

**Draft - MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Held in the Private Dining Room at The Dinorben Arms Bodfari at 6.30 pm Monday 11th December**  
**2023 and by TEAMS conferencing software:**  
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Present:

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

Also present:

Heather Eubank (Clerk)  
Cllr Chris Evans

**1. Apologies:**

None. JB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Declaration of interests:**

HE informed JB that a quotation has been requested from Chris Burnage for removal of Ash trees from Hannah Jane Smith Park so asked that JB step out of the meeting during discussion of Agenda item 9 (iii).

**3. Urgent Matters: Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4) of LGA 1972.**

None.

**4. To receive minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

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

Proposed: **JB** Seconded: **PB**

**5. Matters arising from previous minutes**

i. **Marquee.**

Information with Insurers. Further quote for repair of Marquee needed plus Risk Assessment before next use.

ii. **Storage Container.**

HE reported that Jan at the Station Caravan Park said her enclosure is full so she cannot house the container. Jan suggested asking local farmers. SD stated the Marquees are back at Mr Glazebrook's and there is no rush to move them. Also, there is no rush to move the Marquees out of the container provided by Dee and Alex Jones.

iii. **Ceramic map.**

HE emailed the Dinorben Arms re: area for erection of map but had no response. No response received. MS checked the suggested site near Oriel Gallery and could not determine whose deeds this land is on. RP has no objection to the ceramic map being installed there.

iv. **Noticeboard in park.**

Three quotes for double sided board are: -

Good Signs £148.80 plus vat

Humphreys - £128 plus vat

PR Signs £82 plus vat

All Councillors present at the meeting voted to accept the quote from PR Signs.

v. **Flooding at AP Motors.**

Councillor Evans had emailed DCC and thought further action had been taken. RP reported the flooding was still an issue. CE sent a further email to raise his concern with DCC.

**Actions:**

- i. **Marquee. Continue to liase with insurers. Complete Risk Assessment before next used – HE.**
- ii. **Storage Container. Approach farmers or any places suitable for container – ALL.**
- iii. **Ceramic Map. Check the map fits in the site at the Oriel Gallery - AB.**  
**Explain to residents of number 1 Maes y Graig where BCC would like to site the ceramic map and enquire if this okay with them? MS/JB.**
- iv. **Dismantle Sign from frame – HE**  
**Produce graphics for new sign – MS.**  
**Take sign and graphics to PR Signs and order new double-sided boards – HE.**
- v. **Flooding at AP Motors. Await response from DCC to further email From CE.**

**6. County Councillor's Report.** Circulated prior to meeting. See Appendix 1.

**7. Planning and Highways:**

a. Highways.

- i. A541 BLUE HAND CORNER BODFARI TO JUNCTION B5429 LLANDYRNOG  
20/12/2023 - 21/12/2023  
Gwaith BT/ BT Works KELLY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT  
Goleuadau Traffig Dros Dro/ Temp Traffic Lights  
AOO Call – 02476642814 - OOHCall – 07484033275
- ii. BODFARI VILLAGE TO PONTRUFYDD COTTAGE JUNCTION WITH A541... OPPOSITE  
BODFARI VILLAGE TO PONTRUFYDD COTTAGE JUNCTION WITH A541  
02/01/2024 to the 04/01/2024  
Adnewyddu Polyn / Renew Pole GT WILLIAMS (SOFIA)  
Ffordd ar Gau/Road Closure  
AOO Call - 01286 678134 - OOH Call - 07535 685008

b) Planning.

- i. Planning Application 41/2023/0770 - Dilys o/Valid From 20/11/2023  
The Old Rectory, B5429 Nant Gwilym To Junction A541 Bodfari, Bodfari, Dinbych, SIR  
DDINBYCH, LL16 4DA  
Newid defnydd annedd i ffurfio llety ategol mewn cysylltiad a'r "The Old Rectory" /  
Change of use of dwelling to form ancillary accommodation in connection with "The  
Old Rectory".

**Action: BCC has no objection to this planning application as the footprint of the property is not altered. Inform DCC - HE**

## 8. Finance

- a. Financial report: Bank balances at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Reserve Account £4487.74. Main Account £6748.30.
- b. Payments.
  - i. Clerk salary November 2023 £442.36
  - ii. Expenses Clerk July-Dec 2023 £49.81
- c. Income 0.00
- d. Fixed Asset Register. Diarised to complete by end Feb 2024. **ONGOING**
- e. Financial Regulations.
  - i. Annual Governance Statement. Diarised to complete by end Feb 2024 .**ONGOING**.
  - ii. Verification of bank statements. JJ verified bank statements and cheque books to account sheet. Cheque Nos. 100660 – 100720 were verified and bank statements signed as verified.
  - iii. Review of 3-year budget. **ONGOING**.
  - iv. Detailed Estimates of receipts. Completed and circulated prior to the meeting.
  - v. Fixing the precept (Jan 24). Draft document completed and circulated.
  - vi. Moving money in the budget (Jan 24). Draft Document completed and circulated.
  - vii. Salary Budget and Clerk Appraisal (Oct 23). Appraisal document obtained.

