

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Bodfari Community Council
Held on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at Ysgol Bodfari at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)

Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT) (chair) – from 19.40, meeting chaired by AW until then.

Cllr Tanya Bowyer (TB)

Cllr John Unsworth (JU)

Cllr Chris Marston (CM)

Helen Roberts (Clerk)

121. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)

Cllr Eira Roche (ER)

Cllr Heather Griffiths (HG)

122. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Unsworth accepted Co-option to the community council.

123. Declarations of interest:

AW declared an interest in the groundskeeping contract.

124. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** (p AW s CM) that the draft minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2018 be accepted as a correct record and signed by the vice-chair AW, with correction to the date of the next meeting to February 2018.

125. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

94 The lights at Hendre Farm are still under discussion at DCC but there was no action that could currently be taken.

64(vi) It was confirmed by DCC that the owners of the Downing Arms did not need planning permission to demolish the building, although application for change of use would still need to be made.

83(b)(i) NLT and JU to discuss the arrangements for siting the new notice board with Tegfan.

83(b)(iv) RP still to collect and store the traffic mirror from outside the Downing Arms.

97(iii) Having checked the terms of the mole removal service used previously, it was **RESOLVED** (pAW sTB) to arrange for the same contractor to clear the moles from the park. TB would make the arrangements. It was considered that a joint approach with the Old School House might have more success, it was **RESOLVED** that AW would approach Mr Shepherd.

97(v) DCC should have put up the official Dog Fouling notices at the park – AW to check.

71 It was noted that the building works at Ynys Wen had recommenced – CM would check the position with DCC Planning.

111(b) It was reported that DCC had improved the drainage at The Rose Gardens.

116 No meeting has been organised regarding the Community Hall proposals for Aberwheeler.

119(iii) NLT had discussed supplying table tennis equipment with the school. Ysgol Bodfari was happy to consider this but pointed out that funding would also have to cover storage arrangements as there was no suitable shed available.

126. County Councillor's Report:

Following the complaint regarding the regular large skip lorry going up to Cefn Du in Sodom, causing

damage to the road, DCC had advised CM that they were unable to impose a limit on vehicle size using this road. AW offered to talk to the business at Cefn Du regarding reducing the skip size. CM reported that the AONB Partnership Committee had a Land Management vacancy, and applications should be directed to Howard Sutcliffe at Loggerheads. CM commented on the damage to the A541 roadway just inside the county boundary that had been reported by AW, stating that DCC were aware of the over-riding causing the deterioration and that it would be repaired in due course. CM had discussed with Mr Haydock the condition of the Pontruffydd Road after the jet-patching. Resurfacing of this road is currently out to tender. CM and JU had attended a meeting with the DCC Footpaths officer regarding walking routes around the village that the Dinorben Arms wished to promote. A link to the Clwydian Walks had been proposed by Councillor Parry, with the intention of encouraging more walkers to start their Offa's Dyke walk in the village. The 2018/19 budget had been approved at DCC Full Council, with an increase of 4.75% to council tax. A new chief executive, Judith Greenhalgh, had been appointed.

127. Denbighshire County Council:

(a) Planning

41/2018/0009 Chapel Cottage Mold Road Bodfari Erection of extension

to dwelling, it was **RESOLVED** (p AW s NLT) to recommend refusal on the grounds that there is insufficient provision of on-site parking, that the proposed orange panels are not sympathetic to the existing built environment and that there are concerns regarding light pollution from unshaded windows.

(b) Highways/Footpaths

The planter has been ordered from Bodfari Environmental and will be installed in due course.

128. Finance:

- (i) Statements were circulated to the meeting.
- (ii) It was **RESOLVED** (pAW sNLT) to continue membership of One Voice Wales, and to pay the subscription of £53.

129. Village playground / Recreation ground:

- (i) Inspection reports were collected.
- (ii) The date of the Spring Planting Day had been moved to March 18th, 1 - 3pm. It was **RESOLVED** to pre-approve funding of £200 for the event.
 - AW priced beech hedging at 75 plants for £45 and chestnut palings at 10m for £45.
 - ER was acquiring lavender plugs for planting around the boules court.
 - NLT had discussed school involvement with Ysgol Bodfari.
 - NLT would organise refreshments on the day.
 - AW would organise children's activities on the day.Further preparation to be organised at the next meeting.
- (iii) Groundskeeping contract - It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would put together a comparison of previous services supplied and circulate to the councillors for a decision on tendering for this contract.

130. Telephone Box:

Completion documents had recently been received from BT which councillors needed to study. Plans for the box were rescheduled for the next meeting.

131. Law Commission Report:

NLT had attended an event discussing the Welsh Planning Acts which included a lengthy report. To summarise, it is intended to regularise Welsh planning law by producing a new Act incorporating all the adjustments made since 1947. This could include removing Outline planning permission and detailing

permitted development. The new draft Act could be expected in 2019-20.

132. Correspondence:

- (i) 2018 Charity dinner invitation letter - noted
- (ii) Bee Friendly Scheme – councillors to consider
- (iii) Budget preparation and councillors allowances – clerk to produce documentation for the next meeting
- (iv) Caerwys Chronicle - noted
- (v) Code of Audit Practice Press Release - noted
- (vi) Independent Review Panel - engagement events – dates noted
- (vii) Review of the Local Council Sector – survey, councillors to agree response by email
- (viii) Future Generations Commissioner - Wellbeing of future generations framework - noted
- (ix) Email from Elizabeth Emmons requesting funding to remove the sycamore in the park adjacent to Ffynnon y Chwarel, clerk to respond thanking Ms Emmons for her communication but reiterating that, as they had previously stipulated, while amenable to the tree being removed the community council does not have the funds to carry out this work, and suggesting that if the tree is affecting all the houses in the development that Grŵp Cynefin should be approached to pay for it's removal.
- (x) Denbigh Eisteddfod – call from Robert Gwyrfai Jones 13/02 following up previous correspondence. NLT to respond to Mr Jones.

133. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.00pm at Ysgol Bodfari

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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