

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Bodfari Community Council
Held on the 8th September 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)
CCllr Christine Marston (CM)
Cllr Heather Griffiths (HG)
Clerk Antony Burnage (AB)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT), Julie Burnage (JB)
JB joined the meeting at 20:00pm

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting. pMS sHG

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. The Downing Arms. The situation is ongoing. The developer has tried to make contact with CM but left no message. **No Action**
- ii. Aberwheeler Nurseries. Ongoing. 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. No record can be found on the land registry of who owns the land although it is thought to be Mr John Wright. Additional attempts will be made to find contact details from the residents of Forge Farm. **Action MS JB**
- iv. Broadband improvement. Although fibre connection is available in the village residents are finding the response from BT about connection to be slow. A notice has been placed on the BCC website and Facebook page to let residents know that they can request connection. Details of residents in the village who are interested in connection is needed and a notice has been placed on the Facebook page asking people to contact the council. **No Action**
- v. Speed restrictions through the village. Installation of temporary speed monitoring in the village to be requested. **Action CM.**
- vi. The new gate for the playground will now be ordered as the supplier has confirmed the availability of timber. pSD sJB **Action AW**
- vii. Refurbishment of the phone box is delayed by the contractor but he has advised that he will start as soon as he can. **Action none.**
- viii. A price of £86 + VAT has been given for the installation of the ceramic map which was agreed pSD sRP. **Action AW.**

- ix. Wind Farm Funding. It was suggested that the council approach the head/governors/DCC about the possibility of a joint application for funding for an extension to the school which could also be used as a community centre. It was also agreed that DCC Estates (Geraint Davies) should be approached about this and whether DCC would consider donating land for a community centre to support the application. **Actions SD MS CM.**
- x. Park Access. DCC (Tim Towers Network Manager) to be contacted about improved access to the park. **Action CM.**
- xi. Community day to be arranged to clear the existing entrance. Equipment to be supplied by Bodfari Environmental. **Action AW**
- xii. Candidate sites for development. A representative letter supporting community opinion will be sent to DCC planning. **Action MS NLT**

5. County Councillor's Report

- (i) See attached report.

6. Planning and Highways

Planning

- i. Application No 41/2020/0583 extension to existing building (published on 12th August 2020) was discussed. **No objections.**
- ii. Concern has been raised about the size of a barn installed at a property behind Bodfari and whether it complies with the original planning agreement. **Action CM AW**
- iii. RP reported that the hedge along the public footpath between Oriel Interiors and Chapel Cottage (opposite The Downing Public House) is overgrown and requires cutting back. It is a hazard to pedestrians. DCC to be informed. **Action MS CM.**

7. Finance

- i. External audit and accounts have been submitted. No action.
- ii. The cashbook and account balances were presented to the council. The balance of funds is higher than expected due to the lack of activity during 2020 because of Covid 19 restrictions. It was also noted that the Clerk has voluntarily declined payment since his appointment but is happy to now take the agreed salary. **Action AB**

8. Village playground and park

- I. Playground inspection completed weekly with all being in general good order but the Boules court remains unkempt and requires spraying and weeding. **Action AW.**
- II. Complaints have been received about the path alongside the pensioners bungalows which requires clearing. It is believed that this is the responsibility of DCC. **Action CM.**
- III. Dog mess remains a problem but has reduced. It was suggested that the signs be updated to remind people of the possible fines. It was also agreed that the council should purchase a small number of biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers and make them available to residents. **Action RP**

9. Correspondence

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

10. AOB

- i. Cyclists. Complaints have been received about the speed which cyclists pass through the village and the potential hazard to pedestrians. Although it was agreed that this does present a potential hazard, there is little that can be done to prevent it if the cyclists are travelling within the speed limits. A post will be placed on the council Facebook and website pages to ask residents if they know which cycle clubs are using this route with a view to

sending a letter asking for consideration of residents when travelling through the village.

Action HG.

- ii. Speed limits. The council will continue to obtain evidence and opinions from residents to support the proposal to reduce the speed limit on the main road at Pont Trufydd Farm and in the village. It was also discussed that there is a national campaign to reduce speed limits throughout Wales to reduce carbon emissions and that this may support the local campaign. One Voice Wales should be contacted with our concerns. Also, MS presented information from North Wales Police about Operation SNAP which asks the public to contact them with dashcam or video evidence of poor driving. Details of this campaign will be placed on the council website and Facebook pages. **Action MS HG.**
- iii. Trees. JB confirmed that the free trees from the Woodland Trust will arrive in November. Sites throughout the village will be found for planting with the suggestion that we approach the community to help with this. Some will be donated to Aberwheeler and some will be donated to the local Scout group. **No Action**

Trees arriving

Wild Harvest (105 saplings),

Species: hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose, rowan

Year Round Colour (105 saplings),

Species: hawthorn, dogwood, wild cherry, silver birch, rowan, hazel

Wild Wood (105 saplings)

Species: hazel, crab apple, downy birch, hawthorn, goat willow

Date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 13th October 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 20.55pm.

Minutes prepared by A Burnage.

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

Signed.......... Chair

Date.....19/10/20.....