

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI  
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Bodfari Community Council  
Held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Ysgol Bodfari at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)(chair)

Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)  
Cllr Heather Griffiths (HG)  
Cllr Tanya Bowyer (TB)  
Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT) Helen Roberts (Clerk)  
Cllr Chris Marston (CM)

Mr Gareth Edwards  
Mr Tony Johnson  
Mr Antony Burnage  
Mr Nicholas Pritchard  
Mrs Madeleine Pritchard

**68. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr John Unsworth (JU)  
Cllr Eira Roche (ER)

**69. Minutes of previous meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** (pAW sRP) that the draft minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be accepted as a correct record and signed by the chair AW.

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

- 139(b)(iv)CM was still following up on the Maes Y Graig fence repair. It was noted that the planned work for the bungalow patio area had still not taken place – **RESOLVED** that the clerk would follow this up.
- 141(ii) The lavender is mostly growing well, however the beech hedging between the park and the Ffynnon Y Chwarel / Banc Y Chwarel properties has been swamped by bramble growing in the interstitial area between the boundary fences. If replaced alternative planting methods would need to be considered.
- 28(a)(ii) CM is still pursuing the Bryn Ffynnon planning compliance issue.
- 56(ii) NLT will co-ordinate with JU regarding preparing the wall and mounting the notice board.
- 61 CM was thanked for laying a wreath on behalf of the community council at the remembrance day service.
- 62(ii) A response had been received from Station House regarding the cherry trees. It was **RESOLVED** that HG would visit to collect the funds for the replacement trees.
- 62(iii) The Dog Fouling flyer has been delivered.
- 62(iv) The information regarding speed limits has yet to be put on the Facebook page.
- 64(ii) The Apple Day event had been a success.

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

CM reported that:

- The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB are running a survey to understand the value of tourism and its environmental impacts, and are also interested in learning about the personal and community health and wellbeing impacts, experienced by people visiting the area. The survey may be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PD6XX7P> . It was **RESOLVED** that this would be publicised on the Facebook page.

- The Elwy Member Area Group would be meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, and discussions would include the Local Development Plan and a new model for delivery of commercial leisure being proposed by DCC.
- Betsi Cadwaladr have issued an update to their plans for the Denbigh Infirmary, Ruthin Community and Royal Alexandra hospitals, including information on bed reductions and redevelopment plans for a 'North Community Hospital' on the Royal Alexandra site, opening in 2022.

## 72. Denbighshire County Council:

### Planning

- (i) **41/2018/0887 Land Adjacent to Hendre Bodfari** Development of 0.9 Ha of land by the erection of 1 no. rural enterprise dwelling (outline application including access). The applicant Gareth Edwards explained why he needed a new house on site to manage the farm, and that the widened access was only to allow movement of agricultural machinery as all the approach roads were restricted width. Although the outline application did not contain details of the planned building he assured the council that he was anticipating a modest three bedroom house. It was **RESOLVED** (pAW sHG) to recommend approval of this application.
- (ii) **41/2018/0943 Nant Gwilym Farm Tremeirchion** Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling. It was **RESOLVED** (pAW sRP) to recommend approval of this application, whilst supporting the comments from the AONB regarding mitigating increased light pollution in line with their Dark Skies policy, and also querying the new portacabin structure in the field.

### Highways / Footpaths

- (i) It was reported that the road from Bryn Tirion in Sodom to the B5429 Tremeirchion Road needed resurfacing. This had been suggested to DCC in September 2016 during a review. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would follow this up.
- (ii) Several local residents attended the meeting to voice concerns regarding the Old Forge Garage / Downing Arms site. The small portacabin welfare unit has been used as a toilet, despite having no plumbed connection, there has been rubbish dumped, the pub is accessible to local children and there is a strong smell of oil, which could be leaking from the oil tanks and potentially contaminating the river. It was **RESOLVED** that CM would report all this to DCC Environmental Health for immediate action, and that the clerk would follow up on the previous request for an Amenity Notice to be served on the owner to tidy up the site. CM offered to keep the clerk informed of the DCC response so that updates could be placed on the Facebook page.
- (iii) It was **RESOLVED** that the councillors would organise a Boundary Walk to check the condition of the footpaths.

## 73. Finance:

- (i) Statements were presented to the meeting.
- (ii) A Draft Budget 2019/2020 had been prepared by the clerk. A revised version would be circulated to councillors for approval at the next meeting.
- (iii) Councillors present at the meeting agreed to waive their allowances for 2019/2020.

## 74. Village playground / Recreation ground:

- (i) Completed inspection reports were collected.

## 75. Telephone Box Sub-committee:

The double sided telephone box / Fibre broadband leaflets had started to be circulated in the village and had generated some responses. So far the most popular option for the telephone box was for a bookswap/library. RP had also been approached by the Offa's Dyke Association to install a stamping station in the box, at their expense. As the telephone box is not yet ready it was suggested that this could be mounted on the adjacent notice board.

HG had contacted both Ann Jones and Chris Ruane regarding extending fibre-optic broadband throughout the village, and is planning meetings with them and the BT Economic and Business Development Officer Stuart Whitfield to discuss the Welsh Assembly funding promised for rural villages. It was **RESOLVED** that HG would follow up on the original Facebook post.

**76. Meeting dates 2019:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would confirm with absent councillors that they wished to continue meeting on the Tuesday, and would arrange the room hire accordingly.

**77. Correspondence:**

- (i) Clocaenog Wind Farm Community Investment Fund Update – noted.
- (ii) HSBC FATCA letter 7.10.18 requesting further information – previously circulated to bank signatories, AW and NLT to action.
- (iii) Institute of Welsh Affairs - Understanding Welsh Places project – noted.
- (iv) Letter from S Waterhouse 24.10.18 – previously circulated to councillors.
- (v) One Voice Wales conference dates 2019 – noted.
- (vi) Welsh Government Review of Digital Innovation – consultation noted.

**78. Any Other Business:**

Village residents have formed a fundraising group and wish to contribute to mounting the school's defibrillator in an accessible cabinet outside the building. Mrs Dick has been approached and has contacted the Education Department at DCC for information on installation. It was noted that the cabinet would need an electricity supply and that the defibrillator has ongoing costs for replacement pads etc, which the fundraising group would be happy to contribute to. They currently have £430 and will continue with events such as quiz nights etc.

**79. Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.00pm at Ysgol Bodfari

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed..... Chair      Date.....