### Actions:

- **JJ to verify statements quarterly going forwards – next date end March 2024.**
- **Decide and set date for separate precept proposal 24-25 meeting and set agenda. – HE**

## 9. Village Playground and Park

- i. Park inspection. AW sent HE complete and thorough list of items for attention.
- ii. Tender. This is now complete with no further changes needed.
- iii. Grounds Maintenance. JB left the meeting at this point while the quotations received were discussed. No further quotes have been received; Chris Burnage promised quote for meeting but had been off work ill so it had not been received by Clerk before the meeting. Will leave final decision until January's meeting.
- iv. New Gate and Post. As Above. Final decision will be made in January's meeting.
- v. Park Clean Up day. On hold until Spring 2024?
- vi. Boules Court – will see what residents would like to do with this area.

### Action:

- i. **Send Copy of AW Park Inspection to JB. Add actions to park clean-up day doc and get quotes for any tasks that require professional attention. HE.**
- ii. **Email final draft of tender to HE – JB.**
- iii. **Present all quotes for Ash tree removal at next BCC meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 24 – HE.**
- iv. **New Gate and post. Present quotes at next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 24 – HE.**
- v. **Park Clean-up day. Monitor response from residents and discuss at next meeting – ALL.**
- vi. **Boules Court – No decision made..**
- vii. **This action was missed from the last minutes which asked that all councillors contact DCC about the signage which points to the park that is broken and rusted. - All**

## 10. Correspondence. None.

## 11. Grants and funding.

- i. Grants Available. JB approached Clocaenog and asked about their grants. The email and reply sent to Clerk HE to keep on file. Kompan have also provided a list of fund providers and Tim from Creative play said The Lottery open new funding opportunities every 3 months.
- ii. Footpath. See point iii).
- iii. Play area 3-5 year olds. HE met Millie from Kompan and Tim from Creative play at the park. They both suggested creating a pathway from gate near swings to the bottom of the park then creating a 3–5-year-old play area on the boules court site. Estimates costs (from Kompan) were £25,000-£75,000 dependant on surfaces and play equipment. After discussion it was thought BCC need to ensure the residents would use this and is it what they want in the park?
- iv. New entrance. HE emailed Adrian Walls at DCC who replied with information on the access points to the park. He confirmed that the access at the moment is from the pathway that runs at the top of Maes Y Graig above the park to the B5429. Adrian stated that there appears to be a path shown on the OS plans leaving the park at Ffynnon y Charewel running alongside property number 1. He stated this does not seem to be adopted but must be owned by someone. Any access to the park from this way would need to be agreed by the owners. If we can get agreement then S50 of the highways act 1980 is a provision aimed to help Community Councils who wish to create or maintain paths over private land.
- v. Working party – 5-year plan. Starting point is to ask what the residents want.

### Actions:

- Create survey/questionnaire for residents to see what they want. – Ongoing All.
- Decide how to distribute. -Ongoing All.
- Can we gain a copy of the electoral role for Bodfari?- HE
- Check OS plans for access point and owner of the land. - HE
- Create a 3/5-year plan for the park from Residents feedback – Ongoing All
- Once plan is in place, gain quotes then look for funding – Ongoing.

## 12. AOB.

- i. **Urdd National Eisteddfod request for contribution.** It was felt that charity contributions from BCC should be to local organisations which would then benefit Bodfari residents. Add to next agenda to discuss if we should look at the requests for charity contributions once a year then decide who will receive donations from BCC.
- ii. **Bin outside playground.** Alan Shepherd approached HE at the park to ask about the bin near the park entrance. He felt that a better position for the bin would be further towards his land. The reason for this is to minimise the amount of doggy poo bags being deposited on his land because people have already passed the bin. This was discussed, the bin is the property of DCC but BCC has no objection to the bin being moved.
- iii. **More Grit Bins.** Residents have requested a further grit bin at the S-bend on the road leading from Woodland Centre to Fron Haul.

