

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 21st March 2022

Present – Gareth Wynne Chairman, Gwawr Jones, Janet Charlton, Neil Pringle, Catherine Williams, Mari e m Mathews, Anna Brown, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Declaration of interest. No declaration of interest.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Anna Brown as a co-opted member of the Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of the 14th February 2022, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence

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

The clerk reported that he had contacted consultants [Matt Macdonald] and was waiting for a site visit to be arranged.

[1.2] Miners Bridge/ New Bridge following flood damage

Work on the new bridge has been completed. Clerk to send letter of thanks to Conwy CBC.

[1.3] Affordable Housing /Group Cynefin

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised of regular meetings with CC Directors but that planning approval had not yet been approved.

[1.4] Miniature Railway Café

The clerk reported that SNPA's enforcement officer had agreed to carry out an inspection.

[1.5] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

Following a site meeting Cllr Elizabeth Roberts referred to a provisional estimate in the region of £80k to create a parking area. Resolved to contact Conwy CBC/Cartrefi Conwy as possible partner agencies with the Community Council contributing towards costs.

Cllr Neil Pringle agreed to seek 3 quotations to un

[1.6] Removal of Vegetation Pont -y-Pair

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that the work was now out to tender. Clerk to contact CADW/SNPA/Conwy CBC/NRW to enquire if proposed lighting of bridge can be carried out in tandem with the removal of vegetation.

[1.7] Man in a Van

Resolved to defer pending a meeting with Edward Jones SNPA regarding proposals to deal with local maintenance issues.

[1.8] Fir Tree Island/ Clearing of Debris

The clerk reported that a map reference had been passed on to the Director of Legal & Democracy at Conwy CBC to seek advice regarding ownership of the island.

[1.9] Dog Fouling Pentre Du

The clerk reported that arrangements had now been made to place a doggie bin adjacent to the recycling banks at Pentre Du

[2] Sappers Bridge/ Repairs

Cllr Elizabeth Roberts advised that work will begin in Mid April. The contractors who undertook the work on Miners Bridge will also be undertaking the work on Sappers Bridge, the work is expected to be completed in approx six weeks.

[2.1] Community Questionnaire

Cllr Mari E Mathews confirmed that the questionnaire had now been updated and was ready for circulation. Cllr E Roberts agreed to arrange for Conwy CBC to print copies

[2.2] Litter Issues Station Road Car Park

Cllr E Roberts advised that the SNPA management committee has agreed to install CCTV cameras in the long stay car park but that the delay in installing the gate at the top end is a matter of concern.

[2.3] Playground Equipment Cae Llan

Cllr E Roberts agreed to report further on the matter.

Main Agenda

[2.4] Planning Applications

Conversion of detached garage to two storey short term self catering unit.

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Resolved to raise no objection to the above proposal

[2.3] Financial Matters

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

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

[c] Resolved to approve the budget estimate for 2022/23 prepared by the clerk.

[d] The clerk referred to correspondence from the Ancaster Estate seeking to increase the estate's share of takings at Swallow Falls from 33.33% to 50% for the duration of the existing lease. Resolved that the Community Council is not in agreement with the request and that the terms of the existing lease be adhered to.

[e] Clerk's Salary. Noted the NALC salary award effective 1st April 2021. SP 5 pro rata to 25 hrs per week

[2.4] Llanrwst Eisteddfod

Resolved to contribute £100.00 towards the Eisteddfod.

Chairman. _____