

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at Bodfari Church and by ZOOM conferencing software at 7.00 pm Tuesday 14th February 2023

Present:

Cllr Martin Shutt (Chair) (MS)

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 Julie Burnage (Vice Chair) (JB)

Cllr Chris Evans (DCC Councillor)

2. Declaration of interests: None.

3. Urgent Matters: None.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 17th January 2023.

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

Proposed: **MS**

Seconded: **PB**

5. Matters Arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

i. Lime Tree in the park. The Clerk had spoken to the tree surgeon and he would ring when good weather was promised. He needed a dry day so that his equipment would function properly.

ii. Lighting in Maes y Graig. The Clerk had passed on the map and supporting information to Cllr Evans who would take it up with DCC.

iii. HGVs in the village. Cllr Evans would take this up with DCC.

6. County Councillor's Report.

His report had been circulated previously. Cllr Evans thanked the Council for the condolence card on the death of this mother.

7. Planning and Highways.

i. Highways: RP reported that DCC had still not taken any action on the flooding at Tŷ Cerrig.

ACTION: The Clerk would chase this up with DCC.

ii. Planning: None.

8. Finance.

a. Financial report: Current account: £7944.07 Reserve Account: £4444.08

He would put in a VAT claim at the end of the financial year.

b. Payments.

i. Clerk's salary for January 2022	£ 100.00
ii. Tax and Ni for January 2022	£ 25.00

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

9. Installation of path from the park along the B5429.

The Clerk had spoken to Chris Marston about who she had spoken to in DCC.

ACTION: The Clerk would speak to Cllr Evans to renew that dialogue with DCC.

10. Village Playground and Park.

i. Inspection: February: **PB**

ii. New swings. These had now been installed and were being well used by children. There had been some comment that the ground surface was uneven. **ACTION: AW** would plant some grass seed to see if this would suck the moisture out and level the ground. If that failed he would lift the matting and try to level the surface.

iii. Goal posts. **AW** did not have time to look at these. **ACTION:** The Clerk was asked to speak to Cllr Evans who could suggest some contractors who might tender for the work.

11. Correspondence: None.

12. Vacancy on the Council.

The Clerk had posted a notice to advertise for an election to fill the vacancy on the Council. Closing date for applications 6th March.

13. Annual Report.

The Chair had drawn up a draft annual report.

RESOLVED: That this be approved with minor alterations.

14. New Clerk.

The Clerk has circulated the advert via the Society of Local Council Clerks email network to Clerks across North East Wales and via One Voice Wales' network across North Wales.

It was also on OVW website. Unfortunately, there had been no responses.

The Clerk suggested two other options:

- i. Advertise in the Vale Advertiser at a cost of £633 in a four-week package.
- ii. Advertise on the Society of Local Council Clerks National Website and weekly bulletin to Clerks across the UK at a cost of £118 plus vat.

RESOLVED: To advertise on the SLCC site.

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

15. Councillors Allowances.

ACTION: The Clerk would email all Councillors to ask whether or not they wanted the £150 annual allowance.