

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March 2023

Present – Neil Pringle Chairman, Anna Brown, Ffiona Jones, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC, Caerwyn Roberts Clerk.

Apologies, - Mari E M Mathews, Catherine Williams. Janet Charlton.
Declaration of interest, No declaration...

Minutes of the meeting of the 13th February 2023, read and approved.
Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk referred to the following report;

[a] Anti Social Behaviour. Person seen shining a torch through the kitchen window. Further patrols arranged in the area.

[b] Suspicious Circumstances, 10 small bags found containing residue white powder. Items recovered by the police.

[c] Dangerous dogs Officers attended and sent a warning letter to the address.

[d] Motor bikes reported on forest track, police are contacting the owners.

[1.1] Footbridge/Pont-y-Pair

The clerk reported that arrangements are being made for site meetings in April.

[1.2] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

Cllr E Roberts reported that the matter was ongoing and that documents were now being awaited from Ancaster Estate

[1.3] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

Chairperson to update at the next meeting of the Council

[1.4] Removal of Vegetation Pont -y-Pair.

Noted that all Capital Expenditure by Conwy CBC was being deferred pending the re-prioritising of the revised capital programme for approval in March.

[1.5] Man in a Van

Following the recent meeting with the National Park, the clerk reported that Edward Jones SNPA had agreed to prepare a work schedule

[1.6] Project Co-ordinator

Clerk to forward NALC pay scales to chairperson.

[1.7] Betws-y-Coed Football Club/ Refurbishment of Dressing Rooms

Resolved to contribute £600.00 and request a copy of 3 quotes for a new kitchen. Cllr Neil Pringle agreed to liaise with Mr Tony Godbert

[1.8] Council Website

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.9] St Michael's Old Church/ Overgrown Cemetery

Noted that the matter is ongoing.

[2] Erw Hedd Cemetery/ Cemetery Space

The clerk referred to a response from Gary Williams Conwy CBC regarding Erw Hedd's cemetery space. Mr Williams to advise further, pending discussions with departmental colleagues.

[2.1] Warm Hub Grant

Noted that the service was continuing to be provided to the community

[2.2] Riverbank Improvements Pont-y-Pair

The clerk reported that main improvements had now been completed but that some additional plastic fencing and flower pots were necessary at an estimated cost of approx cost of £1400.00. Resolved to approve the additional work.

[2.3] Highway Refurbishment Programme

Cllr E Roberts reported that she was liaising Simon Barkley Conwy CBC regarding the matter.

[2.4] Playground Pentre Du

Cllr E Roberts to advise on siting of boards.

[2.5] Ms Beth Thomas

Clerk to write to Ms Thomas regarding her membership of the Community Council, advising that if no response is received by the 31st March, the seat will be declared vacant

Main Agenda

[2.6] Active Travel/Sappers Bridge

Mr Andrew Wilkinson Conwy CBC and Mr Gwyn Parry were welcomed to the meeting and outlined options for upgrading or replacing Sappers Bridge as opposed to the cost of repairs to the old bridge. Conwy CBC is also working with NRW and SNPA regarding active travel to provide pathways for people to walk and cycle etc. The programme is apparently some 2 years from completion.

[2.7] Planning Matters

[a] Removal of Section 52 Agreement dated 25/3/1992 in relation to planning application NP4/11/10B

Plots 4/5 Parc Trawsafon, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved that the matter be determined by SNPA's Planning Committee.

[b] Bronant, Pentre Du, Betws-y-Coed. Appeal against a refusal to grant planning approval.

Noted that the appeal was dismissed.

[2.8] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments to the end of February 2023

[b] The clerk reported that attendances at Swallow Falls were lower than the similar period February 2022

[c] Budget Estimate 2023/24, Resolved to approve the budget estimate prepared by the clerk.

[d] External Auditor's Report, Noted that no matters had been raised by the auditor.

[2.9] Risk Assessments Memorial Hall/Swallow Falls

Resolved to approve the risk assessments prepared by the clerk for the above two locations. Clerk to contact Conwy CBC to seek advice regarding asbestos within the structure of the hall.

[3.2 Boarded Area Adjacent to Pont-y-Pair Hotel

Noting the dilapidated condition of the boards, clerk to contact Ms Jane Jones SNPA to seek information regarding ownership of the site.

Chairperson_____