

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Bodfari Community Council
Held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at Ysgol Bodfari at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)
Cllr Eira Roche (ER)
Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT) (chair)
Cllr Tanya Bowyer (TB)
Cllr Chris Marston (CM)
Helen Roberts (Clerk)

54. Apologies for absence:

None

55. Declarations of interest:

AW declared in interest in the quotations for the swing and the planter; it was agreed these would be discussed at the end of the meeting in his absence.

56. Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2017 be accepted as a correct record and signed by the chair NLT (proposed RP seconded AW).

57. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- 35 Further to discussions the manager of the Dinorben Arms had arranged to erect a sign at the car park exit stating 'concealed entrance, children crossing'. It was suggested that a Convex traffic mirror would be helpful, mounted on the wall opposite the car park exit. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would price mirrors for the next meeting, and NLT would draft a letter for the owners of the property to ask if they would be amenable to the mirror placement.
- 37(x) TB had attended the OVW regional meeting and reported back to the meeting; some interesting points had been made regarding council websites.
- 47(i) Following a talk at the school in July a number of children had volunteered to be park ambassadors and had been issued badges. It was suggested that they be invited to give their feedback at the Apple Day event, also that a reward for their efforts be considered in the run-up to Christmas.
- 47(iii) As autumn has arrived early this year, it was suggested to defer the herbwalk until the spring. NLT will liaise with Cassie Sheriff regarding the practicalities.

58. Casual vacancies:

As no written representations had been received, it was **RESOLVED** to invite anyone interested to the next meeting via the BCC Facebook page.

59. County Councillors report:

CM reported that things at DCC had been very quiet over the summer break with little to report. It was discussed that the village is currently festooned with traffic diversions and barriers, several of which appear to be contradictory and excessive including one in particular advising of a road closure over 3 miles away. CM agreed to discuss the appropriateness of the diversions and the volume of cones and barriers with the Highways department

60. Denbighshire County Council:

(a) Planning

There were no new planning applications this month. It had been noted that alterations were being made to the development at Ynys Wen, possibly to turn the refused annexe design into the garage planning had been granted for. CM will check this with the DCC planning enforcement officer.

(b) Highways/Footpaths

- (i) The hedge opposite the Downing Arms is overgrowing the path again, reported to DCC.
- (ii) (AW left the meeting) Three quotes had been received for a planter 2.4m x 1.4m x 0.6m; £700 for a sleeper-construction, installed and filled with topsoil from Bodfari Environmental, £339.40 for a tanalised timber construction from Meifod and £296.99 for a flat-pack sleeper construction kit from UK Sleepers. It was **RESOLVED** to establish the cost of the topsoil needed before making a decision.

61. Finance:

- (i) Statements were circulated to the meeting. Precept receipt of £1133 was noted.
- (ii) It was **RESOLVED** (pNLT sAW) to pay invoices received of DCC Election costs £161.18, Wales Audit Office £190.95 and Play Inspection co. £102.00
- (iii) The clerk presented her payroll and expenses, which included a payment to EventBrite of £35 for councillor planning training. It was **RESOLVED** (pNLT sER) to pay this.

62. Village playground / Recreation ground:

- (i) Inspection reports were collected. It was noted that the boules court needed spraying for weeds and that dogs had been seen in the park, on leads with their owners. It was suggested that a 'Dog Clip' could be created by the gate to remind people not to take in dogs.
- (ii) The annual external inspection had been received and had been circulated to all councillors over the summer. AW agreed to deal with the graffiti and overhanging branches. A comment had been made about a possible hazard on the slide but after inspection by RP this was felt to be very minor and did not require any action. The only major item was the toddler swing, which will be replaced.
- (iii) It was reported that the noticeboard in Mais Y Graig was overshadowed by the conifers growing behind, and there were also piles of clippings and other debris. It was **RESOLVED** that NLT would contact Grwp Cynefin as the owners of the trees.
- (iv) It was noted that both village noticeboards were in need of refurbishment. It was **RESOLVED** that AW and ER would investigate possible solutions, and that the councillors would arrange a working session to deal with these maintenance issues.
- (v) The new Green Flag has been received, it will not require a flagpole but will be stored by the clerk and displayed at events.
- (vi) As apples are ready early this year it was **RESOLVED** to bring the Apple Day event forward to 1st October, 2-5pm. There will be games for children and boules matches. NLT will make a poster and circulate it for distribution.
- (vii) (AW left the meeting) Three quotes had been received to replace the toddler swing; £1106.00 from Bodfari Environmental and *from* £1320 from Playdale for a single toddler swing (plus matting, priced at £470.00 by Bodfari Environmental), or £2760 from Playquest or *from* £1996 from Playdale for a double A-frame swing. It was **RESOLVED** (pNLT sER) to accept the quote for swing and matting from Bodfari Environmental at a total cost of £1576.00 plus VAT.

63. Community Hall:

NLT and AW had attended the meeting organised by Cadwyn Clwyd and Aberwheeler Community Council to explore the options for creating a community hall on some land granted to Aberwheeler, and presented details of the costings and what would be expected from BCC if we were to participate. It was felt that a new build hall on a greenfield site was an expensive option, and possibly unachievable,

when other buildings are available for community events such as the school and Waen Chapel. A focus on creating parking in Aberwheeler, facilities for hikers or even allotments could be alternative community uses for the land at less cost. It was **RESOLVED** that the councillors would discuss this further and that NLT would draft a response to Merfyn Parry.

64. Correspondence:

- (i) DCC Civic Service invitation for the chair.
- (ii) DCC LDP Consultation – councillors to respond individually.
- (iii) Chris Ruane – Gas network information.
- (iv) Aon – changes to insurance policy.
- (v) Ronald McDonald House – receipt for donation. It was **RESOLVED** that this would be publicised on the Facebook page.
- (vi) Christine Jones – letter regarding The Downing Arms and adjoining land received 3.9.17
It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would respond that BCC is concerned regarding the public areas of Bodfari and will raise it with DCC, especially with regard to the Downing Arms and the surrounding land.
- (vii) Clocaenog Forest Windfarm – application to discharge planning requirements.
- (viii) Tree Charter Legacy Trees email 25.8.17 – councillors to consider for next meeting.

65. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.00pm at Ysgol Bodfari

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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