

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 14th February 2022

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

Apologies, Mari E M Mathews.

Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest

Minutes of the meeting of the 13th December 2021 read and approved. **Note. No meeting held in January due to lack of quorum**

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk referred to the following report of local incidents received from Sgt Peter Evans.

[a] Indecent exposure in the locality of the Waterloo Hotel on the 25th January

[b] A break in at the Swallow Falls Hotel which is at present under renovation on the 30th January

The Chairman reported that arrangements for a PCSO dedicated to the village was progressing and following the completion of training the officer would likely be in post in the near future.

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

Clerk to seek guidance from Conwy CBC regarding a feasibility study.

[1.2] Miners Bridge/ New Bridge following flood damage

Revised timetable

Crane to lift new bridge into place at the beginning of Feb, all works to be completed by the end of February 2022.

[1.3] Conwy CBC Station Road Toilets

The chairman reported on discussions with Steven Teale [Conwy CBC] and the difficulties of finding people to manage the toilets during the evenings etc. Steven Teale to report further on the matter

[1.4] Repairs Memorial Hall

The Chairman advised that the matter was ongoing and that the Community Council was waiting for a response from Conwy CBC's Bethan Wyn Jones

[1.5] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that she is arranging a webinar and will circulate arrangements.

[1.6] Miniature Railway Café

The clerk referred to correspondence from the tenant who advised of no sign of algae as reported to the Community Council and that the owner Mr Cartwright was also advising not to go to any expense on the carriage. Resolved to contact Peter Woods Conwy CBC's Enforcement Officer regarding the matter

[1.7] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

Resolved to seek a surveyor's report on the feasibility of creating a parking area, in particular the number of vehicles which can be accommodated etc. Clerk to advise Ms Katie Clubb of the Council's Intention

[1.8] Vegetation -y-Pair

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts agreed to advise Bryn Shiland [CCBC] of the Community Council's preference to an overnight closure of the bridge and to request that contact be made with residents and businesses in the locality of some disruption due to a generator and lights etc.

[1.9] Man in a Van

Clerk to circulate the two reports prepared by Cllr Neil Pringle for discussion at the Council's next meeting.

[2] Fir Tree Island/ Clearing of Debris

The clerk reported that NRW and Conwy CBC had advised that the island was not in their ownership
Clerk to contact CCBC's Director of Legal & Democracy for further clarification

Noted, that Haf Jones Conwy CBC had indicated possible funding for improvements to the river bank opposite.

[2.1] Dog Fouling Pentre Du

Noted that Conwy CBC is not able to issue any additional doggie bins. Resolved to purchase a doggie bin to be located near the school. Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that she would discuss possible temporary CCTV with Regulatory Services

[2.2] Planning Applications

[a] Demolition of garage and outbuildings and erection of rear and side extensions and replacement garage with gym/hobby room and study over. 8 Gethin Terrace, Pentre Du

[b] Construction of rural enterprise worker's dwelling etc, Hendre Farm, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to raise no objection to above 2 proposals

[2.3] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments for the period 1st Dec – 31st Jan 2022

[b] The clerk reported that attendances at Swallow Falls were improving following closures due to covid.

[2.4] Community Questionnaire

Given the current circumstances relating to the Memorial Hall, resolved to remove the question referring to the hall. Cllr E Roberts agreed to contact Cllr Mari E Mathews to advise and to also arrange a letterhead logo for the clerk.

[2.5] Vacant Seat

The clerk referred to an application from Ms Anna Brown, Llwyn -y- Gog, Betws-y-Coed for the current vacant seat. Resolved unanimously to invite the Ms Brown as co-opted member of the Community Council.

[2.6] Litter Issues Station Road Car Park

The clerk reported of concerns regarding the condition of the car park. Resolved to enquire with a cleansing company of costs/arrangements etc.

[2.7] SNPA Betws-y-Coed Conservation Area

Members to forward observations to the clerk.

[2.8] Sappers Bridge/ Repairs

Noted the following timetable issued by Conwy CBC for the currently closed bridge;

- *February- Site investigation/surveys/material testing [long term option]
- * February –Design and development of tender documentation
- *February- Engage with NRW for working over the river Conwy
- *March - Tender period
- * April – Commencement of work mid April

[2.9] Risk Assessment

Resolved to approve the risk assessments for the Memorial Hall and Swallow Falls prepared by the clerk.

Chairman. _____