

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Meeting of Bodfari Community Council
Held on the 12th October 2021 at the Woodland Skills Centre**

Present

Cllr Martin Shutt (MS)
Cllr Julie Burnage (JB)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)
Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)
Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)
CCllr Christine Marston (CM)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Heather Griffiths, Clerk Antony Burnage
Absent; Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson

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. Cllr Heather Griffiths has received a response from highways regarding reducing the speed limit, but the response was negative. Heather to continue persuing highways. JB suggested that this item be moved to the BCC Project Monitor and reviewed periodically. **No further action**
- ii. Installation of the ceramic map and refurbishment/replacement of notice board. SD, RP to discuss this with rector to see if we can locate the map outside the church. CM to provide the name of the fencing company that Tremeirchion council used to fence the school who might be able to create the map frame. **Action SD, RP**
(Post meeting note: CM provided the contact details for Lloyd Fencing – copied to the project monitor)
- iii. JB to arrange a community / residents working party for the repair works to the 12ft park gate timber and replacement of the notice board. **Action JB**
- iv. 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. As all houses in Bodfari are now able to access fibre broadband, residents can contact Openreach directly to have installation. This item is now completed. **No further action**
- v. 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. CM spoke to Tim Towers 21/09/21 but he has not had time to respond. CM to send a follow up email. **Action CM**
- vi. War Memorial restoration. Ongoing. Additional quotations for the restoration to be sought to enable BCC to apply for funding but it is proving difficult to get a second quote as bronze restoration is a specialist item. MS is also still trying to find out who is responsible for the upkeep of the statue and is speaking to Dee Jones who believes there may be records in the church. MS to also contact Chris Evans - DCC heritage officer **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. CM chased Adam Turner who now has a second planning enforcement officer assisting him - Simon Williams. CM to email both. **Action CM**

- viii. Park boundary behind Banc y Chwarel. Ongoing. Clearance and general maintenance required of the land between the park boundary fence. AW stated that he has a contact at Morris Metal that will take the fencing away for free. AW to get Bodfari Environmental to provide a cost for the actual fence removal works. **Action AW** (*Post meeting note: total cost from AW is £1,222 +VAT*)
- ix. Replacement goal posts. AB was trying to obtain a price for replacement goal posts but no quotes have yet been received. **Action AB**
- x. The Downing Arms site. Condition to be monitored and reported to DCC if required. Item moved to project monitor. **No further action**
- xi. Footpath Stiles: MS to contact Adrian Walls to raise concerns about the stiles on Footpath 23 parallel to cemetery. **Action MS**
- xii. Boules Court. AW will try and get someone to trim the bank. BCC to review the SLA with Bodfari Environmental who are reviewing all their contracts - AW to advise his availability so council can be present. **Action AW**
- xiii. DCC have announced fund are available for community projects through the new Community Development Fund and it was suggested that the council will submit a proposal for funding for the new park shelter. MS has been in discussions with Howard Sutcliffe AONB and a meeting is to be arranged in next month to look at options. **Action MS**

5. County Councillor's Report

See attached.

6. Planning and Highways

Planning.

Clerk not present to advise on any applications received

Highways.

No items

7. Finance

Clerk not present to report on financial matters.

8. Village playground and park

SD advised that the playground was in adequate condition with the exception of the boules court.

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. AOB

1. It was suggested that the various BCC projects were moved to a separate 'BCC Project Monitor' spreadsheet attached to the monthly minutes – MS to produce. Copy attached to the minutes.

2. MS to chase up P&R signs regarding the re-installation of the park sign that was vandalised.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7pm at the Woodlands Skills Centre and on Zoom.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:30pm.

Minutes prepared by J Burnage / M.Shutt

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

Signed..... Chair

Date.....

County Councillor's Report – September 2021

Challenge for Denbighshire staff to raise awareness of care workers

Care workers from across Denbighshire County Council will be showing they care by taking on their very own three peaks challenge.

A total of 15 staff will walk three of the toughest walks in Denbighshire, Gwaenysgor, Moel Famau and Castell Dinas Bran in Llangollen on September 25, with the peaks having a total height of 3,473 feet.

The aim of the walk is to highlight and celebrate the role of care workers in Denbighshire, supporting the WeCare Wales campaign run by Social Care Wales.

They will also be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Denbighshire outlines support following events in Afghanistan

Denbighshire County Council will offer support to five families following the recent events in Afghanistan.

The Council's Cabinet has agreed to increase its current commitment through the Global Resettlement Scheme, to 10 families, enabling the Council to offer housing and support to five Afghan families at this time.

This could be extended if the situation and the scheme continues past the first year.

Pause for requests of bulky waste item collections in Denbighshire

Denbighshire County Council is pausing new requests for the removal of bulky household items due to rising demand and a backlog of existing collections.

The Council is unable to take new bookings for this service until Monday, September 13, due to driver shortages.

Lateral Flow Device test available at Denbighshire libraries

Everyone over the age of 11 living, working or studying in Denbighshire not experiencing Covid-19 symptoms can now collect free Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests from the county's libraries.

About one in three people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still infect others.

Chance to help shape and improve Council services

Residents are being invited to have their say on how they would like to be involved in shaping Council services.

Denbighshire County Council is hoping to improve its approach to engagement and consultation to ensure that residents understand how and when they can get involved in the Council's decision-making.

Residents have previously told us they would like to be more involved in the decisions that affect them.

The Council is asking residents about how often they'd like to be approached to have their say and the best way for them to get involved.

This year, the Council is also focussing on whether the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has brought about any changes to the way the Council communicates that residents would like to be made permanent.

To get involved, the Council is inviting residents to sign up to one of two online workshops on September 7 and 8 and/or to complete a short survey.

To find out more visit: <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/524>

To request a paper copy of the survey, telephone [01824 708027](tel:01824708027) or write to: Public Engagement Officer, Communities and Customers, County Hall, Ruthin LL15 1YN.

Survey launched for needs assessment for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation

A survey has been launched as part of work to produce an up to date needs assessment for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation in Denbighshire.

Denbighshire County Council is assessing current accommodation need for Gypsies, Traveller and Travelling Show people and this does not include looking for locations for sites.

The process will include talking to Gypsy and Traveller families, key stakeholders and representative groups and will run until 7 October 2021.

It will include a review of local data, including the number of unauthorised encampments that have taken place in the county and a consultation with families from the Gypsy and Travelling community living in Denbighshire.

Elected members and City, Town and Community councils will also be asked to promote the survey to eligible residents as well as feed in local knowledge around travelling patterns.

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 it is also a requirement for the replacement Local Development Plan the Council is currently working on.

A Task and Finish group set up to support the process had a work brief and a communications plan endorsed by the Council's Scrutiny Committee on July 26.

Cllr Mark Young, the Council's Lead Member for Planning, Public Protection and Safer Communities, said: "We have now launched the consultation and will be looking to gain as much feedback from Gypsy and Traveller families as we can to help inform this process.

"We are encouraging Gypsy and Traveller families to take part in this consultation process. The Council has a legal duty to undertake this Assessment and it is important we do it properly.

"This process is to gain a better understanding of any accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers who live in the area as well as those Gypsy and Traveller families who stay on unauthorised encampments.

"The GTAA will assess any 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 any potential need."

Opinion Research Services will be undertaking the assessment on behalf of the Council and it will be carried out in conjunction with Conwy County Borough Council who are conducting a similar assessment in Conwy.

If you are a Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Show person living in Denbighshire then contact Michael Bayliss at Opinion Research Services on [07471 267095](tel:07471267095) or email michael.bayliss@ors.org.uk.