

Betws-y-Coed Community Council  
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman Gwawr Jones, Marion Bettenev, Sian Godbert, Terry Bullock, Nick Corney, Janet Charlton, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies ----

Declaration of interest - None

Minutes of the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence.

[1.1] Proposed New Entrance Memorial Hall

Noted that the work had been completed

[1.2] Vacant Community Council Seat

Resolved to defer the matter until a later date.

[1.3] Location of Red Kiosk

Following a refusal by the Ancaster Estate for the kiosk to be located in a prominent position on Cae Llan, resolved to locate it close to the recently erected fence.

[1.4] Recovery of Coins/Swallow Falls River Bed

Resolved to consider the matter again when the water level is low.

[1.5] Doggie Bins

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that an invoice received for placing two new doggie bins at Cae Llan was receiving attention by Conwy CBC.

[1.6] Affordable Housing / Pentre Du

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that three potential access points to the A5 trunk road were now under consideration by NWTRA.

[1.8] Road leading up and past Betws Motors/Road Sign Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[2] Large Advertising Banners/Posters Surf Snowdonia/Zip World

The clerk referred to guidelines from SNPA that advertising banners must be less than 3.6m in height from the ground and no greater than 4.5 m overall. Any contravention should be referred to SNPA.

Main Agenda

[2.1] Planning Matters

Demolition of existing single storey extension and outbuildings etc, construction of two storey and single storey extension. Coed-y-Fron, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to raise no objection to the above proposal.

[2.2] Financial Matters

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

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

[c] External Audit report;

The clerk reported the following issues raised in the report.

[1]The Council failed to certify Section 1 of the Annual Return by the statutory deadline of the 30<sup>th</sup> June at a full meeting of the Council. Clerk to ensure future compliance.

[2] Minor Issue –The comparative figures disclosed in Section 1 of the Annual Return did not agree to the audited Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Noted that the adjustments were reviewed and found correct by the auditor.

[d] Budget Review

Resolved to approve the budget review to the end of November 2017 prepared by the clerk.

[2.3] Caban Project, Community Librarian Stephen Richards

Mr Stephen Richards was welcomed to the meeting and outlined a partnership project between Conwy's Home Library Service and the CAB. The project's aims is to deliver a Home Buddy Service, a Pop up Service Delivery and Storytelling. A lottery application will be made to fund the project. Clerk to send a letter of support from the Community Council.

[2.4] Conwy CBC Sandbags Policy

Noted that the County Council will not provide sandbags to private or commercial properties in the event of flooding or allow residents to collect sandbags from Council depots etc.

CLlr Sian Godbert agreed to seek costs and availability of sandbags.

[2.5] Recycling Bins Station Road

Noted that due to the unlawful use of the the banks for large volumes of cardboard, Conwy CBC had decided to remove the paper recycling bank.

[2.6] Audit of Tourism Signs/ Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The clerk referred to correspondence from Conwy CBC'S Culture and Heritage officer seeking information on tourism signs within the community. CLlrs Gareth Wynne and Nick Corney agreed to liaise regarding the matter. Clerk to forward correspondence / information to all members.

[2.7] Letter from Mr O Johnson

The clerk advised that a letter from Johnson expressing concern at the treacherous rocks on the riverbank by Pont-y-Pair had been forwarded to Conwy CBC for attention.

[2.7] Miscellaneous Matters

Clerk to pursue the following ;

[a] Unlit streetlights on approach to Station Road

[b] Manholes opposite Three Gables and Cunningham's require attention

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_