

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at Dinorben Arms and by ZOOM conferencing software at 7.00 pm Tuesday 11th April 2023

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)

1. Apologies:

Mel ab Owain (Clerk-Outgoing)

Heather Eubank (Clerk-Incoming)

2. Declaration of interests: None.

3. Urgent Matters: None.

4. The Council's capital programme 2023-2026.

MS suggested that councillors consider a 'Vision for the Village' and asked what aims could be aspired to over the next 3 years.

SD explained that a long-term goal for the council for a number of years has been the introduction of a new community hub or space that can be used for community activities. SD reminded councillors that the church were currently undergoing a reorder of the church building to provide such a space, and although we couldn't support the project financially, we should aim to support their goal in any other ways possible (such as holding events there, assisting in marketing, fundraising events etc).

AW suggested that the council could investigate the purchase of additional land / fields for use as dog walking, solar power, pond, woodlands, walking routes etc. Council agreed that the cost involved in such a venture and the additional responsibility, maintenance and ownership would be too great a burden on such a small council and so was dismissed.

It was agreed that the primary focus on capital expenditure should be focussed on our existing assets – namely the park – and that the health and wellbeing of the community were at the forefront of our objectives.

Council discussed various initiatives and aims which were then formulated into the following short / mid / long term goals;

BODFARI COUNCIL – PROPOSED 3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

STORAGE:

- Council need to purchase a weather and rodent proof storage container to store the marquee purchased alongside any other items that may be purchased over the next few years (tables / chairs ect). A suitable location for the container to be positioned is also required.
- The existing council paperwork and park deeds should be scanned / digitised and properly stored with an archiving company or solicitor

SHORT TERM GOALS

HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

- The boules court should be cleared of weeds, made good and usable again. It may need resurfacing. The council will promote the boules court, provide additional signage on how to play, look into ways of providing the equipment for people to use and encourage people to use it as much as possible.
- New picnic tables / chairs should be provided in the park to encourage people to sit in and use the park
- Circular walks and path information in and around the village should be published and made available for visitors

MID TERM GOALS

HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

- Outdoor adult gym equipment should be provided that will diversify the range of users who use the park and will encourage further physical activity to take place
- An allotment area should be provided in the park that can enable different age groups to take ownership and grow various plants / vegetables etc

LONG TERM GOALS

ACCESSIBILITY / INCLUSIVE:

- A permanent timber frame structure gazebo should be provided in the park to provide a sheltered space for activities to take place and people to rest
- A new path should be installed in and around the park (from the existing footpath) that would enable wheelchairs / pushchairs to move around the park and between the upper and lower levels. Surface should be of a suitable material
- The council should promote and lobby for the introduction of new electric EV charging points in and around the village for visitors, walkers etc