

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th October
2018

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Marion Bettenev, Sian Godbert, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts. Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies -- Terry Bullock, Janet Charlton

Cllr Nick Corney was attending the SNPA/ Town & Community Councils meeting on behalf of the Community Council.

Declaration of interest – No Declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting of the 10th September 2018, read and approved.

Mr Terry Bullock

The Chairman referred to a letter from Mr Bullock advising of his resignation from the Community Council, due to ill health. Clerk to arrange for vacancy to be advertised

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence. Clerk to enquire regarding attendance.

[1.1] Traffic Issues Pont y Pair Bridge/Coed Cynhelir Road

Noted disappointingly that the feasibility study by Conwy CBC due to published by the end of September has still not been completed.

[1.2] Climber & Rambler Shop, Holyhead Road

The clerk referred to correspondence from Snowdonia National Park advising that contact had been made with the owner [JD Sports] regarding the dilapidated appearance of the shop and requesting that work be done to improve the external condition of the property.

Resolved to monitor progress.

[1.3] Red Kiosk

The clerk reported that Snowdonia National Park had agreed to place information in the kiosk regarding tourism etc.

[1.4] Village Audit

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts updated the meeting on the recent village audit which had been completed.

Main Agenda

[1.5] Grwp Cynefin

Noela Jones and Bryn Davies from Grwp Cynefin attended the meeting and outlined the current position regarding possible sites for affordable housing at Betws-y-Coed.

The following sites were not considered suitable for various reasons

[a] Pentre Du [b] Glan Llugwy [c] Playing Field

However, a site adjacent to the Medical Centre was now under consideration.

Resolved to meet again with Grwp Cynefin in six months to review the situation.

[1.6] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during September 2018.

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of September 2018.

[c] External Auditor's Report

The clerk referred to the following matters raised by the external auditor

[d] Annual Governance Statement - The Council has not completed the question on Part 2 correctly concerning the obligation to pay a gratuity.

[e] The internal auditor has noted some recommendations in the financial systems of the Council and the Council should implement the recommendations as soon as possible.

Resolved to approve the external auditor's report. Clerk to implement the recommendations.

[1.7] Planning Applications

[a] Removal of existing car port and construction of garage and utility room.

Bod Afon Betws-y-Coed

Members raised no objection to the above proposal.

[1.8] Management of Cae Llan

Following enquiries to hold events on the field, resolved to review Council Policy on the management of the field and to consider future applications on merit including food stalls.

Review to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

[1.9] Ysgol Betws-y-Coed

Noting the financial difficulty in providing transport links between Betws-y-Coed, Dolwyddelan and Capel Garmon schools, resolved to contribute £1,500.00 to the Ysgol Betws-y-Coed Finance Sub Committee.

[2] Defiliberator

Resolved that a defiliberator be placed at the hall. Clerk to arrange.

[2.1] The following information was noted

[a] Forever Active – Gentle exercises to improve mobility etc. Every Thursday at the Memorial Hall 2.00 pm -3.00 pm

[b] Vacant Buildings Survey for business/commercial use.

[c] One Voice Wales Area Committee – Sports Pavilion, Green Lane Corwen, 10/10/18 at 7.00 pm*

[d] Eryri Local Development Plan – Consultation on Matters Arising from Public Examination.

Chairperson _____