

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2014

Present - Gareth Wynne Chairperson, Gwawr Jones, Gareth Parry, Jim Boughton, Janet Charlton, Marion Bettenev, Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Karen Pugh,

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

The Late Medwen Hughes

The Chairman referred to the passing of Community Councillor Medwen Hughes and that Medwen was always an enthusiastic and valued member of the Community Council, who will be sadly missed in the community. The clerk reported that the Council's condolences had been passed on to the family.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2014, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

[a]The clerk reported that no information had been received from PCSO Phil Gales regarding the recently installed cameras on the A5 trunk road

[b] Pont-y-Pair : Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that the assembly member Janet Finch Saunders was of the view that no funding was available to erect a small footbridge. Resolved to invite the assembly member to the next meeting of the Council.

[1.1] Signs/Notices

Resolved to request that the SNPA undertakes a review of all signs and notices within the village.

[1.2] Betws Uplift Project

Mr Glenn Evans was welcomed to the meeting and outlined the proposal for a Betws Uplift Project from the village to Llyn Elsie. The project if it came to fruition would be of benefit to local businesses and would also create possible employment opportunities. Resolved to support the project in principal.

[1.4] Station Road Toilets

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to report back on arrangements regarding admission charges to use the newly refurbished toilets.

[1.5] Footbridge Betws-y-Coed Railway Station

Noting the response from Howard Williams Jones [Arriva Trains] indicating that maintenance to the bridge is likely to take place post 2019, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to make further enquiries.

[1.6] Yellow Lines A5 Trunk Road Adjacent to Glan Aber and Gwydr Hotels

Noting the long delay, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to pursue.

[1.7] Swallow Falls Tourism Information Signs

Members agreed to consider appropriate locations for discussion at the next meeting. In the interim, clerk to contact Mr Glenn Evans regarding possible location of one sign on the left hand side of the A5 road on the approach to the Waterloo Hotel

[1.8] Lights Bro Gethin Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to pursue the outstanding complaint regarding the unlit lamps at Bro Gethin.

Main Agenda

[1.9] Planning Matters

[a] Extension to Bedroom. Lounge, and Porch, Swn-y-Nant, 17 Gethin Terrace, Pentre Du

[b] Change of use of part of office to bicycle hire booking room, Snowdonia Adventure Hub, Unit C, Royal Oak Stables.

[c] Extension, Cyrau View, Betws-y-Coed

[d] Retention of Telecommunications Equipment Transmitter Site, Clogwyn+ Dinas.

Members raised no objection to the above 4 proposals.

[e] Retrospective application to retain metal artwork fixed to wall, Station Approach, Betws-y-Coed. Resolved to express the Council's concern regarding the sharp edges of the metal work, but that the matter be left to the discretion of the SNPA.

[2] Financial Matters

[a] External Auditor's Report : Noted that no issues had been raised by the external auditor for the financial year ending March 2014.

[b] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during June 2014

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

[2.1] Boots UK

The clerk referred to the report from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board refusing the application by Boots UK to provide a pharmaceutical service in the village.

[2.2] Pentre Du

Concern was expressed at the speed of vehicles and that a child had narrowly missed being run over, clerk to request additional signage opposite the playing field.

[2.3] Miscellaneous Matters

Clerk to pursue the following;

[a] Sewage spill to the river Llugwy by Royal Oak Farmhouse

[b] Change of place names on dwellings from established original names.

[c] Leaning retaining wall A5 trunk road opposite Hendre Farm campsite.

[d] Blocked gutter by Mairlys on road leading to Betws-y-Coed Motors

[e] Damage to stone wall Station Road/ A5 trunk road.

[d] Request signage at bottom of Coedcynhelir Hill warning of unsuitable road for large vehicles.

[e] Request that the Forestry Commission attend to litter issues etc on the boardwalk.

[2.4] Alleged Accident

The clerk referred to correspondence from Gamlin's Solicitors advising of a claim against the Community Council's insurers in respect of an alleged accident to a member of the public whilst leaving the hall in December 2013.

[2.5] Friends of St Michael's

Noted that the Flower Festival will be held on the 5-7th September, Cllr Marion Bettaney agreed to provide the flowers on behalf of the Community Council.

[2.6] Play Equipment Cae Llan

Resolved to invite Ela V Williams [Capacity Building Officer] to the September meeting to discuss possible grant funding towards play equipment.

Chairman_____

