

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2015

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Karen Pugh, Jim Boughton, Terry Bullock, Gareth Parry, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Meirion Owen, Janet Charlton, Marion Bettenev, Sian Godbert, Cllr Liz Roberts Conwy County Borough Council

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest.

Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Resolved unanimously to elect Gareth Wynne as Chairman and Gwawr Jones as Vice Chairperson of the Council.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June 2015, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk reported that PCSO Dean Cavey was unable to be present but had advised that the Public Spaces Protection Order for Pont-y-Pair and surrounding area was now in place. Resolved to write a letter of appreciation to the PCSO thanking him for his efforts regarding the Protection Order and that enforcement should apply immediately to make the order effective.

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

Noted that Cllr Elizabeth Roberts is pursuing the matter.

[1.2] Ivy Trees Branches/Path from Station Road to Royal Oak Stables

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.3] Highway Matters/ Extension of Double Yellow Lines

A5 road by Glennwood - Clerk to advise the Welsh Assembly that the Council is not aware of any objections.

[1.4] Suitable location for Defibrillator

The clerk reported that no response had been received from the Shell Garage, members resolved that the following 3 locations be explored. Church Porch, Fire Station, Doctors Surgery. Clerk to approach the surgery in the first instance.

[1.5] Proposed Play Area Cae Llan

The clerk advised that Cllr Elizabeth Roberts was looking into possible funding towards creating a play area.

[1.6] Swallow Falls Information Leaflet

The Chairman advised that he was in contact with the local historian Mr Glyn Jones regarding the matter.

Main Agenda

[1.7] Planning Matters

[a] Extension to owner's accommodation to provide additional hotel bedrooms together with upgrading owner's accommodation. Craig-y-Dderwen, Betws-y-Coed

[b] Modify Section 106 agreement to allow existing units to a use within Class A1. Units 1-4 Station Approach, Betws-y-Coed

Members raised no objection to the above two proposals.

[c] Change of use from shop into café/restaurant. Unit 1 Station Approach, Betws-y-Coed.
Application withdrawn.

[1.8] Financial Matters

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

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

[c] External Auditor's report. Noted that no issues had been raised in the report.

[1.9] Friends of St Michael's, Flower Festival

The clerk referred to the arrangements for the flower festival to be held on the 11th-13th September 2015. Clerk to discuss with Cllr Marion Bettaney regarding the Council's annual contribution towards the flower display.

[2] Extra Lighting Memorial Hall

Noted, the correspondence from Mrs Marian Owen seeking the Council's approval to install extra lighting at the hall. Clerk to request a meeting with Mrs Owen and electrical engineer to discuss proposals. The Chairman along with Cllr Jim Boughton agreed to attend.

[2.1] Pentre Du Playground

Clerk to contact Conwy CBC regarding the gaps in the safety matting at the playground.

[2.2] Hawkshead Outdoor Shop.

Members expressed concern regarding the business display board positioned at the centre of the public footway. Clerk to contact the shop manager to request that the board be repositioned to allow safer pedestrian passage.

[2.3] The following information was noted

[a] Diversity in Democracy, Cllr Anne McCaffrey Conwy CBC

[b] Public Service Ombudsman for Wales, Annual Report 2014/15

[c] Member Mentoring Programme, Snowdonia National Park

Chairman _____