

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Bodfari Community Council
Held on the 13th July 2021 at the Woodland Skills Centre

Present

Cllr Martin Shutt (MS)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)
Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)
Cllr Heather Griffiths (HG)
Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT)
Clerk Antony Burnage (AB)

1. Apologies for absence

CCllr Christine Marston, Cllr Julie Burnage, Cllr Sue Davidson.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting. P Cllr Martin Shutt, S Cllr Rebecca Parrin.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. Speed restrictions through the village. Ongoing. Although the initial study by DCC has concluded that no action is warranted to reduce the speed of traffic in the village it is felt that this decision can be challenged by presenting additional evidence to support the claim including the planning granted for more housing on the Downing Arms site, the requirement for a pedestrian crossing, and comparison to similar villages that have had the speed limit reduced i.e., Llanrhaedr. **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. A suggestion was made by Cllr Heather Griffiths to apply for funding to connect the few remaining properties to fibre broadband. **Ongoing. Action ALL**
- iv. New Park Access. Tim Towers is now putting together a costing for the new park access but at this stage it is still unclear where funding would come from. **Action CM MS**
- v. Candidate sites for development. Ongoing. **No Action**
- vi. War Memorial restoration. Ongoing. Additional quotations for the restoration to be sought. Ongoing. **Action MS.**
- vii. Planning query re: size of barn erected at property behind Bodfari. Ongoing. Adam Turner (DCC Planning Dept) has advised that more information is required. **Action AW CM**
- viii. Park boundary behind Banc y Chwarel. Ongoing. 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. A price will be obtained for replacement. **Action AB**
- x. The Downing Arms site. Ongoing. **No Action**
- xi. Footpath stiles. Ongoing. Further contact with DCC and Adrian Walls required. **Action AB**

- xii. Boules Court. Price required for the replacement of the playing surface with smaller grade gravel/grit. **Action AW**
- xiii. DCC have announced fund are available for community projects through the new Community Development Fund and it was agreed that the council will submit a proposal for funding for the new park shelter. **Action MS NLT**
- xiv. A Community Apple Day will be held on the 9th and 10th October. Advertisements and flyers to be arranged. **Action MS NLT**

5. County Councillor's Report

See attached.

6. Planning and Highways

Planning.

No new applications received.

Highways. Major resurfacing works around Blue Hand Corner to start soon.

7. Finance

The council was advised that the bank account balances remain almost the same as last month with little or no activity.

The annual Audit is pending and the clerk will issue a copy of the 2020/21 account for approval before submission.

8. Village playground and park

All equipment is in good order. No issues reported.

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. AOB

1. It was agreed to donate £250 to the primary School and £250 to the church.
2. The £1000 given by the National Lottery for a community day needs to be used by the end of August.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7pm under s.78 Coronavirus Act 2020 unless otherwise advised. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:10pm.

Minutes prepared by A Burnage.

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

Signed..... Chair

Date.....

County Councillors Report.

Summer of fun for children and young people in Denbighshire

Children and young people in Denbighshire can looking forward to a 'Summer of Fun'.

Denbighshire County Council is providing a range of free sporting, cultural and play based bilingual activities as part of the Welsh Government's Summer of Fun project.

Events will take place across the county between July 19 and September 1.

Events and activities are being arranged for children and young people aged 0 to 25 and are designed to support children and young people to express themselves through play, offer community based interactive, creative and play-based initiatives for all ages and provide opportunities to play with friends and peers.

Denbighshire's new Play Ranger Service will operate Let's Play Out sessions and will offer outdoor play opportunities to children while Denbighshire Youth Service, Technocamps, Salford Children's Camp, Denbighshire Music Cooperative and the Urdd will be offering a range of activities including community based youth work sessions, open access youth work days, outdoor activity days and sessions, STEM and the schools out project.

All events and activities will have Covid-19 safety measures in place, which attendees will need to follow.

To book onto one of the events or activities visit <http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/summer-of-fun>

Free caravan and campervan weight check and security advice

Denbighshire Trading Standards will be offering free caravan and campervan weight checks and security advice.

In partnership with Conwy Trading Standards, residents who will be holidaying in a touring or motor caravan can have a free check to make sure you are not overloading your vehicle or caravan and putting yourself at risk.

During the sessions an officer from North Wales Police's Community Safety section will provide practical security advice to keep your car and caravan secure.

This is an advice session and no action will be taken if overloading or other issues are found, but we will work with you to reduce the load.

Denbighshire and Conwy residents can take advantage of the free weight checks at the weighbridge on the A525 between Rhuddlan and St Asaph on the following dates and times:

Saturday 17/07 – 8am - 12pm

Friday 23/07 – 12pm - 4pm

Saturday 31/07 – 8am to 12pm

Wednesday 11/08 – 12pm - 4pm

Friday 27/08 – 9am - 2pm

Friday 10/09 – 9am - 2pm

Friday 24/09 – 9am - 2pm

You don't have to make an appointment, you can attend on one of the dates and find out if you are within the legal weights for your vehicle.

The weighbridge can be found on the Rhuddlan to St Asaph A525 road, approximately three-quarters of a mile from Rhuddlan, located in the layby, there will be signs indicating the weighbridge is in operation.

Are you a Hero?

