

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Bodfari Community Council
Held on the 11th May 2021

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

Present

Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)
Cllr Julie Burnage (JB)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)
Cllr Rebecca Parrin
Cllr Heather Griffiths
Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT)
Clerk Antony Burnage (AB)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Martin Shutt

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting. P Cllr Heather Griffiths, S Cllr Sue Davidson

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. Speed restrictions through the village. A sub group has been set up to look at this proposal and to create a supporting document to be sent to DCC. Cllr HG is to contact Ben Wilcox-Jones at DCC to see if a speed survey can be arranged for the village. **Action MS HG**
- ii. Installation of the ceramic map and refurbishment/replacement of notice board. Ongoing. **Action AW, AB.**
- iii. Wind Farm Funding. Potential uses and application. **Ongoing. Action ALL**
- iv. Park Access. Tim Towers (DCC) has inspected the park entrance and stated that DCC will not fund the improvement which will cost between £5k and £7k (est). DCC to be approached to see if they will adopt the entrance if the work is completed. Tim Towers to be asked if he can provide a job specification so we can cost it. **Action NLT CM**
- v. Candidate sites for development. Ongoing. **No Action**
- vi. War Memorial restoration. The Diocese will be contacted to establish what responsibility (if any) the church has for the memorial. Additional quotations for the restoration to be sought. Ongoing. **Action MS.**
- vii. Planning query re: size of barn erected at property behind Bodfari. Adam Turner (DCC Planning Dept) has advised that there is a backlog caused by COVID. **Ongoing**
- viii. Park boundary behind Banc y Chwarel. Clearance and general maintenance required of the land between the park boundary fence. Bodfari Environmental have been asked to provide a cost for this work. **Action AW**

- ix. Replacement goal posts. Cost to be established but on hold until a review of the park and what is required overall has been completed. Now that Covid restriction have been relaxed a meeting at the park will be arranged to decide on action required. **Action ALL**
- x. It has been noted that the wooden children's toys have become quite slippery and need inspecting. They will be cleaned using anti-algae solution. Ongoing **Action AB MS**
- xi. The Downing Arms site. Adam Turner (DCC) has advised that the site has now been listed as an eyesore and remedial action by the owner will be sought. **No Action**
- xii. Footpath stiles. Adrian Walls and DCC have been contacted about this but no positive response has been received. This has been followed up but there has still been no response. Cllr Sue Davidson and Cllr Rebecca Parrin will assess the stiles and report back. **Action SD RP**
- xiii. An email has been received from Liz Emmons about the lack of access to the park from Bank y Chwarel and the risk that this poses to children who have to use the main road. A copy of this will be sent to Tim Towers and Ms Emmons will be advised of the communication between BCC and DCC about this issue. **Action AB CM**

5. County Councillor's Report

See attached.

6. Planning and Highways

Planning.

Application 41/2021/0330 Blaen Dyffryn, Bodfari. Mr R D Lewis

No objections but Denise Shaw at DCC will be advised that the development should not include any strong external lighting. **Action AW**

Highways.

Nothing for consideration.

7. Finance

The council was advised that the bank account balances remain almost the same as last month with little or no activity. All Councillors will be sent the account balances for information.

Action AB

8. Village playground and park

Inspection and report to be completed. **Action NLT**

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. AOB

Email received from Liz Emmons about the lack of access to the park from Bank y Chwarel. See 4 xiii above.

Charitable donations to be discussed at the AGM in June.

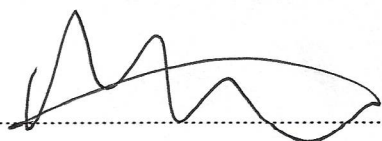
Date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 8th June 2021 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 20:36pm.

Minutes prepared by A Burnage.

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

Signed.....



Chair

Date.....

02/06/21

County Councillors Report.

Plan to welcome visitors safely to Denbighshire

Denbighshire County Council has produced a plan to ensure the county can welcome visitors safely as lockdown restrictions continue to ease.

Denbighshire's Destination Management Plan has been developed in partnership with tourism businesses across the county and seeks to coordinate activity over the coming months to ensure a positive experience for visitors, residents and business.

Cllr Hugh Evans OBE, Leader of the Council, said: "We have worked in partnership with tourism businesses to produce a plan that ensures key sites and facilities are ready to welcome visitors and that local residents will feel safe and well-informed.

"Tourism contributes £552million a year to Denbighshire's economy and we want people to come to Denbighshire this summer and return again year after year, so it is important we make the county safe and welcoming to visitors while giving residents confidence that they remain safe.

"To do this we will build on the work we have already undertaken and continue to encourage responsible visitor and resident behaviour, recruit more Tourism Ambassadors and actively engage with existing Ambassadors to encourage visitors and residents to visit sites across the county to help alleviate busy periods at our honeypot sites.

"The Council and its partners will play a key role in supporting the tourism industry, work with it and enable it to re-establish itself over the coming years. It's very important we continue to work closely together to ensure our sites and facilities are safe and suitable for residents and visitors as we move through 2021."

Activity across the authority will be coordinated within its Business Recovery Group which has representation from all relevant Council services as well as from North Wales Police and the private sector.

