

Betws-y-Coed Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th November 2020

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

Apologies Sian Godbert, Barbara Drake, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts

Declaration of interest – No declaration of interest

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the clerk for ensuring that the meeting was held in a safe environment.

Resignation The clerk reported that Cllr Nick Corney had resigned effective 23rd November 2020. Clerk to contact Conwy CBC for guidance regarding vacancy.

Minutes of the meeting of the 8th July 2020, read and approved.

Matters Arising

[1] Police Matters

No Police presence. The clerk however, advised that PCSO Gareth Roberts had agreed to forward an update of recent issues.

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

The clerk reported that the landowner was agreeable to a footbridge on his land opposite the chip shop. Clerk to contact SNPA, NRW, CADW and Conwy CBC to seek their views on a possible footbridge.

[1.2] Management of Cae Llan / Proposed Services

Given the uncertainty regarding costs and supply of power/water from nearby buildings [football club changing rooms] Clerk to contact Dwr Cymru/ Scottish Power for information.

[1.3] Conwy CBC Sustainable Services

Noted that the matter was ongoing.

[1.4] Miners Bridge

The clerk referred to correspondence from Conwy CBC indicating delay of work on a new bridge due to unforeseen emergencies at other locations.

[1.5] CCTV Pentre Du

The clerk advised that due to one person having to isolate the meeting arranged with Conwy CBC was cancelled. A further meeting was now being arranged.

[1.6] Burning of Rubbish / Old Courthouse

Noted the complaints that the proprietor was continuing to burn rubbish including plastic on the river bank . Cllr Elizabeth Roberts to update.

[1.7] Gwydyr Reservoir Safety Works Llyn Tynymynydd

Noted that works were postponed due to covid 19, however it is anticipated that there shall be no further delays with work due to be completed on schedule.

[1.8] Communication Framework

Noted the Chairman's guidelines on the dissemination of information to locality. Resolved to approve and adopt the guidelines. Cllr Gwawr Jones agreed to consider appropriate method, clerk to also contact website manager for further guidelines.

Main Agenda

[1.9] Planning Matters

[a] Application for the felling of conifer tree Royal Oak Hotel

[b] Installation of fisheries information boards;

Pont-y-Pair Car Park, Land near Llyn yr Afanc River Conwy, Parking Area Royal Oak Hotel.

Resolved to raise no objection to the above proposals

[2] Financial Matters

[a] Resolved to approve income and expenditure accounts as outlined by the clerk for July/Aug/Sept/Oct 2020

[b] Due to covid 19 and lockdown the clerk explained that income at Swallow Falls was lower than normal, albeit that August was higher than in previous years.

[2.1] Climber & Rambler Empty Shop

[a] The Chairman reported on a meeting with the estate agents Wild Commercial & Cllr Elizabeth Roberts and the chair of SNPA regarding the empty shop, at which the estate agent had outlined certain difficulties in progressing the sale of the property. Resolved to send a letter of support to the estate agent.

[b] Noted that the shop Field & Trek had now been sold.

[2.2] Capel Coed Elan Schools Federation

The clerk referred to correspondence from the Federation seeking representation on the school governors, Clerk to respond that Cllr Janet Charlton was the Community Council's representative and not that of the LEA as indicated by the federation.

[2.3] Grass Verge Vicarage Road

Noted that some obstructions [boulders] had been placed along the verge on Vicarage Road preventing vehicles from parking. Clerk to contact Conwy CBC for clarification.

[2.4] Litter

The clerk advised that he had contacted NRW following concerns regarding litter on the All Ability path and that NRW had responded that only a small amount [1/4 of a bag] required collection. In response to questions, the clerk explained that due to Conwy CBC not meeting its statutory obligations, the CC was heavily committed to litter collection/cleansing in the village at Pont-y-Pair, the emptying of doggie bins [Golf Club] plus other bins at Swallow Falls and Vicarage Road etc at some considerable cost.

[2.5] Bilingual Signs Vicarage Road

The clerk reported that English only signs were apparent on Vicarage Road and that the matter had been referred to Conwy CBC's highways dept.

[2.6] Car y Llan

Noted that the service had been suspended at present and no date has yet been agreed for its resumption. The service is however, being used for delivery of flu vaccinations.

[2.7] Skip Services

Clerk to arrange a skip service at Pentre Du.

[2.8] Vulnerable Persons

Cllr Barbara Drake enquired via email whether vulnerable adults in the community needed more support. Noted that reference to the matter was already on the Council's website and that Clwb Rugby Nant Conwy were also offering support along with St Mary's Church. Resolved that the Community Council is always ready to support but are mindful of the need to balance any offer of support with an individual's privacy.

[2.9] Picnic Area Cae Llan

The clerk expressed concern that whilst grant funding had been approved for the small picnic area, no ground work had been possible due to the extremely wet conditions. Completion is due by the beginning of January.

[3] Covid 19 Matters

Noted that Cllr Elizabeth Roberts and Barbara Drake had attended a meeting with CCBC, and NWTRA, details of which had previously been sent to members. Matters continue to be under consideration.

Chairman _____