### Action.

- i. Add charity donations to next agenda to agree a process for BCC donations. - HE
- ii. Email Alan Shephard to state he would need to contact DCC to request the bin is moved, he can include that BCC have no objections. – HE

- iii. Gain a “what-3-word” position for the site of the grit bin. Send to everyone to agree then send request to DCC – HE

**Next Meeting 7pm to 9pm 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Ysgol Bodfari**

Afternoon to you all here is my dec report

New Banking Hub already proving popular

Vale of Clwyd MP Dr James Davies officially opened the new Banking Hub in Prestatyn yesterday afternoon and is delighted it is already proving popular with residents and businesses.

Located at 35 High Street, in the former HSBC bank premises, the Banking Hub is the first to be opened in Wales.

There was a soft opening of the new facility last week, but yesterday James was joined by the Paymaster General, the Rt Honourable John Glen MP for the official opening. As Economic Secretary to the Treasury, he drove forward legislation to protect access to cash, including via Banking Hubs.

In recent years, James has worked closely with LINK and Cash Access UK, an independent company funded by nine banks and building societies (Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group, Nationwide Building Society, NatWest Group, Santander, Virgin Money, Danske Bank and TSB), to deliver the Hub.

Speaking after the official opening, James - who prior to helping to secure the Hub for the town led a successful campaign to reinstate cash machines within the High Street - said:

"It really is rewarding to find that Prestatyn is the first town in Wales to receive a Banking Hub.

"We have seen seven banks shut their doors in the town in recent years and people were having to travel to neighbouring towns if they wished to see someone face to face.

"Whilst I appreciate that internet banking is the preferred option when banking for a great many these days, it is not possible to do everything online and some people, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, want, and often need, to physically visit a bank.

"Prestatyn also still has many businesses in the town which deal with cash and therefore need easy access to a bank.

"The Banking Hub meets these requirements, and I was not surprised to be told by staff at the Hub that it has been well-used since opening last week - with them seeing roughly one customer every 15 minutes.

"I spoke to a number of customers at the official opening, all of whom said they were grateful to have this new Banking Hub on their doorstep.

"I know the new facility will also be hugely popular with the many tourists who visit the town in the summer months.

"It has been a pleasure working with LINK and Cash Access UK to secure the Banking Hub for Prestatyn, and I look forward to seeing more Banking Hubs open across the country in the future."

The Prestatyn Banking Hub will be open Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm for customers of any bank and the Community Bankers will work on rotation, with a different bank or building society available on each day of the week:

Monday: Halifax  
Tuesday: NatWest  
Wednesday: Barclays  
Thursday: Santander  
Friday: HSBC

While it is very much hoped the Banking Hub will prove an extremely welcome and well-used facility, it is important to note that the town's current Post Office branches will continue to offer a range of banking services also.

'DEFNYDDIA DY GYMRAEG' A group of blue symbols

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The 'Defnyddia dy Gymraeg' (Use your Welsh) campaign will run between 27 November and 11 December. The purpose of this campaign is to encourage Welsh speakers and learners from all over Wales to use the language in their everyday life - at work, with the family, with colleagues, when going to the shop, face to face or on-line

## My work on the Ilannerch -bridge



<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3g3jvvz28zo>

<https://www.herald.wales/north-wales/denbighshire/denbighshire-and-welsh-government-criticised-for-delay-in-replacing-llanerch-bridge/>

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/two-welsh-villages-used-connected-27857551>

<https://www.denbighshirefreepress.co.uk/news/23832682.work-yet-start-llanerch-bridge/>

Mental health:

As many of you know ive had my battles with my mental health which I have been proactive in 2023, highlighting and raising the taboo subject that is still so misunderstood in our society. I am raising the awareness in many ways, such as mental health first aiding talks, government forums on mental health, mental health motorbike first aiding . I am doing all of this as I am passionate about the issue that I have and so do others.


<https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/man-who-risen-flames-mental-27280348>

The Pendle Medical Partnership - Edward Street, Earby, Lancashire, BB18 6QT

**the freepress**

Denbighshire biker Chris Evans to spread mental health message on his Harley!

HARLEY-DAVIDSONHEALTHLOCAL GOVERNMENTPEOPLE

A photograph of a man, Chris Evans, sitting on a dark blue Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He is wearing a red and black checkered shirt under a dark vest, and blue jeans. He is holding a white leaflet or document in his hands. The background shows a paved area with trees and a fence.

Chris, 47, has now made it his quest to help fight the stigma of mental health problems and plans to ride around North Wales, handing out mental health leaflets at popular bike haunts whilst encouraging people to talk.