

DECISIONS SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at Bodfari Church and by ZOOM conferencing software at 7pm Tuesday 12th April 2022

Present:

Cllr Martin Shutt (Chair) (MS)
Cllr Julie Burnage (Vice Chair) (JB)
Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)
Cllr Heather Griffiths (HG)
Cllr Naomi Lude-Thompson (NLT)
Cllr Rebecca Parrin (RP)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)

Also present:

Cllr Christine Marston (DCC Councillor)
Mel ab Owain (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Declaration of interests:

Cllr Burnage declared a personal interest on items 11 and 12 iv.

3. Urgent Matters.

i. The Next Council. Only two candidates had put nominations forward for the election to the new Council on 5th May. This meant that the new Council could not function as it would not have a quorum.

The Clerk had contacted the Election Services Department at DCC. Steve Price of DCC confirmed that where there are so many vacancies on a town or community council that it cannot lawfully act, the Local Government Act 1972 provides that a County Council may by Order appoint persons to fill all or any of the vacancies until other councillors are elected or co-opted and take office.

The current Bodfari councillors would remain in office until the 9th May but following the elections, he expected that Denbighshire will request that an Order is made for at least one temporary appointment in order to allow Bodfari to act lawfully and take decisions.

ACTIONS: i) The Clerk would contact DCC as soon as possible after the election to try and move the process on.

ii) Bodfari CC would hold an additional meeting on Tuesday 3rd May to transact as much business as was practicable.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 8th February.

RESOLVED: That these were a true record. Proposed: **JB** Seconded: **MS**

5. Minutes of the meeting of 8th March.

RESOLVED: That these were a true record. Proposed: **MS** Seconded: **NLT**

8. Planning and Highways.

ii) Planning

a. 41/2022/0242 School House, B5429 Nant Gwilym To Junction A541 Bodfari, Bodfari, Construction of a new vehicular access and associated works

b. 41/2022/0243 School House, B5429 Nant Gwilym To Junction A541 Bodfari, Bodfari. Construction of a new vehicular access and associated works (**Listed Building application**)

RESOLVED The Council expressed no objection to either proposal but wished to point out that the Council has actively pursuing a project to lay a pedestrian foot path along the road edge of the area marked in orange of the site plan.

9. Finance

a. Financial report

Community Account: £8270.18 BMM Account (renamed by bank) £4,437.75

b. Payments

i. Clerk's salary for March 2022	£92.30
ii. Tax and Ni for March 2022	£23.00
iii. Harold Smith – Pension re-enrolment	£30.00
iv. Bodfari Environmental – park maintenance	£1104.00
v. Clerk – refund of ICO data licence	£40.00
vi. One Voice Wales Annual Membership	£64.00
vi. Harold Smith PAYE	£30.00

RESOLVED: That these payments be approved. Proposed **SD** Seconded **MS**

11. Community Grants. It was agreed to defer a decision on these grants until the next meeting.

Only one application had been received from a charity/ community group:
Love North Wales Community Support – a body that supports vulnerable people referred to them by various agencies throughout our area

RESOLVED: That the Council awards a £250 grant to them. Proposed: **SD** Seconded **MS**

12. Village Playground and Park

iv) The Small Gate. This was in a dangerous condition and had asked two local tradesmen if they could replace the gate as a matter of urgency. Simply Green Garden Services had quoted to do the job for £140 plus materials.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was to ask SGGs to do the work. A maximum of £250 would be allocated to do the work.

Proposed: **MS** Seconded: **AW**

13. Queen's Jubilee

SD reported that plans were well advanced for an event on 5th June in the school grounds. The village group organising the event were asking if the Council could pay for i) A music licence ii) Insurance and iii) Commemorative mugs for the village children.

RESOLVED: That the Council earmark £500 to support this event pending further discussion.

Proposed: **JB** Seconded: **MS**