

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at Ysgol Bodfari on the 12th of March 2024 and by TEAMS conferencing software:

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Present:

Cllr Julie Burnage (Chair) (JB) (Via Whatsapp Video link)

Cllr Philip Barley (Vice Chair) (PB)

Cllr Julie Johnson (JJ)

Cllr Martin Shutt (MS)

Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)

Also present:

Heather Eubank (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)

Cllr Chris Evans – tried but could not access the meeting via teams.

PB chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Declaration of interests:

None

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.

Residents are unhappy about the condition of the lane that branches left off the B5429 Tremeirchion Road at what3words location “croaking.fizzled.registry” when heading in the direction of Bodfari to Tremeirchion. The lane was already in a bad condition before it was subject to heavy plant machinery when two new properties were built there in the last few years. The lane is full of pot holes and the edges have disappeared along with most of the surface.

SD stated the residents who use this lane for access to their properties contacted DCC on numerous occasions but no action has been taken to repair this lane. Residents asked that BCC contact DCC to progress this matter.

Actions: -

- i. **Ask resident to email BCC Clerk at Bodfaricc@gmail.com and send any details and pictures they would like to be included in the letter. - SD.**
- ii. **Write to DCC – HE/CE.**

4. To receive minutes of the meeting of 13th February 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 13th February 24 be approved as a true record.

Proposed: **MS** Seconded: **PB**

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

- i. **Ceramic map.**
Ongoing, keep on agenda until complete.
- ii. **Noticeboard in park.**
Graphics in process of being completed.
- iii. **Fixed assets register.**

Land at Hannah Jane Smith Recreation Ground added to Fixed Assets Register at purchase price of £1000.

RESOLVED: That the Fixed Assets Register be approved as a true record.

Proposed: MS Seconded: PB

- iv. **Final draft of tender for park.**
Tender Doc now finalised.
- v. **Newsletters/survey.**
Documents completed by JB and have been translated, now at printers.
- vi. **Flier for park tidy up.**
Completed and posted on Facebook, also sent to Dee Jones to circulate via email.
- vii. **Gates and posts.**
HE informed Chris Burnage his quote was accepted by BCC. Work to be completed early April 24.
- viii. **Ash trees.**
HE informed Bodfari Environmental their quote had been successful. Work to be completed 14th March 24.
- ix. **Orchard Package.**
HE emailed Keep Wales Tidy to enquire about the Orchard Package and to see if there would be a second round of funding. No reply received but Wendy Jones is attending park tidy up day on the 16th March so can ask for information then.
- x. **New Councillors.**
Returning Officer confirmed there had been no applicants for the position of Councillor so the next step is to Co-Opt a new councillor. New Co Option notice generated by HE.
- xi. **Yellow barriers at Church.**
Barriers were erected by Church Insurers because of wall between Church and Dinorben. Barriers now gathered and awaiting collection.

Actions:-

- i. **Ongoing.**
- ii. **MS to complete graphics, send to HE. Take to PR Signs to create new sign – HE.**
- iii. **Complete, remove from agenda - HE.**
- iv. **Send out tender to contractors – HE.**
- v. **To be circulated when printed – ALL.**
- vi. **Complete, remove from agenda – HE.**
- vii. **Complete, remove from agenda – HE.**
- viii. **Complete, remove from agenda – HE.**
- ix. **Speak to Wendy Jones at park tidy up day on Saturday the 16th March 24.**
- x. **Display Co Option Notice on Noticeboards, Facebook - HE. Email to PB who will print and circulate around the village.**
- xi. **Complete, remove from agenda – HE.**

6. County Councillor's Report. Circulated prior to meeting.

7. Planning and Highways:

- a. **Highways.**
 - i. 19/03/2024 - 05/04/2024. Ffordd ar Gau/Road Closure OUTSIDE CARTREFLE ABERWHEELER VILLAGE TO BERLLAN
Gwaith Trydanol / Electrical Works O'CONNOR UTILITIES (KAI)
BODFARI
AOO/OOH Call 01244207659/ 08003308615

b. Planning.

i. 41/2024/0115. Documents circulated before meeting.

Planning Application 41/2024/0115 - Dilys o/Valid From 15/02/2024
Codi annedd menter wledig gosod tanc septig a gwaith cysylltiedig / Erection of a rural enterprise dwelling installation of a septic tank and associated works.

BCC has no objection to this planning application. The supporting documentation to this application is thorough and the planned dwelling is secluded and will therefore have no visual impact.

Action:-

HE to inform DCC that BCC has no objection to this planning application.

8. Finance

a. Financial report:

Bank balances at 29th February 2024:

Reserve Account - £4509.38.

Main Account £10109.21, (**£6,213.81 of the Main Account money is ring fenced for lottery funded spend**).

b. Payment. - For approval and dual signatures for cheques.

i. Clerk salary February 2024	£442.36
ii. Audit Office Wales 2019/2020 fee	£220.00
iii. Audit Office Wales 2020/2021 fee	£383.00
iv. DCC Room Hire Ysgol Bodfari	£90.00
v. One Voice Wales Membership 24-25	£73.00
vi. Bodfari Environmental	£979.20

c. Income – None.

RESOLVED: That these Accounts be approved.

Proposed: JB Seconded: PB.

d. Audit of Income to both HSBC Reserve and Main Accounts to current date, completed by JJ.

e. Proposed remuneration amount for Councillors 24-25, £156 plus £52 for stationary = £208 per councillor.