Actions within the Destination Management plan include:

- Engagement with businesses, communities and with residents and visitors
- Ensuring that Denbighshire's facilities, sites and attractions are ready for residents and visitors as the tourism industry gradually moves back to full capacity
- Promoting messages about responsible visits and developing sustainable tourism

The Tourism Strategy Group will monitor delivery and be ready to identify any issues that need to be addressed to ensure that Denbighshire has the most successful tourism season possible.

Work has taken place at sites across Denbighshire, including Moel Famau and Loggerheads country parks, to ensure measures are in place to keep visitors safe.

These include improvements to the car parks at Moel Famau and the upgrading of paths at Loggerheads and works at Horseshoe Falls to improve access.

Ian Lebbon, Chair of Denbighshire Destination Management Partnership, said: "The Denbighshire Destination Management Partnership is pleased to have been closely involved with the county council in the production of the Destination Management Plan.

"We recognise and very much appreciate the importance that the council places upon the tourism industry within the local economy for residents and visitors as well as those working within the sector. Denbighshire has a proud and successful history of attracting and welcoming visitors to our wealth of attractions. We look forward to continuing to work closely in partnership with the council in maintaining and building on that success in the future."

Online care recruitment session

Denbighshire County Council is holding an online care recruitment session on May 18.

The Council is looking to recruit 18 new staff into a number of care positions, with positions including community based health and social care support workers; day care assistant; night care assistant; and domestic assistant.

The majority of these roles will be based in the south of the county and you will be working in the community, supporting people in their own homes, for these roles the ability to drive is most often essential.

There are also vacancies in our residential care homes, Cysgod Y Gaer, Corwen and Dolwen, Denbigh, for both contracted and supply hours.

The virtual recruitment event will be held over Microsoft Teams on May 18, from 10am to midday, followed by a 20 minute informal interview in the afternoon.

For more information contact [01824 706200](tel:01824706200) or HRDirect@denbighshire.gov.uk

Funding bid submitted for archive

North East Wales Archives is pleased to announce a bid has been submitted to secure National Lottery Heritage funding.

The joint service, a collaboration between archive services in Denbighshire and Flintshire, has submitted an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to help fund a new purpose built archive centre, based next to Theatr Clwyd in Mold.

The passivhaus building will contain an exhibition space for co-created displays, learning spaces for creative activities, a digital lab and separate research rooms for researchers and explorers.

There will be a state-of-the-art conservation studio, collections handling areas and storage areas, all adhering to industry standards.

The bid also contains provision for the development of a range of exciting activities designed to bring the archives to life through drama, music, dance and creative writing.

These activities will enable the rich documentary heritage of North East Wales to reach new audiences and to inspire them.

The outcome of the bid will be known in July.

Guidance on how to respect the countryside in Denbighshire

Those visiting Denbighshire's beauty spots are asked to respect the countryside and plan ahead. Denbighshire County Council and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB are asking people to plan ahead and to respect others and the countryside by maintaining social distance and by keeping their dogs on leads.

Huw Rees, the Council's Countryside and Heritage Services Manager, said: "We would like to thank the majority of those accessing our countryside sites and beauty spots for visiting responsibly.

"It is important visitors are aware of what restrictions and guidelines are in place and to keep themselves and others safe they should avoid busy times. People should check ahead to see if facilities are open and where possible access quieter sites and walks as this will help avoid busy periods and parking issues.

"It is also vital visitors respect the countryside and act responsibly, this means not littering, parking sensibly and only to ride bikes on routes where cycling is permitted.

"We are reminding all dog owners, including those who have a dog for the first time, to be responsible with their pets and to keep them on leads when walking through the countryside with livestock, particularly during lambing season.

"Livestock worrying, where dogs disturb and chase sheep, is illegal. Dogs caught worrying livestock can be destroyed and owners can be prosecuted, this is a distressing outcome we want to prevent."

For more information

visit <http://www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk/projects/coronavirus-update> and follow the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB on Facebook and Twitter

Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment

- Denbighshire County Council is set to undertake a new needs assessment for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. This work is to assess current accommodation need within the Gypsy and Traveller community and does not include looking for locations for sites. The Council has a legal duty to undertake a new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) every five years as a requirement of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and is

also a requirement for the replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) the Council is currently working on. The LDP is an important document which sets out local priorities for land allocation across the county and includes land allocations for housing, employment and the protection of green space. Cllr Hugh Evans OBE, Leader of the Council, said: "The last GTAA was approved in 2017 and we must submit a new one to Welsh Government early next year. "The GTAA assesses accommodation need only and this work does not include looking for locations for sites. There will be no further work on looking for sites until we understand the current needs. "This work is for identifying need for both Gypsy and Traveller families who already live in Denbighshire and also for Gypsy and Travellers who travel through the county and stay on unauthorised encampments. "The Council has taken on board concerns raised during previous work and has both senior officers and Cabinet members involved in a project board to manage the development of this project." At a meeting on May 13 the project board is asking for support from the Council's Communities Scrutiny committee to form a new Task and Finish group involving elected members from across Denbighshire. It is proposed the group will support the development of the new GTAA by ensuring the process complies with Welsh Government guidelines and takes on board previous feedback. The group will also assist with the development of a stakeholder engagement plan to ensure good communication about the project. If the Council's Scrutiny committee endorses this approach it is expected the consultation process, which will include talking to Gypsy and Traveller families and the wider community including representative groups, will begin in the summer.

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