

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2014

Present - Gareth Wynne Chairperson, Jim Boughton, Gareth Parry, Marion Bettenev, Michael Hughes, Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Terry Bullock, Medwen Hughes, Gwawr Jones, Karen Pugh, Janet Charlton.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2014, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

In the absence of any communication from North Wales Police, clerk to contact to seek update of local issues.

[1.1] Pont-y-Pair / Bridge Jumping

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.2] Pont-y-Pair Car Park

Following a request by the Community Council, the clerk referred to the very limited parking concessions offered by Conwy CBC to hall users. Clerk to respond expressing the members disappointment in the strongest possible terms.

[1.3] Snowdonia National Park Authority Financial Challenge

Noted, the SNPA'S advice that the Community Council's comments will form part of a report by SNPA due to be published next month.

[1.4] Refuse/Recycling Collection Arrangements

The clerk referred to the response from Conwy CBC regarding collection arrangements from Lon Muriau on Llanrwst road, in particular a reference to the private road leading up to various properties from the A470.

Cllr Jim Boughton agreed to pursue the matter.

[1.5] Blocked Gulley A5 road opposite Post Office

Noted the continuing problem regarding the gulley. Clerk to contact the highways department

Main Agenda

[1.6] World Mountain Running Championship

Ms Rachel Gill & Natalie Wood [Conwy CBC] were welcomed to the meeting and informed members of a proposal to stage two events [World Championship/ Mountain event] starting in the village from the 12th to the 19th September 2015. Training camps were to be set up approx 4 months beforehand with a total in excess of 1,000 competitors from 40 different countries taking part.

[1.7] Planning Matters

Application for change of use from workshop to annexe, Royal Oak Farmhouse.
Members raised no objection to the above proposal.

[1.8] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during February 2014
[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of February 2014.

[1.9] Benches Cae Llan

Members expressed concern that flowers were still being placed on the benches, despite notices to the contrary. Clerk to write to Mr Lyn Davies [Conwy CBC] requesting that no further benches [in memoriam] be accepted.

[2] Conwy Falls Hydro Scheme

The clerk referred to the proposal by RWE Innogy UK Ltd to develop a new river hydroelectric scheme at Conwy Falls/Fairy Glen on the river Conwy which will include up to £5,000.00 per MW annual funding towards funding local initiatives, some of which had already been identified.
Clerk to seek further information regarding local initiatives.

[2.1] Artwork Station Road

Resolved to seek an update from Snowdonia National Park regarding unauthorised artwork which is apparent on part of the stone walls on Station Road.

[2.2] Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llanrwst

Resolved to contribute £50.00 towards the eisteddfod.

[2.3] Llais Llugwy

Noted the letter of thanks from Llais Llugwy for the Council's contribution of £40.00 towards the daffodils on St David's day

Chairman_____