RESOLVED: That the proposed remuneration amount be adopted by BCC.

Proposed: SD Seconded: MS.

9. Village Playground and Park

- i. Park Inspections.
SD gave HE January reports. February inspections not completed.
- ii. Grounds Maintenance. None done at this time of year.

10. Correspondence. – None.

11. Grants and funding.

No action until we receive Bodfari Residents survey from printers. Then we can distribute and make a plan of action from the results.

Actions:

- i. **Distribute survey when received from printers – ALL.**

12. Social Media Policy.

PB noted a change is required on point 7.5. Now corrected.

RESOLVED: That the Social Media policy be adopted.

Proposed: PB Seconded: JJ.

Action.

Download NALC whistle blower policy and resolve to adopt at next meeting. Add to agenda – HE.

13. Village planter.

RP reported the planter needed repairing and replanting as the original plants were overgrown. RP had sent pictures to the Clerk and these were shown to the councillors at the meeting.

RP had made the current plant tidier but the planter needs to be in good condition as it is a focal point and is at the entrance to the village.

RP asked that the watering of the planter be put on a rota. RP has the water containers.

The meeting suggested watering the planter in summer was added as a task to the BCC rota for park Inspections.



Actions.

- i. **Repair the planter if possible. Councillors to check what repair is needed and either repair or ask Clerk to engage a contractor to complete the repair.**
- ii. **Get new plants for planter and other village pots, maybe funded by Keep Wales tidy? Suggestions for planting needed – ALL.**
- iii. **Contact Wendy Jones – HE.**

14. A.O.B.

JB asked everyone for availability for future meetings so we can ensure BCC have a quorum for each meeting as a few councillors had mentioned meetings they could not attend.

Marquees – agreed that the old marquees are donated to charitable cause via Rotary International.

Actions: -

- i. **Complete availability for meetings spreadsheet and circulate – HE.**
- ii. **Arrange collection of marquees –PB.**

Next Meeting 7pm to 9pm 9th April 2024 at Ysgol Bodfari

Councillor Chris Evans Report March 2024.

Morning and what a great morning it is

Tree planting takes place at new Rhyl community site

A Rhyl site is taking shape to provide benefits for both local nature and community wellbeing.

Tree planting is underway at the new Community Nature Space adjacent to Ffrodd Elan Park at Llys Brenig on the Park View Estate.

This work accompanies three other Community Nature Spaces being established by the Council this year at St Asaph, Henllan and Clocaenog, which were announced in October 2023, and tree planting at schools throughout the county that was announced in December 2023.

The Community Nature Spaces Project has received funding from an £800,000 grant from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Rhyl's new Community Nature Space will eventually provide stronger habitat areas for nature to benefit from as well as community spaces to support resident mental and physical wellbeing and enable them to learn about local wildlife.

Developing this Rhyl space will also give other community benefits such as improved air quality, urban heat cooling, and areas of mixed interest for education and play.

This work supports the drive to reduce the county's carbon footprint by contributing to the amount of carbon sequestered (or absorbed) by trees.

Groundwork at Llys Brenig has seen the creation of a pond and wetland area to support local wildlife, installation of new fences around the pond and around the site boundary, and preparation for future footpath construction for community member to use for recreation.

Denbighshire County Council Countryside Services alongside volunteers are this week planting 1,885 trees at the site, a mix of native broadleaved varieties that are appropriate for the local conditions and which, along with the wetlands and wildflower meadow at the site, will help provide diverse species-rich habitat to aid nature's recovery and resilience and make a contribution to tackling the ecological and climate emergency in addition to the benefits for local community health.

Ysgol Bryn Hedydd Year 4 pupils who are learning about sustainability in class, also rolled up their sleeves to help with planting at the new community site.

Cllr Barry Mellor, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "This is a great development for the wellbeing of the local community surrounding this site and I am grateful to everyone involved who made the acquisition of this land happen.

"I've been out there helping with the planting and I am really looking forward to seeing this area grow to support local nature and lend a supportive hand to giving local residents a fantastic place to go and enjoy wildlife on their own doorstep to bring a great boost to their mental and physical wellbeing. "

Editors Notes

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.

'Tremendous' work from Ysgol Tir Morfa pupils!

Ysgol Tir Morfa pupils have dug deep to lend a helping hand to nature at their school.

Pupils joined together with Denbighshire County Council's Countryside Service and Climate Change teams to create a new woodland area at the Ffordd Derwen site.

The work is part of a drive to increase biodiversity and tree canopies across schools to help nature's recovery and provide an educational wellbeing outdoor area for the youngsters.

Ysgol Tir Morfa is one of eight schools that overall will be receiving over 8,000 trees, including hedgerows and fruit trees, to provide better habitat spaces for nature to benefit from as well as spaces for learning to help pupil wellbeing.

Mental health

With my battles. With my mental health. I have been asked to work. Alongside Vale of Clwyd mind who have reached out to me after reading about my journey. We are going to. Together to break down these barriers of. This tribute subject that still has a major issue in our society. I will keep you posted.

Secondly. I've been whittled down. To the last five. That was 750 people. Some massive corporate. Names. Into the finals. For representation in London later on this year. For me being open. And

speaking in various. Events and meetings. About mental health. Being honest. About what people suffer with. On the day-to-day basis. And that they try their best, like I do, to carry on. An itch. Nothing to do with overload of work or Family issues. It's to do with. Your mental well-being.

Many Thanks

Cllr Chris Evans

Independent Group