

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th June 2019

Present – Gwawr Jones Chairperson, Neil Pringle, Dyfed Jones, Sian Godbert, Marion Bettaney, Janet Charlton, Nick Corney, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies – Gareth Wynne.

Declaration of interest – No Declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting of the 13th May 2019, read and approved.

[1] Election of Chairperson /Vice Chairperson

Resolved to defer the matter until the next meeting of the Council

Matters Arising

[1.1] Police Matters

Noted the following report from PCSO Jonathan Thomas;

[a] 7 road related incidents

[b] 4 shoplifting

[c] 1 anti social behaviour

[1.2] Proposed Footbridge Upstream from Pont-y-Pair

The clerk advised that contact had now been made with the landowner of the far bank opposite the car park and that permission had been given to carry out a topographical survey of the area. Clerk to contact Conwy CBC to arrange survey.

[1.3] Management of Cae Llan

Resolved to discuss at the next meeting.

[1.4] Lighting Column Station Road

Noted that Edward Jones SNPA was shortly to meet with the electrician to establish whether an alternative connection could be made to the faulty lighting column.

[1.5] Ultimate Outdoors

Clerk to contact Conwy CBC regarding maintenance of footway etc.

[1.7] Xmas Lights

The clerk reported that he was waiting for Blachere Illuminations to arrange a date for a site visit.

[1.8] Arts and Craft Fair Application

Noted that no response had been received from Mr Gerry Barton to his request to hold a craft fair at the hall,

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[1.9] Filming at Swallow Falls

Mr Tom Davey the location manager from Sloane Films attended the meeting and outlined the proposed arrangements to film at the falls, in accordance with schedule distributed at the meeting. Mr Davey advised that the Council would be compensated equivalent to one and a half day's takings for the comparable period in July 2018.

[1.9] Planning Matters

[a] Proposed two storey extension, Swn-y-Gog, Betws-y-Coed

[b] Demolition of existing canopy, erection of replacement gazebo etc. Alpine Coffee Shop Betws-y-Coed.

Members raised no objection to the above two proposals.

[c] Proposed use of existing hostel to provide hot food takeaway. The Vagabond, Vesey House, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to advise SNPA that the Community Council is concerned that increased traffic flow may well cause parking issues if the proposal is approved.

[2] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during May 2019.

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of May 2019.

[c] Resolved to approve the end of year balances for the financial period 01/04/18 - 31/03/19

[d] Internal Auditor's Report – Noted that no issues had been raised

[e] Annual Return. Resolved to approve the Annual Return prepared for BDO the external auditor.

[2.1] Affordable Housing

Noted, the update from R Bryn Davies, Grwp Cynefin regarding the proposed site identified for housing development. Progress is apparently delayed due to issues regarding access to the site.

[2.2] Parking Restrictions Ffordd Craiglan

[a] The clerk referred to proposals for parking restrictions at the above location. Following a general discussion, resolved to seek further information as follows;

[1] Has Conwy CBC contacted local residents and the garage regarding the proposals?

[2] Noting the considerable branch growth overhanging the road, has the landowner been asked to cut it back?

[3] The Community Council's view is that vehicles parked at this location do help to reduce traffic speed.

[b] Coed Cynhelir Road – Noting past difficulties of the emergency services in attending a mountain fire earlier in the year due to parked vehicles, clerk to request that the road be included in the traffic order review.

[2.3] Dog Waste Bags

The clerk referred to an email from Ms Hazel Barclay, seeking the Council's approval to provide dog waste dispensers at Cae Llan and Miners Bridge. Resolved to agree for dispensers at Cae Llan but not at Miners Bridge where dog owners tie the bags to tree branches etc. Cllr Janet Charlton agreed to pass on the information.

[2.4] Cae Llan/ Development

Noted that the matter was ongoing

[2.5] Contribution

Resolved to contribute £250.00 to Ysgol Betws-y-Coed towards school activities at the National Eisteddfod of Wales at Llanrwst.

[2.6] Disabled Access/Swallow Falls

The clerk referred to an enquiry from Ms Jean Guppy seeking information regarding possible reduction in admission charges for disabled people. Clerk to respond that in the absence of disability policy, the Council could not regrettably offer any reduction at present.

[2.7] Guto Bebb MP

Noted the correspondence from Guto Bebb MP seeking the Council's views on traffic speed on the A5 road in the vicinity of Swallow Falls. Resolved to respond that the Council is extremely concerned regarding road safety at this location, where elderly people cross the busy road from the hotel parking area to view the falls.

[2.8] Chip Shop

Clerk to contact the proprietor regarding the waste material at the rear of the shop, requesting that it be removed.

[2.9] Pont-y-Pair Hotel

Clerk to contact PCSO Jonathan Thomas regarding vehicles parked on the A5 road alongside the hotel.

[3] The following information was noted;

[a] Public Consultation, Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance SPG 8 : Visitor Accommodation.

[b] Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County Borough of Conwy

Chairman _____