

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

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

134. Apologies for absence:

None, full attendance.

135. Declarations of interest:

AW declared an interest in the grounds-keeping contract and would leave for the discussions.

136. Minutes of previous meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** (pTB sAW) that the draft minutes of the meeting of 13th February 2018 be accepted as a correct record and signed by the chair NLT.

137. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- 94 The lights at Hendre Farm are still under discussion at DCC.
- 64(vi) Demolition has not started on The Downing Arms. CM had contacted both CADW and the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust regarding the status of the building and enquiries are ongoing. It was agreed that AW would make enquiries regarding the presence of bats in the building.
- 83(b)(i) The noticeboard will be mounted on Tegfan when the weather improves.
- 83(b)(iv) RP still to collect and store the traffic mirror from outside the Downing Arms.
- 97(iii) TB to arrange for the moles to be treated after 18th March, costing £185. NT will notify the Old School House.
- 97(v) The new DCC Dog Fouling notices have not been found at the park, and complaints have been received on the Facebook site about increased fouling. CM agreed to enquire if DCC could apply fines in the park, while it was **RESOLVED** to start an awareness campaign in the village. This would include Facebook posts by ER and a leaflet delivered locally, possible including artwork from the children at the school (HR to discuss with the school).
- 119(iii) A plan to fundraise for table-tennis equipment is required.
- 126 AW still needs to talk to the business at Cefn Du regarding the regular skip traffic.

138. County Councillor's Report:

CM had discussed with DCC Planning Enforcement the building work restarting at Ynys Wen, which was subject to an enforcement notice to remove the buildings which had failed to obtain planning consent. She was advised that DCC was only enforcing the removal of the garage and access ramp and intended to 'Under-enforce' the removal of the annexe because

'A garage on the site of the annexe has previously been consented (planning permission ref. 41/2015/0185), meaning that the principle of a building on the site is acceptable; and the authority furthermore has no objection to the principle of an ancillary annexe on the site.'

Consequently, we have taken the view that an annexe which matches the built form and scale of the consented garage is acceptable, and would not be subject to enforcement action. The contravener has been informed of this and acted accordingly. This does mean that the annexe benefits from planning permission, and the contravener has been advised of this. I have recommended to her that she submits an application to regularise the development, but I do not intend to take any further action if she chooses not to.'

It was **RESOLVED** that CM would communicate to DCC the community council's unhappiness at this response; non enforcement would create a precedent and DCC should consider the cumulative effect.

139. Denbighshire County Council:

(a) Planning

41/2018/0199 1 Derwen Terrace erection of first floor extensions to rear of building it was **RESOLVED** (pRP sHG) to recommend refusal on the grounds that the proposal is not in keeping with the rest of the terrace and would have an excessive impact of overshadowing on the neighbouring property.

It was also noted that the application drawings did not have accurate measurements, and it appears to be doubling the size of the property.

(b) Highways/Footpaths

- (i) The footpath sign in the village has been re-instated.
- (ii) The footpath up to the Old School House is very muddy and needs cleaning.
- (iii) The roads in Sodom up to Fron Haul are very muddy and stony following the snow and need cleaning.
- (iv) The chain link fence in front of the sheltered bungalows in Mais Y Graig is damaged and drooping – CM to report to DCC.

140. Finance:

- (i) Statements were circulated to the meeting.
- (ii) New councillor's allowances claim forms were circulated. As BCC had not budgeted for allowances for 2017/18 members agreed to waive them this year. This would be revisited at the budget review in June.
- (iii) It was **RESOLVED** (pNLT sRP) to pay the clerk's payroll.
- (iv) The ceramic map is completed ready to be mounted and installed and will be added to the Asset list.

141. Village playground / Recreation ground:

- (i) Inspection reports were collected.
- (ii) ER had obtained an estimate for a 5m roofed larch and lapboard gazebo in the area of £3500. As AW could supply a 3mx3m popup for the event on Sunday, it was decided to use this to consider size and location on the ground, to refine the quote and organise a site visit from the supplier.
- (iii) Spring planting day Sunday 18th March:
 - Scavenger sheets – completed sheets win an Easter egg. AW, JU and NLT to arrange.
 - Lavender to be collected from supplier by TB with sand, compost and wildflower seeds, the total amount to be confirmed by the next meeting.
 - Ceramic footprints to be distributed in the park by RP with an associated activity.
 - Refreshments to be supplied by NLT, JU, ER, HG.
 - The event to be advertised on Facebook and in the school newsletter by ER and HR.
- (iv) Grounds-keeping contract (AW left the meeting) - Bodfari Environmental had supplied a quotation, at the same levels as the previous year. It was **RESOLVED** (pNLT sER) to accept this.

142. Ysgol Bodfari Community Governor:

As Aberwheeler Community Council were unable to fill the additional community governor for Ysgol

Bodfari post for 2018 – 2022, Bodfari were invited to send a representative instead. Councillors needed more time to consider this and hoped to be able to come to a decision in a week.

143. Fibre Broadband:

As most responses to the Facebook post had been from households finally getting fibre, it was difficult to establish the local requirement. ER would post again asking people to register their interest with BT Openreach. It had been suggested that the local hardware installed is insufficient to bring fibre to all households, however if a local Community Fibre Partnership is formed this could make funding available for improvements. ER and HG to make enquiries.

144. Telephone Box:

RP presented findings and suggestions for the telephone box. It was **RESOLVED** to form a sub-committee of ER, RP and TB to take this further.

145: Correspondence:

- (i) Email Liz Emmons 26th February 2018 – Clerk to respond.
- (ii) Consultation on Welsh Planning Policy - noted
- (iii) Flintshire & Wrexham Online Watch Link Association – request for funding, review in June
- (iv) IRPW Annual Report - February 2018 - noted
- (v) Kidney Wales Walk for Life 2018 - noted
- (vi) Letter from Ysgol Bodfari Governing Body - noted
- (vii) Letter from Ysgol Bodfari re community governor 2018 - noted
- (viii) Wales Air Ambulance Denbighshire – request for donation, review in June
- (ix) WAO Copy of Financial Management and Governance in Local Councils 2016-17 - noted
- (x) WAO Survey of all Welsh Towns and Community Councils - noted
- (xi) SP Energy Networks Posters – Clerk to place on noticeboard.

146. AOB:

- (i) Boules – RP had received interest from 10 pairs in a Boules competition
- (ii) The resident at Ty Nant Helygen had complained of rubbish from the closed Aberwheeler nurseries dumped in the adjacent field, and the general condition of the site. It was noted that DCC should have returned the site to its original condition when it closed the nursery. CM agreed to take this up with DCC.

147. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 10^h April 2018 at 7.00pm at Ysgol Bodfari

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed..... Chair Date.....