

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Meeting of Bodfari Community Council
Held on the 13th October 2020**

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

Present

Cllr Martin Shutt (MS)
Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)
Cllr Julie Burnage (JB)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AWa)
CCllr Christine Marston (CM)
Clerk Antony Burnage (AB)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT), Rebecca Parrin (RP) and Heather Griffiths (HG)

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

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

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. Aberwheeler Nurseries. Ongoing. Solicitor has been contacted and they have advised that instruction will be taken from their client. **No Action**
- ii. Roadside field between Ty Nant Helygen and Forge Farm. Ongoing. Additional attempts will be made to find contact details from the residents of Forge Farm. **Action MS JB**
- iii. Speed restrictions through the village. Ongoing. Councillor CM has been contacted and advised that the speed assessment unit is currently not being deployed because of Covid 19 restrictions but that Bodfari is on the list to be monitored once operational. **No Action**
- iv. The new gate for the playground will now be ordered as the supplier has confirmed the availability of timber. Payment of £156 has been approved, cheque to be raised. **Action AW AB**
- v. Installation of the ceramic map ongoing. **Action AW.**
- vi. Wind Farm Funding. Ongoing. The Headmistress of Bodfari School (Sue Dick) has confirmed that she will support the idea of developing the school to house a community centre if funding can be obtained. Councillor CM will speak to James Curren about planning and Fran Roads about grant funding. Councillor MS is to investigate whether the development of the school site would be possible and still leave enough playground/fields as per guidelines. **Action MS CM.**
- vii. Park Access. Ongoing. Community day to be arranged to clear the existing entrance. Equipment to be supplied by Bodfari Environmental. **Action AW.** DCC (Tim Towers Network Manager) to be contacted again about improved access to the park. **Action CM.** Councillor JB advised that the free trees from The Woodland Trust will arrive in November and suggested that they could be planted as part of the community day.
- viii. Candidate sites for development. Ongoing. **No Action**

5. County Councillor's Report

See attached report.

6. Planning and Highways

Planning.

No new planning applications have been received.

- i. 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. This is ongoing and Adam Turner from Planning Enforcement will be contacted. **Action CM AW**

7. Finance

- i. The council was advised that the bank account balances remain almost the same as last month with little or no activity. **No Action.**
- ii. Clerk Salary. It was agreed that the Clerk will receive a salary to be backdated to his appointment in April 2020. **Action AB**

8. Village playground and park

- I. It was confirmed that the playground is in good order and that the boules court has been sprayed. Bodfari Environmental will be approached to confirm whether maintenance of the boules court is included in the annual maintenance contract. **Action AB**
- II. Complaints have been received about the path alongside the pensioners bungalows which requires clearing. Councillor CM confirmed on Wednesday 14th October that DCC have cleared the path and accepted responsibility. **No Action.**
- III. Dog mess remains a problem. Additional signs and bags to be provided. **Action RP SD**

9. Correspondence

No correspondence received at the time of the meeting.

10. AOB

- i. Councillor CM advised that Mr Rhys Davies the owner and developer of the Old Forge and Downing Arms site will be submitting plans to demolish the Downing Arms and to erect for 10 dwellings. At this time he has declined the offer to discuss this with the Community Council. **No Action.**

Date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 10th November 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 20:15pm.

Minutes prepared by A Burnage.

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

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

Date.....10/11/2020.....

County Councillors Report.

Denbighshire launches empty homes matching service

A 'dating' service to match developers with empty property owners in Denbighshire is being launched.

Denbighshire County Council's empty homes matching service will connect empty home owners and potential investors to increase the chances of properties currently standing empty to be transformed into homes.

It is part of the Council's work under its Corporate Plan to reduce the number of empty properties in the county and create more housing for residents.

The scheme launched on October 1 and a number of developers have already expressed interest in joining the scheme.

Cllr Tony Thomas, the Council's Lead Member for Housing and Communities, said: "The Council has been working hard to reduce the number of empty properties in the county, and in 2019/20 a total of 179 empty homes were brought back into use in Denbighshire.

"The purpose of the scheme is to match potential investors with empty home owners that want to sell their property. It works like a dating service to match empty homes with investors and landlords so they have the opportunity to be brought back into use and benefit residents.

"We are encouraging developers and empty property owners to sign up to this service which will make a real difference to both parties."

If you are an empty home owner looking to sell your property or a potential investor please contact us at strategichousing@denbighshire.gov.uk and we will provide you with further information.

Council appeals for the public's support in fight against coronavirus

Denbighshire County Council is calling on communities across Denbighshire to adhere to new local restrictions coming into place in the county from 6pm tonight (Thursday), to help fight coronavirus in the county.

Extra restrictions will also be introduced in neighbouring Conwy, Flintshire and Wrexham. The restrictions will mean that residents will not be able to travel out of the county in which they live without a reasonable excuse, such as travel for work or education.

People will only be able to meet people they do not live with outdoors for the time being. They will not be able to form, or be in, extended households (sometimes called a "bubble").

Denbighshire Covid 19 – Weekly Member Report

Week Commencing: 5th October 2020

New cases* identified in the last 7 days	105
% of cases contacted by our contact tracing team	90%
New contacts** identified in the last 7 days	1210
% of contacts contacted by our contact tracing team	93%
Trend since last week (up or down)	Up from last week
	Increase from 76 to 105 index case (29)
	Increase from 351 to 1120 contact cases (769)

Summary of information or issues this week:

- We have had several school's cases in during the last week ranging from a single pupil self-isolated to 60 pupils plus 4 staff members. Daily review and support meetings are taking place between schools, DCC Education and DCC Public Protection to ensure the right level of guidance and support is provided.

- The previous week we had two secondary schools where we had to pull whole year groups, and the bulk upload was completed this week resulting in over 600 pupils being added to our contact list. This is the main reason for the considerable increase.

Further information is publicly available through the link below:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

Pupils self isolating reminded to remain at home

Denbighshire County Council is reminding children and young people currently self-isolating to remain at home and not venture out until the isolation period comes to an end.

A number of schools have already informed pupils to self-isolate due to a confirmed case of COVID connected with their schools, in line with Public Health Wales guidelines.

Self-isolation advice requires the child/ young person to stay at home, not to go outdoors to exercise, to visit shops, family or friends, or to other public spaces. They are also asked not to invite people to their home or to socialise with any groups.

If the child remains well then the other members of the household do not need to isolate and can continue with their normal activities. If the child is still well at the end of the 14-day period of self-isolation, they can return to their school and their other usual activities at that point.

Urgent calls to support businesses in local restriction areas

Denbighshire County Council has called on the Welsh Government for an urgent update on the £60 million lockdown fund being made available to support businesses in Wales affected by the impact of local restrictions due to COVID.

Councillor Hugh Evans OBE, who is also the Cabinet Lead Member for the Economy, has written to Ken Skates, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales this week, expressing his concern that local authorities have still not received guidance and application forms for this funding which could help businesses in areas affected by local restrictions.

The Council has called on the Welsh Government to be more innovative in its approach to businesses during lockdown and to extend the exemptions to allow certain businesses to survive, to consider how it can provide practical support and reduce dependency on public funding. As a number of Denbighshire businesses are under pressure, the Council has also called for a debate on how the economy can survive whilst the battle against COVID continues.

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