

Betws-y-Coed Community Council  
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

Apologies Dyfed Jones.

New Member

The chairman welcomed Mari E M Mathews, Olif, Plas Derwen Betws-y-Coed as a co-opted member of the Community Council.

Declaration of interest – Cllr E M Mathews declared an interest in minute 2.6 and took no part whilst the matter was being discussed

Minutes of the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence.

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

Noted that there were no further developments. The clerk advised that no response had been received from SNPA to a pre application advice form submitted to the National Park

[1.2] Management of Cae Llan / Proposed Services

Noted the advice from Scottish Power via Cllr Elizabeth Roberts. Cllr Neil Pringle agreed to contact Gethin Clwyd regarding a site meeting . Mari M Mathews undertook to contact Scottish Power regarding the SP Community Fund

[1.3] Conwy CBC Sustainable Services

Resolved to review following the removing of Covid 19 restrictions

[1.4] Miners Bridge

The clerk referred to an update from Conwy CBC that the bridge supports are designed to resist flood water damage.

[1.5] CCTV Pentre Du

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

[1.6] Communication n Framework

The clerk reported that the cost for setting up a website information page would be £50.00. Clerk to discuss details with website manager.

[1.7] Climber & Rambler Empty Shop

Cllr E Roberts advised that she was waiting a response from Richard Thomas SNPA. Cllr Roberts also undertook to contact Conwy CBC regarding its empty buildings policy

[1.8] Skip Services

Clerk to enquire regarding monthly skip service alternating between Pentre Du and Station Road

[1.9] Additional Street Lighting

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[2] Repairs Memorial Hall

The clerk reported that no further information had been received from Conwy CBC. Cllr E Roberts agreed to pursue.

[2.1] River Bank Erosion River Llugwy

Noted the observations from Mr Glenn Evans confirming that the fencing is secure and that the situation will continue to be monitored

[2.2] Affordable Housing /Cartrefi Conwy

Cllr E Roberts advised that Mari Tudur would be making contact with the Community Council.

[2.3] A 470 Lay by off Waterloo Bridge opposite the Waterfall

The clerk reported that no response had been received from Conwy CBC that a litter bin be provided in the lay by.

Main Agenda

[2.4] Vacant Seat

The clerk referred to an application for the vacant CC seat from Ms Catherine Williams, Bryn Gwynt Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to invite Ms Williams as a co-opted member of the Community Council.

[2.5] Minature Railway Café

The clerk reported that the business owners were arranging maintenance work prior to opening. Given the dilapidated condition of the remaining carriages, clerk to refer the matter to Conwy CBC's Environmental Health Dept.

[2.6] Planning Matters

[a] Retrospective application for alterations and change of use of outbuilding to food and drinks outlet and erection of 4 covered pods for outdoor catering. Glan Aber Hotel, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to express the Community Council's concern regarding possible noise levels should the proposal be approved and request that the concerns be carefully considered when determining the application.

[b] Redevelopment of hotel to include partial demolition, alterations and extensions to existing hotel etc. The Waterloo Hotel, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to raise no objection to the above proposal. Clerk to remind SNPA of the CC's request that double yellow lines be extended to meet up with existing lines.

[2.7] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve the receipts and payments for the period Feb/March 2021

[b] Noted that Swallow Falls is closed due to coronavirus restrictions

[c] External Auditor's Report – The clerk referred to the following matter raised in the report.

The Council has not published the notice for the exercise of electors rights on its website during the notice period.

Clerk to note and implement for future audit arrangements.

[2.8] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

The clerk referred to correspondence from Mr Niall Collins, 15 Bro Gethin regarding parking problems on the estate. Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that she would arrange to meet Conwy CBC's neighbourhood manager to discuss the matter.

[2.9] SNPA Parking Consultation.

Noting a proposal to create additional parking in the village. Clerk to respond that the CC is strongly opposed to creating additional parking spaces to facilitate and ease congestion at Pen-y-Gwryd and Ogwen some 15 miles distance from Betws-y-Coed.

[3] Smart Towns

Members considered the smart towns initiative outlined by Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, a wifi-linked footfall measuring system using a wifi town/village centre system. Members agreed to participate in a partnership but not to be solely responsible for the project.

[3.1] Village Issues

Cllr Mari m Mathews expressed concern regarding the loose railing supports on the railway footbridge. Cllr E Roberts advised that the matter would be referred to Network Rail. Clerk to contact Conwy CBC regarding a structural review of Sappers Bridge.

[3.2] Memorial Hall / Fire Safety

The clerk reported that Snowdonia Fire & Security were recommending a number of improvements required to bring the building up to the necessary fire safety standards.

The estimated cost to be in the region of £2831.00. Resolved to proceed in accordance with the recommendations.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_