

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held in Bodfari Church by ZOOM conferencing software at 7.00 pm Tuesday 11th October 2022

Present:

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

Also present:

Mel ab Owain (Clerk)

1. Apologies: None.

2. Declaration of interests:

JB Declared and interest in item 7 ii.

3. Urgent Matters.

i. School Governor. Bodfari CC had been asked to nominate a governor for Bodfari School by 20th October. It was agreed to suggest that Tanya Bowyer might like to continue as governor.

ACTION: The Clerk would contact the school with this suggestion.

ii. Training Plan. The Clerk drew attention to the requirement by the Welsh Government for all Community Councils to have a training plan by 5th November 2022. He had prepared a draft plan for consideration.

RESOLVED: To adopt the draft training plan. Proposed: **MS** Seconded: **SD**

4. Minutes of the meeting of 9th August 2022.

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

Proposed: **RP** Seconded: **SD**

5. Matters Arising from the minutes.

i) Ceramic map. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Burnage who would site the map shortly.

ii) Single Swing. **MS** had tightened up the loose nylock nut.

iii) Goalpost. **AW** had looked at this. It appeared that a section had separated from the bottom of the post and had jammed in the slot. **ACTION:** He would take another look to see if he could come up with a solution.

iv) War Memorial. The Church would confirm the Council's ownership of the memorial on 25th October allowing refurbishment to go ahead. **ACTION:** **MS** would ask the restorer to estimate the memorial's value and the Clerk would then add it to the Council's asset register and insure it.

6. County Councillor's Report.

None this month.

7. Planning and Highways.

i. Highways – **AW** reported that a sycamore was overgrowing on the Mold Road.

ACTION: Clerk would report this to DCC.

ii. Planning. a) **41/2022/0762** Ty Nant Helygen, A541 From B5429 Llandyrnog to Rose Garden Bends Bodfari, Bodfari. Erection of a 3 bay open fronted barn to be used for storage of agricultural and garden equipment/tools and hay. **No objection.**

JB left the room for this item.

8. Finance.

a. Financial report Community Account: The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting bank statements from HSBC. The Council had received £2467 in precept from DCC plus £1237 as a commuted sums grant towards the purchase of the swings.

b. Payments

i. Clerk's salary for August 2022	£ 92.30
ii. Tax and Ni for August 2022	£ 23.00
iii. Arfon Parry replacement cheque for Cradur.com Web hosting	£ 38.00
iv. Play and leisure, Swings	£3518.84
v. Clerk's expenses July-September 2022	£ 95.40
vi. Clerk's salary for September 2022	£ 92.30
vii. Tax and Ni for September 2022	£ 23.00
viii. Gala Tents. Marquee	£3428.20

Proposed: **JB** Seconded: **SD**

c. Bank signatories. The Clerk reported that the amended mandate adding signatures to the Council's accounts had been sent to the HSBC on 14th September. There had been no response from the bank.

RESOLVED: RP would visit the Denbigh branch of HSBC and query the delay in processing the mandate.

d. Internal Auditor's Report. The internal auditor had completed his report and the Clerk had circulated the Audit return with his comments. There had been no issues.

RESOLVED: That the Council accept his report and request the Clerk to forward the return to the external auditor.

Proposed: **JB** Seconded: **SD**

The Chair signed the return.

9. Village Playground and Park.

Councillors had undertaken a site visit to the park on the morning of Saturday 8th October:

- i. **MS** had bought 'no dogs' signs for park gates.
- ii. The Lime Tree would need to be checked by a tree surgeon. **ACTION: AW** would send a few tree surgeon contacts to the Clerk.
- iii. The Fence above the social housing had still not been replaced. **ACTION: JB** would chase this up
- iv. Ant Burnage had bought a replacement large gate but not set it up. **ACTION: JB** would chase up.
- v. Gap near small gate. **ACTION: AW** would fill the gap.
- vi. Small gate next to large one. **ACTION: AW** would send Clerk specs, the Clerk will order a new one.
- vii. Purchase of new swings and base. A base of 6m x 7m was required for the new swings with a cost of matting alone coming to c £700. **ACTION:** Clerk would use the spec provided by the swing supplier to write a tender. **AW** would supply contact details for possible contractors.

10. Marquee including storage.

This had now been delivered and was temporarily being stored by Mr Glazebrook. A permanent, rodent proof, store was required.

ACTION: SD would speak to Aberwheeler Games Committee who were thinking of buying a container. The Clerk would get some prices for containers.

Boxes would also be needed for storing the smaller components of the marquee.

11. 55 Club. This was deferred until Cllr Evans could be present.

12. Correspondence: None