

Betws-y-Coed Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March 2017

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Jim Boughton, Gwawr Jones, Janet Charlton, Gareth Parry, Terry Bullock, Marion Bettenev, Sian Godbert, Karen Pugh, Meirion Owen, Nick Corney, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Declaration of interest. Cllr Sian Godbert declared an interest in Min 1.3 [a] and min[1.9] Resolved that the interest was not prejudicial to the matter under discussion.

Minutes of the meeting of the 13th February 2017, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk referred to correspondence from PCSO Phil Gales informing of a walk in theft from a B&B in the village, whilst the owner was in another part of the building. There were no reports of any other incidents.

[1.1] Tan Dinas/Picnic Tables

Resolved to make enquiries regarding a disabled picnic table for the Tan Dinas path.

[1.2] Proposed Memorial Hall New Entrance

The clerk reported that the plans had been discussed with the SNPA planning officer and that a full planning application was required. Resolved to proceed with a planning application.

Main Agenda

[1.3] Planning Matters

[a] Part re-build of front bay wall, raise walls etc, Old Toll Gate, Pont-yr Afanc.

[b] Erection of dwelling, Plot 4 Trawsafon Park.

[c] Advertisement Consent to display non illuminated sign, 1 Station Approach.

Members raised no objection to the above 3 proposals.

[d] Removal of Section 52 Agreement dated 21/3/1982, Gwel y Dyffryn, Parc Trawsafon.

Resolved to advise the SNPA that the Council is of the view that the Section 52 Agreement continues to serve a useful purpose and does not agree that a reduced valuation of £315,000 is outside the scope of most local buyers. It is of the opinion therefore that the reasons for placing a Section 52 restriction upon the initial planning consent is still valid.

[1.4] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during February 2017.

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of February 2017.

[1.5] Risk Assessment Memorial Hall/Swallow Falls

Resolved to approve the risk assessments prepared by the clerk.

[1.6] Open Access Rivers in Wales

The clerk referred to a reply from Guto Bebb MP and that disappointingly Janet Finch Saunders had not responded.

[1.7] BT Closure of Telephone Kiosks

Noting that BT telephone kiosks are about to be removed, clerk to enquire regarding the purchasing of a red kiosk for the village.

[1.8] Giant Bubbles/ Cae Llan

The clerk reported that despite several requests for payment for the use of Cae Llan for giant bubbles activity, no response had been received and that all correspondence was being ignored. Resolved to seek legal advice regarding the matter.

[1.9] Contribution Request Friends of Betws-y-Coed School

Clerk to seek further information from Ms Tamzyn Lawrence.

[2] Betws-y-Coed Football Club

Resolved to make a contribution of £500.00 to the football club.

[2.1] Federalisation of Schools Betws-y-Coed/Capel Garmon/Dolwyddelan

Noting the budget limitations for school transport, resolved to contribute £1,700.00 towards the costs.

[2.2] Planter Opposite Waterloo Hotel

Cllr Gareth Wynne agreed to enquire of costs for a replacement planter.

[2.3] Loose Manhole Covers

Noted the two loose manhole covers [a] opposite Plas Derwen [b] Pont-y-Pair Junction. Clerk to request repairs.

[2.4] Street Lighting

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to enquire regarding unlit columns on the A5 from Gorphwysfa onwards

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Chairman _____