

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2015

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairperson, Janet Charlton, Jim Boughton, Terry Bullock, Conwy County Councillor, Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Karen Pugh, Gwawr Jones, Meirion Owen, Gareth Parry, Marion Bettenev, Sian Godbert.

Declaration of interest. Cllr Elizabeth Roberts declared an interest in minute [2.1] Parking Charges, and took no part in the discussion.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2015, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No police presence at the meeting.

[1.1] Unsightly Signs/Notices

Cllr Marion Bettenev agreed to forward the details of the organiser of the Antique Fair to the clerk.

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

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that Network Rail are responsible for maintenance matters and that a response is awaited from them.

[1.3] Automated Announcements Betws-y-Coed Railway Station

Noting that no response had been received from Arriva Trains headquarters at Cardiff, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised the clerk to contact Mr Ben Davies Arriva Trains at Llandudno.

[1.4] Memorial Hall Balcony Damage

Cllr Janet Charlton agreed to forward details of repairers to the clerk.

[1.5] Bryn-y-Bont

Clerk to contact Mr Raymond Hughes to advise that he must remove all items both internally and externally from Bryn-y- Bont by the end of March.

[1.6] Zag Bubbles/Cae Llan

The clerk reported continuing concerns regarding the bubble activities at Cae Llan. Clerk to inform the business owner that unless he/she complies with the Council's request to use adequate cover to protect the grass, no further bubble activities will be allowed on the field.

Main Agenda

[1.7] Planning Matters

Application for Certificate of Lawful use of land as curtilage to dwelling house. Pentre Du Farm, Betws-y-Coed.

Members raised no objection to the above application.

[1.8] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during February 2015
[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of February 2015.

[1.9] Risk Assessment

Noted, the risk assessment document prepared by the clerk. Resolved to also inspect the exterior lighting at the hall., plus the testing of the electrical circuit at Swallow Falls.

[2] North Wales Armed Forces Day/Celebratory Charity Dinner 19th June 2015

Resolved to defer the matter until the next meeting

[2.1] Snowdonia National Park/Parking Charges

The clerk referred to increases to car parking charges throughout the National Park Authority. Noted that the current free parking at Station Road will be established as a short stay car park with the following charges; 1 hr £1.00, 2hrs £2.00, 4hrs £5.00, over 4 hrs £10.00. Overnight parking £1.00 between 6 pm and 8.00 am. Annual parking permits will not be applicable.

[2.2] Central Heating System

[a] Resolved to install 2 additional radiators in the main hall for the agreed cost of £1,295 plus vat.

[b] The clerk advised that an annual maintenance contract had now been taken with Worcester Bosch to safeguard against boiler breakdown

[2.3] Llanrwst Eisteddfod

Resolved to contribute £50.00 towards the eisteddfod.

[2.4] Kidney Wales Foundation/Walk for Life

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that anyone wishing to take part in a sponsored walk will be welcomed at the school field pavilion Dolwyddelan at 11.00 am on the 26th April 2015.

[2.5] Highway Matters

[a] Noted the information from Aled Roberts AM regarding a review of speed restrictions on the A5 trunk road. The proposals can be viewed on the Welsh Government's website.

[b] Clerk to draw attention to the retaining wall on the A5 opposite the Pottery Shop.

[2.6] Dog Fouling/Cae Llan

The clerk referred to continuing concerns by members of the local football club to dog fouling on the football pitch and the lack of warden activity. Clerk to contact Conwy CBC to request more regular patrols'

Chairman _____