

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th November 2019

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Neil Pringle, Dyfed Jones, Janet Charlton, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies – Nick Corney.

Declaration of interest – No Declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting of the 14th October 2019, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk referred to the following report from PCSO Jonathan Thomas;

The main concern in the locality is that there has recently been a spell of burglaries with public toilets being the prime target, plus local businesses. Investigations are continuing.

[1.1] Proposed Footbridge Upstream from Pont-y-Pair

The clerk reported that a further meeting with the landowner was being arranged.

[1.2] Management of Cae Llan

Clerk to liaise with Neil Pringle, Dyfed Jones, and Cllr Elizabeth Roberts to arrange convenient date for a meeting.

[1.3] Lighting Column Station Road

The clerk reported that no response had been received from SNPA following the latest of several emails sent regarding the unlit column.

[1.4] Chip Shop.

Noted that waste had been covered with top soil. Cllr E Roberts agreed to pursue.

[1.5] Improvements/ Erw Hedd Cemetery

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.6] Community Car Scheme

The clerk referred to the following information. The scheme will operate from Betws-y-Coed and Cerrig-y-Drudion surgeries where a wheelchair accessible car will be shared and used to provide people who are unable to arrange their own transport access to GP surgeries. There will be a small charge of 0.25p per mile capped at £5.00.

[1.7] Bench / Path Cae Llan

[a] Noted Conwy CBC's advice that the flooded part of the path is well below field level and regrettably drainage work will not solve the problem without considerable expense.

[b] The broken bench has now been repaired.

Main Agenda

[1.8] Planning Matters

Proposed demolition of rear additions and erection of single storey rear extension.

Bryn Conwy, Vicarage Road, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to raise no objection to the above proposal.

[1.9] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during October 2019.

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of October 2019.

[2] Conwy CBC Sustainable Services

The Chairman reported on a meeting he and the clerk attended with representatives of Conwy CBC regarding the County Council's proposal that Public Toilets & Playgrounds be transferred to the Community Council or alternatively the Community Council could possibly contribute financially towards their upkeep etc.

In the absence of any financial information from Conwy CBC, resolved to defer the matter until the January meeting of the Community Council

[2.1] CCTV Pont-y-Pair

Noted the request from Conwy CBC seeking financial support for CCTV cameras on Pont-y-Pair Bridge plus cameras along the A5 trunk road. Resolved that in view of the uncertainty of any financial commitment required towards other services, it could not regrettably offer support on the matter at present.

[2.2] Vacant Council Seat

The clerk referred to an application from Mrs Barbara Drake, Tyn-y-Fron, Lon Muriau, Betws-y-Coed to become a co-opted member of the Community Council.

Resolved to invite Mrs Drake to become a co-opted member of the Council.

[2.3] Conwy Valley Line Resilience Work

Noted, in order to carry out essential repairs the railway line will be closed from 21.30 on the 22/11/19 until 10.30 on the 15/11/19.

[2.4] Conwy CBC Sports Award

Cllr Neil Pringle agreed to represent the Community Council at the Sports Award Ceremony at Venue Cymru Llandudno on Friday 22nd November 2019 at 7.30 pm.

[2.5] The following information was noted.

[a] Conwy CBC, Proposed flexible bus service.

[b] Guto Bebb MP letter advising of retirement as an MP

Chairman _____