

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI  
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Meeting of Bodfari Community Council  
Held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**\*Held ONLINE via ZOOM due under s78 of the Corona Virus Act 2020**

**Present**

Cllr Martin Shutt (MS)  
Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)  
Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)  
Cllr Julie Burnage (JB)  
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AWa)  
Cllr Christine Marston (CM)  
Cllr Heather Griffiths (HG)  
Clerk Antony Burnage (AB)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT)

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes accepted as a correct record with small amendment to item 4(3) NRW not CRW. pMS sJB

**4. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

- i. The Downing Arms. An email has been received from NRW confirming contact with the owner/developer of the site who has assured that clearance and tidying of the site will be undertaken. Vandalism of the building was reported and the local police were called. **No Action**
- ii. Aberwheeler Nurseries. Details of the Solicitor acting on behalf of the owner have been established and a letter will be written to them about the condition of the site. **Action JB**
- iii. Roadside field between Ty Nant Helygen and Forge Farm. The land registry will be used to establish contact details for Mr J Wright the owner and contact will be made to request maintenance. **Action MS**
- iv. Broadband improvement. CM advised that funding is now available and that Mr Phillip Burrows (Digital Officer) at DCC should be contacted for advice. **Action HG.**  
Details of residents in the village who are interested in connection is needed and a notice will be placed on the Facebook page asking people to contact the council. **Action MS**
- v. Speed restrictions through the village. It is felt that there is a good case to lobby DCC for a reduction of the speed limit through the village from 40mph to 30mph. More feedback from residents needed to help with the case and a notice will be placed on the Facebook page. **Action MS.**  
Installation of temporary speed monitoring in the village to be requested. **Action CM.**
- vi. The new gate for the playground will be ordered when the supplier can obtain the timber which is currently in short supply. **Action AW**
- vii. Refurbishment of the phone box has been requested and the contractor will start as soon as he can. **Action none.**
- viii. It has been established that the Ceramic map can be installed near the phone box and a price is to be given for this. **Action AW.**

## 5. County Councillor's Report

(i) See attached report.

## 6. Planning and Highways

Planning

i. Two applications received but no concerns or objections raised.

Highways

i. Speed restrictions. See 4(v)

## 7. Finance

i. A request was made by the Clerk that the council agree that A Waterfield could sign a cheque for payment to Bodfari Environmental. This was proposed and seconded pSD sRP.

ii. The annual audit and accounts were presented to the council and the Clerk confirmed that the internal auditor had completed his assessment. All present were happy for submission for external audit. **pMS sSD Action AB**

## 8. Village playground and park

i. Playground inspection completed weekly with all in general good order. The last inspection was completed by JB who advised that the boules court requires weeding and that there were a few brambles that need cutting back. Bodfari Environmental to be advised of the work required. **Action AW**

## 9. Correspondence

(i) No correspondence received at the time of the meeting.

## 10. AOB

i. Wind Farm Funding. Bodfari sits on the boundary of the area where funding/grants are available for community projects. The collective opinion is that funding should be applied for and suitable project ideas are to be sought to support the application. The application process is to be assessed. **Action MS**

ii. Access to the park. A letter to DCC is to be drafted to request installation of a footpath from the main road up to the football pitch in lieu of the original proposal for access through Bank Echwarel which would require some loss of land in the park. Contact Tim Towers, Network Manager, Highways **Action MS NLT**

iii. Meeting re: candidate sites. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom with local residents in attendance. Feedback has been received and a representative letter supporting community opinion will be sent to DCC planning. The overall consensus is that the area behind the cement works would be the preferred site for development. **Action MS NLT**

## Date of next meeting

No Meeting in August.

Next meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 under s.78 Coronavirus Act 2020 tbc to take place ONLINE at 7pm unless otherwise advised.

There being no other business, the ONLINE meeting closed at 20.32pm.

Minutes prepared by A Burnage.

Distribution MS, NLT, SD, RP, HW, JB, CM, AW

Signed..... Chair

Date.....

## **County Councillors Report.**

### **New flexible bus services launched in Prestatyn and Denbigh**

Two new flexible bus services are being launched in Denbighshire next month.

The Fflecsi services will run in Prestatyn and Denbigh from August 3 offering passengers the chance to book journeys by app or phone and be picked up at the nearest and clearly identified suitable point to their home.

Denbighshire County Council has secured funding from Transport for Wales for the services which will cater for increased demand for buses as lockdown eases while maintaining social distancing guidelines on-board.

The services are pilots to see whether flexible and bookable services work and whether they help passengers.

As such, the Council will monitor the services closely during the pilot period.

The flexible services replace the 40 service covering Prestatyn and Meliden and the 66 service covering Denbigh and Henllan.

