

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

Present - Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Jim Boughton, Marion Bettenev, Karen Pugh, Gareth Parry, County Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.
Apologies, Janet Charlton, Terry Bullock.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October 2014, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

Insp Gareth Jones and Sgt Simon Evans attended the meeting and outlined the current arrangements for policing in the locality. Sgt Evans advised that crime was up slightly but that figures included domestic occurrences etc. A Welsh speaking police officer is to be recruited based at Llanrwst, and the Community Council is to be issued with quarterly updates of local matters.

[1.1] Unsightly Signs/Notices

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to contact Conwy CBC'S Highways Dept and SNPA'S Enforcement Officer. Clerk to write to the organiser of the Antique Fair expressing concern at the prolific number of notices displayed locally, resolved also to write to SNPA in early spring to remind the Authority of the Community Council's request for a review of signs/ notices.

[1.2] Station Road Toilets

Mr Steven Teale Environment Dept Conwy CBC attended the meeting and advised on the current working arrangements at the toilets. Mr Teale confirmed that the toilets along with Pont-y-Pair conveniences will be kept open over the Christmas/New Year bank holidays.

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

Cllrs M Bettenev/Jim Boughton and the clerk agreed to meet with Cllr E Roberts and Ms Kim Nicholl at the Station on the 9th Dec at 1.30 pm.

[1.4] Yellow Lines A5 Trunk Road Adjacent to Glan Aber and Gwydr Hotels

The clerk reported that the prohibition of waiting order and final public notice had now been made by the Welsh Assembly Transport Branch.

[1.5] Swallow Falls Tourism Information Signs

The clerk advised that the new sign had been ordered.

[1.7] Highway Matters

Wall opposite Hendre Farm campsite on the A5 trunk road. The clerk reported that the trunk road agency was arranging to inspect the wall.

Main Agenda

[1.8] Planning Matters

Removal of section 106 agreement dated 15/1/2003, 4 Bwlch-y-Maen, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to oppose the removal on the following grounds

[a] The Community Council has previously assisted in a Housing Needs Survey which clearly identified a need for affordable housing within the community.

[b] The removal of section 106 would be to the detriment of the needs of young people who are anxious to get on the housing ladder.

[1.9] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during October 2014

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of October 2014.

[2] Caretaker Memorial Hall

Resolved the Chair/Vice Chair and clerk to interview Mr and Mrs Michael Hughes and that any appointment, initially be made for a period of 3 months.

[2.1] Community Council Vacancies

The clerk reported that Mr Meirion Owen and Mrs Sian Godbert had expressed an interest in becoming members of the Community Council. Resolved unanimously that Mr Owen and Mrs Godbert be invited as co-opted members of the Council

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

Noted disappointingly that the pronouncement of Welsh Railway Stations names on the Arriva Network left a great deal to be desired with some pronouncements unintelligible. Resolved to draw the matter to the attention of Welsh Language Commissioner.

[2.3] HSBC Cash Dispenser

Clerk to draw attention to the poor lighting at the dispenser.

[2.4] Flower Festival St Michael's Old Church

Noted the letter of thanks from Jim and Lilian Boughton for the Council's contribution towards the flower festival. A candlelight Carol Service will be held on Sunday 28th December 2014 at 6.00 pm everyone is most welcome. Also noted, the village Carol Service will be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 14th December at 6.30 pm.

Chairman _____