

Betws-y-Coed Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th Oct 2016

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Marion Bettenev, Jim Boughton, Karen Pugh, Janet Charlton, Gareth Parry, Nick Corney, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Gwawr Jones, Terry Bullock, Sian Godbert, Meirion Owen, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts Conwy CBC.

Declaration of interest.

No declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2016, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence

[1.1] Pentre Du Playground/Picnic Tables

Noted that the tables would shortly be installed and that Conwy CBC was also seeking disabled play equipment along with improvements to the playground paths.

[1.2] Litter Bin A470 by Waterloo Bridge/ Bin by Pedestrian Crossing

Noted that a 3 in 1 recycling bin had been installed by the pedestrian crossing, the black bin to be relocated on the A470 lay by opposite the waterfall.

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

The clerk reported that he along with Mr Ashley Crawley had met up with SNPA's Property Officer who had agreed to a small wooden gated entry adjacent to the public toilets. Mr Crawley undertook to arrange for engineering plans to be submitted to the SNPA.

[1.4] Tan Dinas AI Ability Path/ Picnic Tables for the Disabled

Cllr Gareth Wynne agreed to seeks costs for new tables.

[1.5] Cae Llan Management Agreement

Clerk to arrange a meeting with Allan Sharpe Conwy CBC, Cllr Gareth Wynne and Cllr Elizabeth Roberts.

[1.6] Water Abstraction Llyn Elsie

Noted that the matter was ongoing

[1.7] Oak Tree Cae Llan

Noting Conwy CBC'S proposal to significantly reduce the size of the tree, concern was expressed that it would look unsightly, clerk to forward comments on to Conwy CBC.

[1.8] Litter River Bank/ Henllys

The clerk reported that a complaint recieved regarding litter on the river bank had been passed on to Conwy County Borough Council.

Main Agenda

[1.9] Planning Matters

- [a] Replacement of front porch with open timber/slate roof etc, Forest Lodge, Betws-y-Coed
 - [b] Renovation of dwelling inc first floor extension to existing dwelling & construction of two storey side extension. Ardwyn, Holyhead Road, Betws-y-Coed.
 - [c] Erection of structure to be used as dining barn for temporary period [amended proposal] Royal Oak Hotel Betws-y-Coed.
 - [d] Reinstatement of roof. Old Toll Gate, Pont yr Afanc, Betws-y-Coed.
- Members raised no objection to the above 4 proposals.

[f] Conwy Falls Hydro Electric Scheme, Amended Proposal
Noted that the application had been withdrawn.

[2] Financial Matters

- [a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during September 2016.
- [b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of September 2016.
- [c] External Auditor's Report.

The clerk referred to the following issues raised in the report.

[1] Budgetary Process

Issue; The Council did not minute as evidence it's acceptance of the budget

[2] Budget

Issue; The budget document did not take into consideration the level of reserves held by the Council

[3] No engagement letter with internal auditor;

The clerk advised that although a copy of an engagement letter had been produced, it did not apparently outline the necessary guidelines.

Resolved to approve the report. Clerk to action recommendations made.

[2.1] Stage Drapes

The clerk referred to a request from Mrs Marian Owen that the Council consider providing stage drapes. Resolved that given the low usage of the hall for theatre performances etc, the cost could not be justified.

[2.2] Dog Fouling/ Cae Llan

Noting the continuing problem of dog fouling, clerk to contact One Voice Wales urging the re introduction of dog licences.

[2.3] Street Lighting Station Road

Clerk to request that SNPA arrange for the cleaning of the globes on Station Road/Pathway to Tourism Information Centre.

[2.4] Fly Tipping

Clerk to contact Conwy CBC regarding [a] fly tipping off narrow road leading to Capel Garmon [b] NRW regarding fly tipping off narrow lane from Betws-y-Coed Motors towards Beaver Bridge.

[2.5] The following information was noted

Conwy CBC, Council tax premiums on long term empty properties and second homes in Wales.

Chairman_____