

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 16th May 2022

Present – Mari E M Mathews Chairperson, Anna Brown, Neil Pringle, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Clerk.

Apologies, Beth Thomas, Janet Charlton, Catherine Williams
Declaration of interest. Mari E Mathews declared an interest in [min 2.2] and took no part in discussions regarding planning proposals submitted to the Council.

Election of Chairperson- Resolved that Mari E M Mathews be elected Chairperson
Minutes of the meeting of the 11th April 2022, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

Noted the information from Sgt Peter Evans. Clerk to make further contact regarding PCSO cover for the village and to invite Sgt Evans to the next meeting of the Council

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

The clerk reported that despite several phone calls Matt Macdonald had still not set a date for a site visit regarding a feasibility study. Clerk to make further contact.

[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

The clerk reported that no further information had been received from SNPA regarding a proposed site visit. Clerk to remind SNPA.

[1.4] Parking Issues Bro Gethin, Pentre Du

Clerk to contact Rob Jones regarding a site visit to determine approximate costs of creating a parking area.

[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

Noted that the matter was deferred pending a meeting with Edward Jones SNPA regarding proposals to deal with local maintenance issues. Clerk to contact Edward Jones to set up a daytime meeting.

[1.7] Fir Tree Island/ Clearing of Debris

Noted that the island is the responsibility of Conwy CBC and that arrangements will be made to clear the debris.

[1.8] Sappers Bridge/ Repairs

Noted that repairs are now underway.

[1.9] Community Questionnaire

Cllr Mari E Mathews reported that responses to date was in the region of 50% and that hopefully further returns will be made in time to collate and produce a report to the Council.

[2] Litter Issues Station Road Car Park

Resolved to discuss the matter with Edward Jones SNPA in the forthcoming meeting.

[2.1] Playground Equipment Cae Llan

Cllr E Roberts reported that discussions were ongoing.

Main Agenda

[2.2] Planning Matters

[a] Extension to rear and side of existing building. Caffi Malden Betws-y-Coed.

[b] Advertisement consent for various replacement signs to front elevation. Pont-y-Pair Hotel, Betws-y-Coed.

Resolved to raise no objection o the above 2 proposals but to inform SNPA that renewal of signs [application b] should be bilingual.

Members expressed concern regarding the difficulty in accessing planning details via the link on the SNPA website. Clerk to raise the matter with Jonathan Cawley.

[2.3] Financial Matters

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

[b] The clerk reported that attendances at Swallow Falls had improved compared to the lockdown periods in 2021.

[2.4] Betws-y-Coed Football Club

The clerk referred to correspondence from Sian Godbert requesting that the fencing behind the goal on the Station Road end be raised to prevent the ball from hitting pedestrians and cars etc. Noting the comments when the fence was first erected, resolved to consider a small gate immediately behind the goal area.

Chairman. _____