

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Held at St.Stephens Church, Bodfari and by ZOOM conferencing software at 7.15 pm
Tuesday 19th July 2022**

Present:

Cllr Martin Shutt (Chair)(MS)
Cllr Julie Burnage (Vice Chair) (JB)
Philip Barley (PB)
Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)
Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)

Also present:

Mel ab Owain (Clerk)
Chris Evans (DCC Councillor)

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Declaration of interests:

JB Item 7 ii

3. Urgent Matters.

None.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 3rd May 2022.

RESOLVED: That these minutes be approved as a true record.

Proposed: **MS** Seconded: **RP**

5. Matters Arising from the minutes.

i. 12th April 2022

- a. Stiles. Kissing gates had now been installed.
- b. Complaint. Nothing further had been heard from Mr and Mrs Emslie or the Public Services Ombudsman.
- c. Park Shelter. **ACTION: MS** would pursue this with Gweno Jones (DCC)
- d. Grounds Maintenance Contract. See 10. iii
Proposed: **RP** Seconded: **SD**.
- e. Small Gate. This had now been installed. The contractor, Chris Burnage, had requested that the cheque be re-issued to him personally.
- f. The old park fence would be removed shortly.

g. Power wash. It had been agreed at the 3rd May meeting to defer power washing the wooden furniture in the park pending a review. The purchase of new furniture might be a better option.

ii 3rd May 2022.

a. The Clerk related why DCC had taken so long over deciding the format of the re-run of the Council's elections. They had proposed three different solutions before deciding on a full election.

6. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Chris Evans, the new County Councillor, had submitted a written report (See appendix 1)

7. Planning and Highways.

i. **Planning:** a. 41/2022/0500 Nant Gwilym Farm, B5429 Pistyll To Nant Gwilym, Tremeirchion, St Asaph, DENBIGHSHIRE, LL17 0UG Variation of condition no. 2 of planning permission code no. 41/2019/0089 to allow amended design. **No objection so long as the issues concerning the bat roost were addressed.**

ii. Highways -None.

8. Finance

a. Financial report Community Account: £8704.18 BMM Account £4,438.30

b. Payments

i. Clerk's salary for May 2022	£92.30
ii. Tax and Ni for May 2022	£23.00
iii. Clerk's salary for June 2022	£92.30
iv. Tax and Ni for June 2022	£23.00

RESOLVED: That these payments be approved. Proposed **SD** Seconded **RP**

c. Audit. The Clerk had not been able to complete the annual accounts because the Bank Key pad had expired and the Bank would only allow a signatory to order a new one.

d. New signatories were needed for the account. As a first step it was resolved to add the Clerk as a signatory

Proposed: **SD** Seconded **MS**

ACTION: RP and MaO would visit the HSBC in Denbigh re **c** and **d**.

9. Community Grants: None.

10. Village Playground and Park

i) Park Inspection: **PB** would undertake the August inspection.

ii) Park Shelter. See 5c

iii) Grounds maintenance contract. Due to the break in the Council's activities May-July 2022, tenders for this had not been pursued. However, Bodfari Environmental had continued to maintain the park.

RESOLVED: To keep Bodfari Environmental doing the work for the rest of the summer and then go to tender in the autumn/winter.

iv) Other

a. Swings. AW stated that the quotes for these were now out of date due to inflation. He also reminded Councillors that there would be additional costs for the base.

RESOLVED: AW would seek 3 new quotations for 3 seat metal framed swings.

The Council had been awarded a Commuted Sums Grant of £1237 towards the purchase of new swings.

RESOLVED: To hold an additional Council meeting via ZOOM on 9th August 2022 to see if these items would be purchased by the end of the summer.

b. War Memorial. MS had secured a grant of £800 from the War Memorial Trust and he would now seek quotes to complete the work.

11. Queen's Jubilee

The jubilee events had been very successful. **RP** presented one invoice for the production of mugs. A second invoice would follow for insurance.

The group that had run the event were now looking to organise others in future and were looking to buy a marquee

12. Correspondence: None

Appendix 1

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT JULY 2022

Denbighshire County Council is issuing a seasonal reminder for people not to feed seagulls in the county.

The plea follows a number of incidents where individuals have been hurt by seagulls looking for food.

Councillor Barry Mellor, Cabinet Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "Seagulls are a common cause of complaint for the Council, especially during the summer months and we have received a few reports recently of people being injured by seagulls looking for food.

“Whilst the number of incidents is low, they can be very distressing and we would encourage residents and visitors to beware of seagulls when they’re eating outside.

“ We have been looking at a number of ways to tackle the issue and encouraging people not to feed seagulls is one of the approaches. We have also worked with food providers to reduce food waste in outside bins and to ensure that any bins are covered adequately.

Denbighshire County Council is informing parents and guardians of arrangements being made to pay for free school meals throughout the summer holidays. Over recent years, the Council has put in place a system where it provides payments instead of free school meals, with £19.50 being paid to parents or guardians, per child per week.

So far, 4,275 children are benefitting from the free school meals payments.

Councillor Gill German, Cabinet Lead Member for Education, Children and Families, said: “When the Covid outbreak started, the Council’s catering service responded immediately to continue to provide free school meals to those eligible and the Welsh Government announced that funding would be available to assist those individuals over the school holiday period.

“Denbighshire has administered the funding on behalf of the Welsh Government and funding has been paid directly into the bank accounts of parents and guardians. This means that families are receiving regular payments to meet the costs of buying and preparing meals.

“Now that the school holidays is nearly upon us, we’re making plans to re-start the payments, with the first payment due on July 25th. This will be followed by weekly payments, with the last payment being made on August 30th.

THE community resilience team from Denbighshire Council will be out over the coming weeks with summer roadshows providing information and advice on dealing with cost of living issues. The roadshows will be delivered in partnership with a host of organisations, including Citizens Advice Denbighshire, Stop Loan Sharks Wales, South Denbighshire Community Partnership, Cambrian Credit Union, NEST, Warm Wales and Ground Work North Wales. Residents are urged to attend the roadshows, and talk to the teams about useful services that may be able to help

A ‘Summer of Fun’ is returning for children and young people in Denbighshire.

Denbighshire County Council is once again 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 1 and September 30.

Cllr Gill German, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Education, Children and Families, said: “We are pleased to be once again supporting this great project and offering a fantastic bilingual programme of events in Denbighshire. The Council is working with a number of partners on this project and I would like to thank all those involved.

“These free activities will certainly give our children and young people something to look forward to during the summer holidays and also help support their social, emotional, physical and mental wellbeing.

“I would encourage parents to have a look at the events on offer to help their children enjoy the best possible summer this year.”

Events and activities are being arranged for children and young people aged 0 to 25.

They 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.

LLannerch Bridge: Cllr Elson and I are having a up-date on the 20th July I will be bring up our issue’s on the lack of progress on the bridge as well as the promised news-letter
I will give an update after the meeting

Cllr Chris Evans Independent Group