

Cyngor Cymuned Betws y Coed Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 11th March 2024

Present – Ffiona Jones (Chair) Janet Charlton, Phil Roberts, Chris Jones, Sian Godbert, Cllr Elizabeth Roberts, Haf Jones (Clerk)

1. Apologies – Bedwyr ap Gwyn, Neil Pringle, PCSO Michelle Farrell

2. Declaration of interest in any item on the agenda – No declarations of interest

Arwyn Evans, Head of Development at Grwp Cynefin attended and provided an update on the Pentre Du Housing development. Planning permission for the development is in place for 5 houses; 1 x 4 bed roomed house for Social Housing purposes and 4 are classed as intermediate housing for families who are in work earning between £15k & £40k per annum.

The build start date is early 2025 and anticipated to take 1 year.

3. Minutes of February meeting – these were found to be correct

4. Matters arising from the minutes:-

- Erw Hedd – Responsibility for cemeteries lies with the Burial Authority which in this instance is CCBC. Issues with the water supply tap reported.
- Pont y Pair – Clerk to seek update re vegetation growth.
- A5 road surface condition – some minor temporary repairs made
- Confirmation received from funder that the Fan y Llan initiative can move forward with employment of or self-employment of a Community Pride Operative. Clerk to form an advert.
- Community Grant application form amendments applied and will be available early April.
- Flood Plan Training information circulated and at least one Cllr will attend at Venue Cymru, Llandudno

5. Financial Matters & Payments.

Bank reconciliation of February payments and income scrutinised and found to be correct. Payment schedule of invoices prepared and authorised.

Audit Wales – Auditor General's report and audit opinion - Qualified audit outcome received on the basis that accounts were not approved by the 30 June (approved at the 4th July meeting). Minor considerations suggested.

The Auditor's report and 2022/23 accounts are available for scrutiny between 9am-4pm, Monday to Thursday for 31 days from the 11th of March by contacting the Clerk. The information is displayed on the Council website and in the Community Council noticeboards at Cae Llan and Pentre Du.

6. Swallow Falls/Cae Llan/Memorial Hall

Swallow Falls

3786 visitors at the site during February; the site will be manned from 29th March- 3rd November; new separation of waste regulations which come into force on 6th of April will be applicable to the Falls.

Memorial Hall

The Flower Club has restarted on Wednesday afternoons and Merched y Wawr on Thursday evenings, both monthly. Some new regular bookings received; Ukulele group will start on Tuesday evening, 16th of April at 6.30pm and Brazilian Jui-Jitsu will start on Thursday 4th of April 6pm-9pm. Judo continues on a Friday evening

The snooker table is available for anybody who wishes to use it; contact the Clerk for more information

Cae Llan

A second Landscape designer has visited the site and we await concept designs for the Local Places for Nature project. No events are booked on the field for March.

The ancient Oak which is decaying is to be fenced off by a horizontal wooden fence within which wild flowers and bulbs will be planted.

For information

Ffordd Coed Cynhelir - in recent weeks, the Local Authority Parking Enforcement Officers have been enforcing a notice dated 2021 regarding prohibition of parking in what the Authority construe as passing places. Map requested from CCBC and NRW to ascertain land ownership.

Litter bins – the blue small wheelie bins removed temporarily in and around the village and outskirts. Assured that the blue bins will be returned in time for the visitor season.

Dog mess and Dog bins – noticeable dog mess on the pavements between Station Rd and Pont y Pair road junctions and reluctance by dog walkers to use bins provided for the specific purpose. Bags with content can be deposited in litter bins. Community Council are working on a campaign of reminding visitors of respectful and lawful responsibility.

Community Skip – very little in the skip at Station Rd early March. CCBC are not taking bookings for hire of skips after the end of March but Clerk is pursuing an alternative and working closely with CCBC on a solution. The monthly skip service in Llanrwst on the 2nd Saturday of each month will continue.

Training – four members of staff are attending a First Aid course at Glasdir Llanrwst which is free of charge, funded by the Levelling Up/Shared Prosperity Fund.

Tree Protection Order – provisional TPO has been made in respect of the woodland at Craig, Betws y Coed.

GP Services – the Council were pleased to receive the news that a contractor and GP's have been appointed.

Date of next meeting – Monday 8th April 7pm at the Memorial Hall.

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