Children across Denbighshire are being encouraged to become heroes and join the Summer Reading Challenge through their local library.

This year's theme is 'Wild World Heroes' which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment as they enjoy reading.

The Reading Agency and libraries have partnered with WWF to create an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'.

Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, challenge participants will help the heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.

With exclusive incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school.

Children can take part at their local library or online through the official digital challenge platform <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The challenge launches on July 10 in your local library and online.

Grant to help Denbighshire people further careers

A grant to help people further their careers has been re-launched.

Denbighshire County Council's Employee Training Grant supports employed residents from Denbighshire earning below the county median wage.

Funding of between £250 and £2,000 per person can be awarded for training, development or accessing mentoring to allow them to progress within their current workplace or with a new employer.

So far those who have received the grant have seen their wages increase on average by 24 per cent per annum.

The grant is administered by the Council's Economic and Business Development Team and supports the Council's corporate priority of ensuring Denbighshire is a place where people want to live and work and have the skills to do so.

In order to be eligible you must be living in Denbighshire, earning below the county median salary (£28,199), be in employment (minimum 16 hours) and can clearly demonstrate availability of suitable positions with a Denbighshire based company.

Funding can be used to pay for further education courses, professional skills and training such as AAT, NVQ, City & Guilds and commercial vehicle driver training.

To apply or check eligibility visit

<http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/employee-training-grant>

Denbighshire launches new tourism resources

A suite of professional tourism-related marketing resources for businesses to use has been launched as part of Denbighshire's Destination Management Plan.

A communications toolkit with key messages to encourage a safe and responsible travel ethos has been produced.

This includes encouraging visitors to plan, prepare and pre-book to ensure a positive experience, coastal safety tips, and outdoor safety messages to ensure people have the right skills, knowledge and gear before venturing out.

The new Countryside Code is also highlighted to encourage visitors and residents to protect the environment by taking litter home, keeping dogs under control, following signs and keeping to marked paths, closing gates and parking responsibly.

A suite of social media graphics based around the key messages has been produced for businesses and Tourism Ambassadors as well as a bank of professional images to promote the area.

Denbighshire is also encouraging everyone to learn and appreciate more about the area by becoming a Denbighshire Tourism Ambassador.

A series of free, interactive online modules with quizzes have been produced on various themes including walking, cycling, history, arts, towns, welsh language, AONB, World Heritage Site, coast and food tourism. There is currently over 275 Ambassadors and the scheme, which started in Denbighshire, is now expanding to other areas across Wales.

Richard Hughes, from Bracdy Holidays in Llandyrnog and Gold Tourism Ambassador, said: "Many of our visitors to Bracdy Campsite have never stayed in the area before. They are amazed by the beauty of The Clwydian Range behind the site and the stunning views across the Vale of Clwyd.

Denbighshire's two staffed Tourist Information Centres are now open to assist visitors with accommodation, activities, dining out and travelling around the county. Llangollen is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays, 9.30am-5pm and Rhyl Tourist Information Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9.30am-4pm.

Funding for community events in Denbighshire

Denbighshire County Council has announced a one-off grant funding opportunity for communities that host and organise events in Denbighshire.

The aim of the fund will be to improve the current infrastructure to support more sustainable and cost effective events, making it easier to host more events in local communities.
A total budget of £128,000 is available, to be shared by successful applicants across
The Council's preference would be for city, town and community councils to be named as the lead, submitting the project proposal on the applicant's behalf.
Community development officer support will be available throughout the scheme period to offer guidance and facilitation, and to act as a liaison officer with internal departments as required.
You may also receive support to apply for match funding.
Submissions are open until September 30, and shortlisting will take place by the end of October, with successful applicants being informed in November.
For more information
contact joanne.taylor@denbighshire.gov.uk, communitydevelopment@denbighshire.gov.uk,
or 01824 706142, and you can apply at <http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/leisure-and-tourism/events-whats-on/funding-opportunity-for-community-events-infrastructure.aspx>

Surface dressing programme in Denbighshire

Denbighshire County Council is undertaking a £800,000 highways surface dressing programme.
As part of its £3million commitment to roads in the county during 2021/22, the Council is undertaking a programme of work starting on July 5 which will last two weeks.

Locations which are part of this programme are as follows:

- A541 – Trefnant to Bodfari (30mph to Penpalmant)
- A541 – Blue Hand Corner, Bodfari to Pontruffydd
- A543 – Denbigh to Pentrefoelas Road (county boundary towards Llyn Bran)
- A525 – Ruthin to Llanfair (Ruthin 30mph to Llanfair 30mph)
- A542 – Tai Newyddion to Ponderosa, Llandegla (cattle grid to Ponderosa)
- A539 – Trevor Road Llangollen (Wenffrwd to county boundary)
- Graig Road, Denbigh (Barkers Well to Colomendy)
- Whitchurch Road, Denbigh (St Marcella's church to 40mph)
- Ffordd Glasdir linkroad, Ruthin
- St Tysilios Church to Abersilio, Llantysilio
- Pont y Cambwll to Ffynnon Beuno junction, Tremeirchion
- Graigfechan to Gatehouse, Llandegla

During the work, traffic will be managed via a convoy system.

The Council's latest roadworks bulletin is available at <http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/parking-roads-and-travel/roadworks/>

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