

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 12th January 2021

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

Apologies. None

Declaration of interest – No declaration of interest

Resignations The clerk reported on the resignations of Barbara Drake and Sian Godbert and that in accordance with Conwy CBC guidelines the vacancies had been placed on the local notice boards.

Minutes of the meeting of the 24th November 2020 read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence. The clerk advised that no recent update had been received and that PCSO Gareth Roberts had previously reported that most issues were covid 19 related.

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

The clerk reported that only NRW had responded to the CC's letter to date, no response had been received from CADW or SNPA. Clerk to send reminder to the latter with copy of correspondence also to the Chairman of SNPA Cllr Wyn Ellis Jones.

[1.2] Management of Cae Llan / Proposed Services

The clerk referred to the response from Dwr Cymru outlining the following estimated costs for a mains water supply, application fee £91.20, connection fee £700 - £2000.00. No response had been received from Scottish Power, clerk to send reminder and to also contact the Gwydyr Estate outlining proposals to seek a possible contribution towards costs.

[1.3] Conwy CBC Sustainable Services

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.4] Miners Bridge

Clerk to seek update from Conwy CBC

[1.5] CCTV Pentre Du

Noted that the matter had been delayed due to coronavirus restrictions.

[1.6] Burning of Rubbish / Old Courthouse

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that Conwy CBC's Environmental Dept was monitoring the situation, members also agreed to monitor and report further incidents.

[1.7] Communication n Framework

Clerk to further contact the CC's website manager to seek advice/guidelines on a possible facebook page for the Council.

[1.8] Climber & Rambler Empty Shop

The chairman reported that a letter of support had been sent to the estate agent Wild Commercial Property Limited regarding arrangements for the sale of the Climber & Rambler shop.

[1.9] Grass Verge Vicarage Road

Noted that obstructions [boulders] had now been removed but that signage indicating “No Parking” was still in place. Cllr E Roberts advised that a site meeting would be arranged

[2] Skip Services

The clerk reported that Conwy CBC had cancelled the skip service arranged for Pentre Du due to the coronavirus lockdown. Cllr E Roberts advised that she would raise the issue of a free skip service to rural areas at the next meeting of the Rural Area Forum.

[2.1] Picnic Area Cae Llan

The clerk advised that work on the new picnic site had been delayed due to extremely wet weather; however the contractor had indicated an imminent start date.

Main Agenda

[2.2] Planning Matters

[a] Erect two storey extension, Oakdale, Betws-y-Coed

[b] Non-material amendment to planning approval to include kitchenette, Glenwood, Betws-y-Coed

[c] Erection of glazed canopy and external seating area etc. Royal Oak Hotel, Betws-y-Coed. Resolved to raise no objection to the above 3 applications.

[2.3] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments for the period Nov/Dec 2020

[b] Noted the reduced income [£2514.00] from Swallow Falls for the period Nov/Dec 2020

[c] Precept – Noting the level of reserves resolved to set a precept of £3,000.00 for the 2021/22 financial year.

[2.4] Additional Street Lighting

The chairman reported on an item from the covid 19 response group meeting regarding concern expressed at an unlit part of the B5106 on the outskirts of the village. Apparently Conwy CBC is unable to provide any funding. In the circumstances members resolved to approve expenditure for an additional 5 columns at a cost of £2,000.00 per column.

[2.5] Repairs Memorial Hall

The clerk referred to a report from Conwy CBC recommending repairs required to the Memorial Hall and further explained that Conwy CBC is of the view that it is the responsibility of the CC which appears contrary to the management agreement . The matter is now with County Council’s legal department for clarification. Clerk to forward copy of the management agreement to members.

[2.6] Blocked Drains

Cllr Janet Charlton agreed to forward information to the clerk

[2.7] River Bank Erosion River Llugwy

Cllr Neil Pringle reported on the erosion of the river bank alongside the Public Footpath running parallel with the river Llugwy from the Tourist Information Centre. Clerk to contact NRW and APCE regarding the matter.

[2.8] Affordable Housing

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts reported that matters had now progressed and that Group Cynefin is in discussion with Ancaster Estate in finalising acquisition. Funding had also been secured.

[2.9] Nant Conwy Rugby Club / Covid 19

Members were pleased to note the Rugby Club's Community Help Network which offers assistance with shopping, collection of prescriptions and delivering of meals on behalf of local businesses etc.

[3] Contribution

Resolved to contribute £400.00 towards the Welsh Air Ambulance Service

Chairman _____