detached single storey garage. Gwynant Betws-y-Coed
Resolved to raise no objection to the above proposal.

[b] Construction of new affordable dwelling and installation of associated foul water disposal.
Hendre Farm, Betws-y-Coed

Resolved to support the application subject to a satisfactory arrangement for the disposal of sewage/foul water etc and that the proposal be considered by the SNPA's planning committee.

[c] Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form short term self-catering holiday unit.
Outbuilding at Craig Glanconwy, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved that the proposal be referred to SNPA's planning committee

[d] Removal of condition 4 attached to planning consent NP4/11/76T to allow for permanent use of building as an outdoor catering outlet. Glan Aber Hotel, Betws-y-Coed. Resolved to delay response until expiry of consultation period.

[2.5] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments to the end of December 2022

[b] The clerk reported that attendances at Swallow Falls were lower than the similar period in December 2021

[2.6] Correspondence/Mr Gareth Jones

The Chairperson advised that she will be contacting Mr Jones with a view to discussing the matters raised.

[2.7] Riverbank Improvements Pont-y-Pair

Noted that C T Roberts had indicated that the improvement work would commence subject to weather/ground conditions in the New Year.

[2.8] Cae Llan Changing Rooms

The clerk referred to correspondence from Ms Carol Blain regarding the condition of the building, clerk to contact Ms Blain to enquire of likely costs of repairs.

[2.9] Ecological Study/Additional Lighting Mill Street

Resolved that the matter be deferred.

[3] Grant Scheme: Sustainable Decarbonisation of the Eryri National Park's Conservation Areas
Noted, the information regarding the scheme from Elen Hughes SNPA

[3.1] Clerk's Retirement

The clerk advised that he intended to retire at the end of March 2023

Chairperson_____