

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held in Bodfari Church by ZOOM conferencing software at 7.00 pm Tuesday 8th November 2022

Present:

Cllr Philip Barley (PB)

Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)

Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)

Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)

Also present:

Mel ab Owain (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Cllr Martin Shutt (Chair)(MS)

Cllr Julie Burnage (Vice Chair) (JB)

Cllr Chris Evans (DCC Councillor)

2. Declaration of interests:

AW Declared and interest in item 9 ii.

3. Urgent Matters.

Alan Waterfield was elected to the Chair in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 11th October 2022.

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

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

5. Matters Arising from the minutes.

i. School Governor. Tanya had indicated that she did not wish to continue as a governor and the school had indicated that they would ask Aberwheeler CC for a nomination.

ii. Goal Posts in the park. **AW** had inspected the posts and suggested a repair.

ACTION: This would be put on the next agenda.

iii. Lime Tree in Park. **AW** would forward the Clerk contacts for tree surgeons.

iv. Fence between park and social housing. This was due to have been done by 3rd November. **ACTION:** **SD** and **RP** to check.

v. Large gate in park. This had been replaced.

vi. Gap near small gate. **ACTION:** **AW** would close this gap.

6. County Councillor's Report.

This had been circulated previously.

7. Planning and Highways.

a. Highways.

- i. **RP** reported flooding near Tŷ Cerrig during periods of heavy rain. **ACTION:** **RP** and the Clerk to report this to DCC. **RP** to provide photos.
- ii. The path up by the old people's bungalows needed cutting back. **ACTION:** Clerk would contact County Councillor.

b. Planning - none.

8. Finance.

a. Financial report:

- i. Current account: £6054.14 Reserve Account: £4439.40
- ii. £55.12 received as a VAT rebate from 2021-22.
- iii. Local Government pay scales had been agreed for 2022-23. The Clerk's salary would rise from £11.40 to £12.40 per hour.

RESOLVED: That this rise be accepted and the Clerk asked to contact Harold Smith PAYE department to arrange that this be implemented and backdated to 1st April 2022.

b. Budget and precept 2023-24.

The Clerk had circulated a copy of last year's budget/precept calculation.

RESOLVED: He was asked to prepare a draft budget increased 10% in line with inflation and put this matter as an item on next month's agenda.

The Clerk had also received the Audit for 2019-20 and 2020-21 back from the external auditor. He had issued a qualified audit and highlighted two key items:

- i. That a budget had not been set in either year.
- ii. That the internal auditor was inappropriate.

ACTION: This matter would be placed on the next agenda and the Clerk would ask **JDH** of Gwernymynydd if they would act as internal auditors.

b. Payments

i. Clerk's salary for October 2022	£92.30
ii. Tax and Ni for October 2022	£23.00
iii. Chris Burnage	£641.55
iv. Harold Smith	£30.00

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

9. Village Playground and Park.

- i. Inspection: November - **JP** December - **SD**

ii. **AW** had raked the boules court and branches and other growth cut back. A 'jump point' had been identified on the fence between the park and the social housing.

iii. Swings base. The Clerk had asked 4 contractors for quotations but had only received one response. AW suggested he try Clwyd Environmental too. **ACTION:** The Clerk would follow up all these leads.

10. Marquee including storage.

i. **SD** had spoken to Aberwheeler Sports Association. They had not taken a decision yet on purchasing container.

ii. Marquee was currently in 2m container in Mr Glazebrook's garage.

iii. The Clerk had got several quotes for buying 6.5m containers at around £3k. **ACTION:** It was suggested that the Clerk contact local storage companies like Gallaghers and Lockstock to see if they had any refurbished 2nd hand containers.

iv. Consideration would also need to be given as to where the container would be sited and if planning permission would be required.

11. 55 Club.

Carried forward to a future meeting.

12. Correspondence: None.

13. Vacancy on the Council.

The Clerk pointed out that one place of the Council remained unfilled after the recent elections.

ACTION: He would speak to the Election services Department of DCC to confirm the correct procedure of advertising an election and if necessary, co-option.

14. Community Grants. It was suggested that the Council uses its next annual report to publicize the fact that it does give grant aid to voluntary and charitable groups in the community.