

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September 2014

Present - Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Jim Boughton, Janet Charlton, Marion Bettenev, Karen Pugh, Terry Bullock, Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Gareth Parry.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest was made.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2014, read and approved.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Resolved unanimously to elect Cllr Marion Bettenev as Vice Chairperson of the Council.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence at the meeting.

[1.1] Litter Problems Gwydr Forest

Mr Kim Burnham [Natural Resources Wales] confirmed that additional full time staff had now been appointed and would be on duty at weekends, the freephone number would now also be manned.

[1.2] Signs/Notices

Noted, an acknowledgement from SNPA regarding the Council's request to undertake a review of signs and notices within the village. Clerk to seek information regarding timescale etc.

[1.3] Station Road Toilets

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that Mr Steven Teale had agreed to attend the next meeting of the Community Council, clerk to arrange.

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

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that she was pursuing the matter.

[1.5] Yellow Lines A5 Trunk Road Adjacent to Glan Aber and Gwydr Hotels

The clerk advised that arrangements were now in place to introduce the traffic restriction.

[1.6] Swallow Falls Tourism Information Signs

The clerk referred to correspondence from Mr Glenn Evans recommending that a symbol of the falls be included as part of the sign and that consideration is given to relocating the "Gateway to Snowdonia" sign to the opposite side of the road.

Members considered that it would be problematic to relocate the Gateway sign given that the Welsh Assembly's trunk road division had approved the location etc. Clerk to arrange for a symbol to be included in the sign and to discuss the matter further with Mr Evans.

[1.7] Lights 25 -29 Bro Gethin /Un lit Lamps

Given the extraordinary length of time since the initial complaint, clerk to refer the matter to Scottish Power.

[1.8] Pentre Du Additional Signs

The clerk referred to the response from Wil Roberts [Conwy CBC] that a warning sign would not necessarily be of any advantage given that the playing field is visible from the road and that the road safety team visit schools to instruct on kerb craft etc.

[1.9] Highway Matters

[a] Clerk to contact Conwy CBC regarding the leaning stone wall opposite Hafan.

[b] Noted that no response had been received from the trunk road agency regarding the leaning retaining wall opposite Hendre Camp Site

Main Agenda

[2] Planning Matters

[a] Retrospective application to retain metal artwork fixed to wall, Station Approach, Betws-y-Coed. Noted that the application had been refused.

[b] Installation of Velux roof light, Bod Afon, Betws-y-Coed.

[c] Extension Bod Afon, Betws-y-Coed

Members raised no objection to the above 2 proposals

[d] Construction of Retail Unit, Isfryn, Betws-y-Coed.

Clerk to seek further information regarding type of unit etc.

[e] Construction of Garage, Willow Cottage Pentre Du, Cllr Gwawr Jones on behalf of Mrs Beryl Williams requested that further information be requested from SNPA regarding the construction details etc.

Clerk to seek an appointment with the SNPA Planning Officer at the next local planning surgery.

[2.1] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during July/August 2014

[b] Noted the comparison admission figures for Swallow Falls [circulated] to the end of July/August 2014.

[2.2] Llyn Elsie

The clerk advised of local concern regarding the water levels at Llyn Elsie and the apparent extraction made for the Ancaster Estate Hydro Station at Pentre Du. Clerk to contact Mr Willam Hall [Ancaster Estate] regarding the matter.

[2.3] Play Equipment Cae Llan

Clerk to contact CVSC regarding possible grant funding.

[2.4] World War One Remembrance Service

The Chairman agreed to make enquiries regarding arrangements for a memorial service at the Hall.

[2.5] Litter

Clerk to contact Conwy CBC regarding the litter on Old Church Road and on the verges/pavement of the A5 road from Pentre Du to Swallow Falls.

Chairman _____