For more information visit <http://www.fflecsi.wales>

### **Council to seek views on town's active travel plans**

Denbighshire County Council wishes to reassure residents and businesses in Denbigh, Llangollen, Ruthin and Rhyl that no final decision has been taken on draft proposals to encourage active travel in these towns during the Covid-19 (coronavirus) outbreak, and that residents and businesses are warmly invited to have their say.

The Welsh Government has provided funding to local authorities for introducing measures that help enable people to maintain social distancing in public places, and to encourage residents to walk and cycle safely. The funding allows councils to bring in temporary measures to support this.

Plans have been drawn up for four of the county's towns and many people have shared their views on social media and other platforms about the proposals. The Council will be consulting with town businesses and residents on the proposals before making a final decision.

Further information on each of the schemes can be found by visiting <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/> where there is a listing for each scheme and a link to an online survey.

### **Council responds to school re-opening plans**

Denbighshire County Council has issued a statement in response to the Welsh Government Education Minister's plans for the new school year in September.

Kirsty Williams MS has confirmed that the autumn term in Wales will start on September 1st. Her guidance states that schools that can accommodate all pupils on that day and first week should do so, but recognises that some schools may also need time for planning and reorganisation at the start of the next term. However, in the interests of all of children and young people, the Minister has announced that all schools will be open to all pupils by the 14th September at the very latest.

### **Advice to licenced premises and customers ahead of re-opening**

Licensed premises in Denbighshire are being given guidance on how to re-open safely.

Denbighshire County Council has been providing advice to pubs, restaurants, and cafes that are able to open outside areas only from Monday (July 13).

As the Licensing Authority, the Council is working with partners to ensure a safe and smooth re-opening and has written to licensed premises in the county detailing steps that need to be taken. Guidance includes increased supervision of outside areas and toilets, an increase in cleaning of all surfaces while open, effective waste disposal and management, seating only with the possibility of table service only, no live music or entertainment and that a full risk assessment is carried out. Dinorben is opening 3rd August 12noon.

### **Plan ahead and respect the environment when visiting beauty spots**

Visitors are being urged to plan ahead and tread lightly if they are visiting Denbighshire beauty spots.

Denbighshire County Council has opened its main outdoor sites across the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB in line with Welsh Government advice.

Along with other beauty spots in Wales, Moel Famau and Loggerheads country parks and the Horseshoe Falls, Llangollen, are now open for the first time since March.

Visit <http://www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk> for more information.

### **Rural residents urged to apply for funding for improved broadband speeds**

Rural residents and businesses in Denbighshire are being urged to apply for funding towards the cost of installing gigabit broadband.

The Welsh and UK governments are now working together on the Gigabit Broadband Voucher scheme which covers part of the cost of installing new gigabit-capable internet connections.

Under the new partnership £7,000 is available for small-to-medium sized businesses and up to £3,000 is available for residential premises.

Gigabit-capable broadband connections offer the fastest and most reliable speeds available, and the scheme is open to rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps.

Cllr Hugh Evans OBE, Leader of Denbighshire County Council and Lead Member for the Economy, said: "This scheme will help ensure more people and businesses have access to reliable broadband speeds. I urge all those Denbighshire residents in rural locations without decent broadband to check to see if they are eligible for these vouchers.

"Connecting communities is a priority for the Council and improved internet connections ensure our communities have access to goods and services and help the county's businesses provide services online.

"It is possible for residents or community groups to work together on applications and the Council is working to advise and assist them with their applications."

You can contact the Council via [communitydevelopment@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@denbighshire.gov.uk) and to check eligibility visit <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>

### **Green light to re-start kerbside clothing and shoes collection in Denbighshire**

Denbighshire County Council is pleased to announce that fortnightly kerbside collection of textiles bags is to start operating from July 13th.

The service, which is operated by local social enterprise Co-options, who provide employment opportunities for adults with a learning disability, was suspended in March, in line with the Welsh Government's Covid-19 restrictions, as textiles could not be collected safely.

The convenient collection service, that takes place on recycling collection day includes the full range of adults and children's clothing items, paired shoes, boots, trainers, football boots and wellingtons. Items such as handbags, belts, scarfs, ties, and good quality bedding and curtains can also be included.

Items can be presented for collection in a red Co-Options polythene bag, or for the first collection - any type of bag, ideally labelled "Co-options". A replacement red bag will thereafter be provided for residents to use for during the following collection.

Good quality items are sold from the "Kit out the Kids and Family" shop in Rhyl which opens between 9:30am and 3:45pm on weekdays, and anything that can't be sold is recycled through a textile merchant.

Residents who have queries regarding the service should contact Co-options directly on [01745 332300](tel:01745332300) or email [office@cooptions.co.uk](mailto:office@cooptions.co.uk)

The textile collections and shop are part a suite of social enterprises established to support adults with a learning disability. To find out more about Co-Options visit their website <http://www.coptions.co.uk>.

***Cynghorydd / Councillor Christine Marston  
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