

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 13th September 2021

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Neil Pringle, Janet Charlton, Mari E M Mathews, Beth Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Catherine Williams.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting of the 2nd August 2021, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence. However, the clerk explained that the police had advised of difficulties in using the zoom version. Clerk to request summary of any recent incidents.

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

Noted that a meeting with CADW had been arranged for Wed 15th September

[1.2] Miners Bridge/ New Bridge following flood damage

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised as follows; Contract awarded 20/9/21, Contract Start date 27/9/21, Contract completion 17/12/21.

[1.3] Conwy CBC Station Road Toilets

Noting that the toilets are closed at 7.00 pm which resulted in several complaints in particular during the busy summer months, the chairman advised that he will be contacting Steven Teale [Conwy CBC] to discuss arrangements for next year.

[1.4] CCTV Pentre Du

The clerk reported that no further information had been received from Conwy CBC regarding costs of a CCTV system at Pentre Du.

[1.5] Climber & Rambler Empty Shop

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that the building is not considered to be unsafe and has now been included in enforcement plans submitted to the Welsh Office.

[1.6] Repairs Memorial Hall

The Chairman advised that resources for rural communities were now being directed to Glasdir as opposed to individual towns and villages

[1.7] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

Noted that a further zoom meeting was due to be held on the 16th September.

[1.8] Miniature Railway Café

The clerk reported that no response had been received Conwy CBC's Environmental Health officer Bethan Lloyd, regarding the condition of the railway carriages. A further email had been sent on the 17th July but no response had been received. Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to pursue the matter.

[1.9] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

Noted that no response had been received from Andrew Bowden of Cartrefi Conwy. Clerk to send further reminder

[2] Local Signage

The clerk reported that SNPA was arranging new signage within the village and also a new gate at the bottom of Cae Llan. The signage will be subject to planning approval.

[2.1] SNPA Planting of Trees

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that the school did not wish to proceed with the planting of trees. Clerk to contact Steven Teale regarding the possible planting of trees at Erw Hedd cemetery.

[2.2] Vegetation Growth/ Pont-y-Pair

The clerk reported that Conwy CBC were arranging a site visit on the 15th Sept.

[2.3] Proposed lighting of river bank bow Pont-y-Pair

Noted that planning approval was not required and that CADW had advised that only a consultation was necessary.

Main Agenda

[2.] Planning Applications

Erection of stone entrance feature. SNPA Tourist Information Centre Royal Oak Stables

[2.4] Financial Matters

- [a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments for the period 1/8/21 – 31/8/21
- [b] The clerk reported that admissions to Swallow Falls was now back to normal.

[2.5] Surgery Entrance

Noting the concern regarding road safety issues, clerk to contact the surgery requesting signage/road markings be placed at the exit to the Pentre Du road.

[2.6] Speed Restriction [40mph] A5 Road Dinas Hill

The clerk referred to a proposal by the Trunk Road Agency to introduce a 40 mph limit on Dinas Hill. Resolved to respond that the restriction is only necessary for part of the road which has residential properties fronting the road.

[2.7] Litter Picking/Dog Excrement/ Roadside Verges etc

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that the Highways Area Supervisor had agreed to a walkabout inspection of the village.

[2.8] Fir Tree Island

Clerk to contact NRW requesting the removal of debris including deadwood etc from the island.

[2.9] St Michael's Church Cemetery/ Grass Cutting

The clerk referred to the response from the Rev Stuart Elliot that the grass was due to be cut, but that parts of the cemetery had been roped off and is being trialled in conjunction with North Wales Wildlife and the Snowdonia National Park to become a wild flower meadow

[3] Betws in Bloom

Resolved to sponsor a Betws in Bloom competition for Spring/Summer 2022 with prize money for the best display. Cllr Neil Pringle agreed to submit an application to Network Rail for a £500.00 grant towards new flower tubs, resolved also to match fund any grant awarded.

[3.1] Man in a Van

Cllr Neil Pringle agreed to prepare a document for further discussion regarding feasibility and practicalities of the proposal.

[3.2] Tough Runner UK

The clerk referred to concern regarding the recent running event at which a field at Pentre Du was utilised as a parking area and had caused considerable traffic disruption on entry and exit to the A5 trunk road. Noting that no prior notification was made to the Community Council or ward member, clerk to raise the matter with Conwy CBC and race organiser.

Gareth Wynne, Chairman. _____