

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI  
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Bodfari Community Council  
Held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Ysgol Bodfari at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT) (chair)

Cllr Gwylfa Evans (GE)  
Cllr Eira Roche (ER)  
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AWa)  
Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)  
Cllr Tanya Bowyer (TB)  
CCllr Barbara Smith (BS)  
Helen Roberts (Clerk)

John Briggs  
Cassie Sheriff

**114. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Alan Williams (AW)

**115. Declarations of interest:**

AWa declared a prejudicial interest in the quotations received for the park maintenance contract. It was agreed to move this item to the end of the meeting so that Councillor Waterfield could leave before discussions.

**116. Minutes of previous meeting:**

**RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 be accepted as a correct record and signed by the chair NLT (proposed ER seconded AWa). It was noted that 105 19(ii) did not include G Edwards as a signatory on the HSBC account. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would confirm with Mrs Edwards that this was acceptable.

**117. Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

18(b)(i) DCC are re-arranging a meeting with interested parties to discuss access to the park from Banc y Chwarel. **RESOLVED** that the clerk would follow this up.

75(ii) AWa confirmed that he was happy to continue storing the swings until they were repaired.

**118. Cassie Sheriff**

Cassie Sheriff of Hedgecraft Herbs gave a short presentation on herbal medicine and how she could work with the community council, followed by a discussion. It was **RESOLVED** (pER sAWa) that the council would commission a Herbwalk activity for late spring/early summer, starting in the park and including a display of Herbcrafts. This would be funded by the A4A grant and organised with the school to include the children and parents.

Cassie was thanked by the chair taking the time to speak to the council.

**119. County Councillor's report:**

BS reminded the council that with the local elections in May, nominations had to be in by April 4<sup>th</sup> and a change in the rules meant that candidates may not withdraw their nomination after that closing date. BS reported that DCC is commencing a Single Access Route to Housing (SARTH), where all the separate housing waiting lists are amalgamated into one. As part of this process the lists have been fully reviewed.

BS had visited the new affordable housing in Rhyl which are now available, and reported that DCC are working towards 97% access to superfast broadband by the summer.

Councillors noted the new SARTH policy and will consider methods to increase registrations for

affordable housing in Bodfari, including a link on the new website.

#### 120. Denbighshire County Council:

- (a) Planning
  - (i) **41/2016/1212 The Old Rectory** works to trees within a conservation area including removal of lilac, copper beech and weeping willow in rear garden, crown reduction of holly in rear garden and crown reduction of copper beech and maple in front garden **RESOLVED** (pAWa sER) to recommend approval.
  - (ii) **41/2017/0099 Old Forge Garage** installation of free standing advertisement signs **RESOLVED** (pNLT sGE) to recommend approval, noting concerns regarding placement that doesn't obscure cars entering and leaving the Downing Arms or traffic on the A541 and that the site is very windy.
- (b) Highways/footpaths
  - (i) It was reported that the footpath sign had fallen over opposite Yew Tree Cottage (Footpath 1). **RESOLVED** that the clerk would report this to DCC.
  - (ii) A complaint had been received regarding slippery leaves on the footpath from Maes y Graig to the park. GE agreed to clean the leaves up the following day.

#### 121. Finance:

- (i) Statements were circulated to the meeting. It was noted that the credit of £50 from HSBC followed their mishandling of the new bank mandate and was presumed to be compensation.
- (ii) The clerk presented her payroll – **RESOLVED** (pNLT sAWa) to pay this.
- (iii) The invoice for the boules court from Bodfari Environmental had been received. This could be paid once funds had been transferred from the Money Manager account by NLT.

#### 122. Village playground / Recreation ground:

- (i) Inspection reports were collected.
- (ii) The Tree Preservation Order will now be submitted by the clerk.
- (iii) A Park Maintenance Day will be arranged by the councillors in April, to be before the official opening of the boules court in May.
- (iv) It was **RESOLVED** (pNLT sER) that Phil Morris would be contracted for mole removal, at £185 for three visits, to be completed before 7<sup>th</sup> April. The park will be closed during this process.
- (v) Maintenance contract  
*AWa left the meeting for this discussion*  
Quotations had been received from Bodfari Environmental and Clwyd Environmental Services for the park maintenance contract (for 10 visits) at £700.00 plus VAT and £900.00 plus VAT respectively. It was **RESOLVED** (pRP sER) to accept the Bodfari Environmental quotation.

#### 123. Website

Councillors had obtained some figures for building and hosting a new website but further information was required. ER agreed to explore facilities for building the website ourselves, with payment only needed for hosting and upkeep. The clerk will supply ER with details of what should be included.

#### 124. Reforming Local Government white paper

Councillors had been forwarded the white paper before the meeting. Of particular relevance to community councils was section 6.1.6. NLT agreed to collate comments and send a response to the consultation.

#### 125. Correspondence:

- (i) Letter from Jenny Briggs  
Jenny Briggs had written to the council to express concern regarding the condition of the road from Bodfari to Pontryffydd cottages following the recent road closure. John Briggs attended the meeting and spoke on the matter, pointing out that the official diversion was so long that most traffic ignored it and instead used this road, despite it being single track with a 2 tonne

weight limit. This had resulted in severe damage to the road surface and verges, exacerbated by the high run-off from the fields, poor drainage under the road and the coincidental building work on two properties. Following a call to DCC some potholes had been filled with tarmac this week but as the road was so wet and muddy this was only a temporary fix.

It was **RESOLVED** (pTB sER) that the clerk would report this to DCC, asking for the road to be cleaned, the road and verges surveyed for permanent repairs and the under-road drainage issue to be addressed. Also to request in the long term consideration of a speed restriction or traffic calming, and that an officer of DCC could meet with the community council to discuss these issues. AWa also agreed to call DCC the next day to request the road be cleaned.

- (ii) Local elections information – nomination packs were passed to councillors.
- (iii) Boundary commission 2018 review - 2nd consultation, councillors to individually respond
- (iv) IRPW Annual Report
- (v) Rhyl Silver Band invitation
- (vi) Bobath Children’s therapy centre request for donation – to be considered at June meeting
- (vii) Welsh Air Ambulance request for donation – to be considered at June meeting
- (viii) Whitford Young Farmers request for donation – to be considered at June meeting

**126. Date of next meetings:**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 07.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed..... Chairman Date.....