

Betws-y-Coed Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th May 2016

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

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest

Mr Nick Corney

The Chairman and members welcomed Mr Nick Corney, Millrace Cottage, Betws-y-Coed as a co-opted member of the Community Council.

Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Resolved to defer the matter until the next meeting of the Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April 2016, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

PCSO Phil Gales attended the meeting and advised of no issues of concern within the community.

[1.1] Swallow Falls Leaflet

The Chairman reported that the leaflet was now ready for distribution.

[1.2] Pentre Du Playground/Picnic Tables

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.3] Xmas Lights

The clerk reported that the lights had now been ordered.

[1.4] Swallow Falls/Cash Collection

Noted that Loomis the cash collection company had visited Swallow Falls and had agreed to report further on the possibility of cash collection.

[1.5] Disabled Bay/Adjacent to Londis/Post Office.

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.6] Accident/Swallow Falls

The clerk referred to correspondence from Mr Ken Savage who apparently suffered a broken hip in an accident on the 8th April. Mr Savage drew attention that the emergency services were unable to access the site due to the gates being locked. Resolved that keys to access the falls be made available at an agreed location in the village. Clerk to arrange.

[1.7] Nadolig Betws-y-Coed/Access to Cae Llan

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

Main Agenda

[1.8] Planning Matters

[a] Installation of conservation type rooflight to first floor rear extension. Ty Cerrig, Dolydd Terrace, Betws-y-Coed

Members raised no objection to the above proposal.

[b] Noted that an appeal by Gwydr Estate against a refusal to grant planning approval for the renovation of the old tollgate structure at the Old Tollgate, Pont-yr-Afanc, Betws-y-Coed had been refused.

[1.9] Financial Matters

[1] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during April 2016.

[2] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of April 2016.

[a] Internal Auditors Report. The clerk referred to the following matters raised in the report:

[b] A minor difference had been identified between VAT reclaimable per the prepared accounts and the actual VAT returns for the year.

[c] Noting a 20% increase in Swallow Falls income compared to the previous year, the external auditor to be advised of the variance.

[d] Resolved to approve the Council's accounts for year ended 31st March 2016

[2] Post Office Services

The clerk referred to correspondence from the Post Office advising of the closure of the local branch for one week during July/August for refurbishment. Resolved to respond seeking to delay the closure until the end of the holiday season.

[2.1] SNPA Obtrusive Lighting

Noted that draft supplementary planning guidance notes are available to view at the National Park Offices and in CD format at local Public Libraries and Tourist Information Centres.

Noting that the SNPA lighting columns adjacent to the TIC etc appear to be emitting light pollution, clerk to draw the matter to the attention of the National Park.

[2.2] CCTV Contribution

The clerk referred to an application for funding contribution from Conwy CBC towards the camera at Pont-y-Pair. The members being mindful that no prosecutions had been made for bridge jumping last year, resolved not to contribute on this occasion.

[2.2] Miscellaneous Matters

Clerk to draw attention to the following matters;

[a] A470 lay by near Waterloo Bridge - Request that Conwy CBC provides a litter bin.

[b] Plastic flowers on frontage of the Gwydr Hotel. Clerk to contact hotel manager to express concern regarding their suitability.

[c] Request that the rear wall of bus shelter on A5 road at Pentre Du be painted grey.

Chairman _____