

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June 2015

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Sian Godbert, Karen Pugh, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Conwy C B Council, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Jim Boughton, Meirion Owen, Janet Charlton, Terry Bullock, Gareth Parry, Marion Bettaney, PCSO Dean Cavey.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest.

Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Resolved to defer the matter until the next meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 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 progressing and was due to be implemented in the near future.

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

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that a meeting with Network Rail was to be held shortly when the matter will be discussed.

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

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.3] World Mountain Running Event

Mr Alun Pritchard [Conwy CBC] was welcomed to the meeting and outlined the arrangements for the World Mountain Running Championship to be held at Betws-y-Coed during September. The event [start & finish] will be staged at Cae Llan with competitors expected from different countries.

[1.4] Loose Slates/ [Empty Shop] Ultimate Outdoors

Cllr Gwawr Jones reported that the problem appeared now to have been addressed.

[1.5] Highway Matters/ Extension of Double Yellow Lines

[a] A5 trunk road junction by Glenwood – The clerk referred to the response from the Welsh Assembly advising that in the first instance it should be established that the owners of properties immediately fronting the road had no objection to extend the yellow lines.

[1.6] Defiliberator

Noting the response from Mr Glenn Evans, clerk to contact the proprietor of the Shell Filling Station to enquire whether the defiliberator could be located on the premises.

[1.7] Car Park Charges Station Road Car

The clerk referred to correspondence from Ms Kate Vincent. Resolved to respond that no meeting had taken place between the Council and SNPA and that the Community Council had not conducted an user survey but had passed on verbal complaints to the Ancaster Estate that the free parking privilege was being abused.

[1.8] Nadolig Betws-y-Coed

Mr & Mrs Cawley were welcomed to the meeting and outlined proposals for the Nadolig Betws-y-Coed event , including arrangements for fundraising etc. Members agreed to the use of Cae Llan for the activities. The clerk requested that a list of activities be forwarded to the Community Council.

[1.9] Proposed Play Area Cae Llan

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts outlined the progress to date and that the SNPA were in favour of the proposal. Further discussion are to take place with Mr Lyn Davies Conwy CBC.

[2] Request for Litter Bins/Bottom Car Park Station Road

The clerk referred to the response from SNPA advising that it was not National Park policy to provide additional bins at parking areas and other locations given the added costs etc. Parking supervisors do collect rubbish on a daily basis during the summer season which should ensure there is no build up of litter.

[2.1] Swallow Falls Information Leaflet

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

Main Agenda

[2.2] Planning Matters

[a] Construction of single storey rear extension, Willow Cottage, Holyhead Road, Pentre Du. Members raised no objection to the above proposal.

[b] Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate against refusal of planning decision to retain metal work fixed to wall. Land adjacent to Station Approach, Betws-y-Coed.

Noted that the appeal was dismissed.

[2.3] Financial Matters

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

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

[2.4] Appointment of Caretakers/Memorial Hall

Resolved to approve the appointments Gemma & Michael Hughes as joint caretakers of the Memorial Hall. Clerk to arrange occupancy agreement of Bryn-y-Bont.

[2.5] Boots Chemists

Noted that the appeal by Boots Chemists for consent to provide pharmaceutical services at Betws-y-Coed had been dismissed by the Welsh Government's Department for Health and Social Services.

Chairman _____