

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th September 2019

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

Apologies – Nick Corney, Neil Pringle.

Declaration of interest – No Declaration of interest

Cllr Marion Bettenev

Mrs Marion Bettenev advised the meeting she and her husband would soon be relocating to Wiltshire and was therefore resigning from the Community Council. The Chairman Gareth Wynne thanked Mrs Bettenev for her long and valued commitment to the community and wished her well for the future.

Minutes of the meeting of the 8th July 2019, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

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

10 suspicious circumstances

2 Anti Social behaviour.

11 road disruptions.

There were also issues involving off road bikes/ quad bikes in the Betws area going through fields and causing problems.

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

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.2] Management of Cae Llan

Development of facilities

Resolved to defer until the next meeting of the Council

[1.3] Lighting Column Station Road

Noted that SNPA has now confirmed that the lighting column would be operative by the end of September

[1.4] Ultimate Outdoors Maintenance of Footway

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that the path had now been made good, but that no response had been received from trunk roads.

[1.5] Xmas Lights

The clerk reported that the new lights had been ordered.

[1.6] Parking Restrictions Ffordd Craiglan/ Vagabond Bunkhouse

The clerk referred to correspondence from Mr Cawthra of Vagabond bunkhouse seeking an explanation to the Community Council's objection to a proposal for a takeout pizza delivery service from the premises. The clerk advised that he had responded to Mr Cawthra that the Council had not objected, but had expressed concern that increased traffic flow may cause parking issues if the proposal is approved.

[1.7] Roadside Hedge / Tan Dinas

Noted that the owner had delayed cutting the hedge during the nesting season, but that the hedge had now been cut back.

[1.8] A5 Road / Swallow Falls Pedestrian Safety

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that trunk roads were currently undertaking a traffic collision survey.

[1.9] Chip Shop.

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

Main Agenda

[2] Planning Matters

[a] Erection of dwelling. Land at Gwydyr Cottage, Betws-y-Coed

[b] Replacement of shop frontage and externally illuminated facial sign. The Log Cabin, Station Road, Betws-y- Coed.

[c] Retrospective application, Alterations to access 2 Mill Street, Betws-y-coed.

Resolved to raise no objection to the above 3 proposals.

[2.1] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments [circulated] made during July/August 2019.

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

[2.2] Proposals from Cllr Neil Pringle

The clerk referred to a number of proposals for discussion. Resolved to defer until the next meeting.

[2.3] Erw Hedd Cemetery

Noted the proposals from Mr Steven Teale for the cemetery along with suggestions from Mrs Gladys Harrison. Resolved that guidance on the matter be left to Mr Teale but to incorporate if possible suggestions by Mrs Harrison subject to budget provision.

Clerk to advise Mr Teale that the Community Council is prepared to contribute towards any reasonable costs.

[2.4] Dog Fouling Grassed Triangle Pentre Du

The clerk reported that Conwy CBC had agreed to erect additional signage regarding dog fouling.

Clerk to also arrange for the large planter on the grassed triangle to be regularly maintained in the future.

[2.5] Rotary World Polio Day 24th October 2019

To assist with raising awareness to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, clerk to arrange that the information be publicised on the Council's website.

[2.6] Filming at Swallow Falls

Resolved that the following fee be set for filming at the falls

First hour £100.00 thereafter £50.00 per hr. Filming beyond a day to be subject to negotiation.

All requests to be approved via the Gwydyr Estate.

[2.7] Rhyd y Craeau Football Pitch

The clerk referred to a request for a financial contribution towards upgrading the pitch. Resolved to further consider the request when total funding towards the upgrade is in place.

[2.8] Gwydyr Reservoir Safety Works

Noted that William Hughes Civil Engineering Ltd have now been appointed to complete the work following the collapse of Dawnus Construction and work will now resume on Llyn Cyfty, Llyn Sarnau and Goddienduon.

[2.9] Benches Cae Llan

Resolved that in considering all future requests that the benches are made of recycled plastic.

[3] Friends of St Michael's

Noted that due to unforeseen circumstances the Flower Festival which was scheduled for the weekend of the 6th and 8th Sept was cancelled. A village candle lit service will however, be held on Sunday 29th December at 6.00 pm.

Chairman _____