

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2022

Present – Janet Charlton, Chairperson, , Neil Pringle, Beth Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Mari E M Mathews, Anna Brown

Declaration of interest –Cllr Beth Thomas declared an interest in [min 2.3] planning matters and took no part in discussions regarding the matter.

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Cllr Janet Charlton was elected to chair the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the 13th June 2022, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

The clerk reported that there was no police presence due to staff shortages, Cllr E Roberts agreed to arrange a meeting with the Superintendent regarding a dedicated PCSO at Betws-y-Coed.

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

Noting the report from Mott Macdonald regarding a feasibility study, Cllr E Roberts advised that she would contact Bryn Shiland [Conwy CNC for further advice.

[1.2] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that the Housing Association was continuing to wait for planning approval.

[1.3] Miniature Railway Café

Noted that SNPA had written to the owner regarding the condition of the carriage.

[1.4] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

The clerk reported of no further correspondence from Cartrefi Conwy, Cllr E Roberts advised that she was waiting for a response from Robin Millar MP.

[1.5] Removal of Vegetation Pont -y-Pair .

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that the date of commencement was likely to be the 29th July.

[1.6] Man in a Van

The Clerk advised that he was waiting for Edward Jones SNPA to respond regarding dates for a meeting.

[1.7] Sappers Bridge/ Repairs

Cllr E Roberts circulated a report from Bryn Shiland [Conwy CBC] regarding the condition of the bridge and advised that a business case was to be put forward to fund repairs etc.

[1.8] Community Questionnaire

Resolved to defer until the next meeting of the Council.

[1.9] Betws-y-Coed Football Club

Cllr Neil Pringle reported that the club are going to consider the realignment of the pitch and to seek the views of the residents on Station Road regarding the raising of the fence.

[2] Council Website

Noted that the matter was ongoing

[2.1] Gwydr Scouts

Resolved to make a contribution of £500.00 towards attendance at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023.

[2.2] St Michael's Old Church

The clerk reported that no further response had been received from the Rev Stuart Elliot regarding the overgrown churchyard. Cllr Janet Charlton agreed to undertake an inspection.

Main Agenda

[2.3] Planning Matters

Change of use from domestic outbuildings into café and associated children's soft play are. Royal Oak Farmhouse Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to express the Council's concern to Snowdonia National Park regarding the following matters [a] Access [b] Traffic Management [c] Disruption to other residents [d] Input on existing café.

[2.4] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments to the end of June 2022.

[b] The clerk reported that attendances at Swallow Falls were now back to normal

[c] Internal Auditor's Report. Noted that no issues had been raised in the report.

[d] Given the bank charges on the Council's accounts resolved to transfer the balances from the following accounts to the Council's current account; Estate Account, Memorial Hall Account, Business Manager Account.

Contract of Employment. Resolved to approve the clerk's contract of employment.

[2.5] Erw Hedd Cemetery

Clerk to arrange a meeting at the cemetery with Conwy CBC to consider the planting additional trees

[2.6] Friends of St Michael's Flower Festival 9th-11 Sept

Cllr Janet Charlton agreed to arrange a flower display on behalf of the Community Council.

[2.7] Skip Services

Noted the next skip is due at Pentre Du on the 11th October 2022.

Chairperson _____