

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 2015

Present – Gwawr Jones Chairperson. Meirion Owen, Janet Charlton, Marion Bettenev, Jim Boughton, Gareth Parry, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.
Apologies, Gareth Wynne, Sian Godbert, Terry Bullock. Karen Pugh, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC
Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest
Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th September 2015, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence at the meeting.

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

The clerk reported that Cllr Elizabeth Roberts had advised that Network Rail had agreed to carry out minor maintenance.

[1.2] Ivy Trees Branches/Path from Station Road to Royal Oak Stables

Noted that the matter was ongoing. Clerk to remind SNPA regarding the matter.

[1.3] Highway Matters/ Extension of Double Yellow Lines

A5 road by Glenwood - Noted the information from Cllr Terry Bullock passed on to the clerk that he had spoken to the residents immediately fronting the A5 road and that no objection had been raised. Clerk to advise the Welsh Assembly accordingly and to forward the petition from the residents at Pentre Du supporting the measure.

[1.4] Defilibrator

Resolved to proceed with the purchase of a defilibrator for placing on an exterior wall at the surgery Pentre Du.

[1.5] Proposed Play Area Cae Llan

Clerk to seek the views of the Ancaster Estate regarding the matter.

[1.6] Swallow Falls Information Leaflet

The Chairman advised that he was pursuing the matter with the local historian Mr Glyn Jones

[1.7] Extra Lighting Memorial Hall

Mrs Marian Owen and Haf Jones were welcomed to the meeting, Haf advised on possible grant funding, noting an estimated cost of £8,000.00 Mrs Owen agreed to seek 3 quotes by the end of November.

[1.8] Pentre Du Playground/Picnic Tables

The clerk reported that he had contacted Conwy CBC regarding the poor condition of the picnic tables. Resolved to wait for a response from the County Council regarding the matter.

[1.9] Giant Bubbles Cae Llan

[a] The clerk reported that no response had been received to the Council's letter advising the company of a hire charge for the use of the field. Clerk to again write to the owner.

[b] Members expressed concern that the evaporation of the bubbles on the pathway opposite the TIC was creating a hazardous surface. Clerk to contact SNPA requesting that the bubble apparatus be re located from time to time.

[2] Miscellaneous Matters

Clerk advised as follows;

[a] Uneven slabs on footway at Cae Llan – Work completed

[b] Poor workmanship on repairs to Pont-y-Pair – No response from Conwy CBC

[b] Collapsed seat at bus shelter on A5 at Pentre Du- Acknowledgement received from Conwy CBC

[c] Bottom rail on metal gate at Cae Llan opposite TIC requires attention – Repairs completed

[d] Fly tipping on Forestry Commission land remains uncleared – Rubbish cleared

[e] Weak administrative entry system by Conwy CBC at Station Road toilets- No response from Conwy CBC

Main Agenda

[2.1] Planning Matters

Replacement of existing conservatory with flat roofed conservatory with balcony above etc.

Bridge View, Old Church Road, Betws-y-Coed

Members raised no objection to the above proposals.

[2.2] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during September 2015

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of September 2015.

[2.3] Speed Limit Ysgol Betws-y-Coed

The clerk referred to a letter from the Welsh Assembly Government advising of the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on Ffordd Gethin and Rhos Dolydd at Pentre Du. A temporary 20mph will also apply on the A5 trunk road and will be displayed electronically when children are being taken or collected from school. Outside this time band, the normal speed limit will apply.

[2.4] Regetta Road Show

Resolved to approve an application by Regetta to hire the hall for a road show during 2016.

[2.5] Friends of St Michael's

The clerk referred to a letter of thanks for the Council's contribution towards the Flower Festival.

Noted that a candlelight carol service will be held on Wednesday 30th December 2015 at 6.00 pm.

[2.6] Remembrance Day Service

The clerk referred to a letter from the Rev Stuart Elliot inviting members to the service at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 8th November at 10.45 am

[2.7] Speeding Traffic

Members expressed concern at the speed of vehicles through the village. Clerk to contact PCSO Phill Gales regarding the matter.

Chairman _____