

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Bodfari Community Council
Held on the 9th February 2021

***Held ONLINE via ZOOM due under s78 of the Corona Virus Act 2020**

Present

Cllr Martin Shutt (MS)
Cllr Sue Davidson (SD)
Cllr Julie Burnage (JB)
Cllr Alan Waterfield (AW)
Cllr Rebecca Parrin
Cllr Heather Griffiths
Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson (NLT)
CCllr Christine Marston (CM)
Clerk Antony Burnage (AB)

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting. P Cllr Sue Davidson ,
S Cllr Naomi Luhde-Thompson.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. Roadside field between Ty Nant Helygen and Forge Farm. Address of owner now established and a letter is to be raised. Ongoing. **Action JB**
- ii. Speed restrictions through the village. Ongoing. Additional notices will be placed on the website asking for comments and opinions of local residents. **Action HG**
- iii. Installation of the ceramic map ongoing. **Action AW.**
- iv. Wind Farm Funding and potential uses. It was proposed that council members put together suggestions for projects that can support the application for funding. See Planning and Highways SPD. **Ongoing. Action ALL**
- v. Park and Park Access. A site meeting was held and concluded that an unofficial entrance opposite the Cement works is being used, the fence has been pushed over and it leads directly onto the road. It is deemed to be unsafe and a sign will be erected advising people not to use this route. A request will be made at the school governors meeting that all children are asked to use the correct entrance/exit routes and Tim Towers at DCC will once again be contacted to request urgent action and the provision of a proper and safe access point. **Action SD CM**
New signs regarding COVID and level 4 lockdown restrictions are required. Ongoing **Action MS**
New signs regarding dog mess and owner's responsibility are required. Ongoing. **Action RP.**
- vi. Candidate sites for development. Ongoing. **No Action**
- vii. Bodfari Environmental to be contacted about the condition of the boules court – is maintenance included in the contract? No reply to the email sent and contact will be attempted again. **Action AB AW**

- viii. War Memorial restoration. Funding is available for this but it is unclear who is responsible for the memorial, either the Church or the Local Council. Gill Gallagher will be contacted to see if she can help. **Action SD.**
- ix. Planning query re: size of barn erected at property behind Bodfari. Adam Turner (DCC Planning Dept) has advised. **Ongoing**
- x. Footpath behind School House. This has not been cleared. Another application will be sent to DCC. **Action CM**
- xi. Condition of surrounding roads. DCC have assessed a number of the roads and remedial work is either planned or has been carried out. This is an ongoing problem and requires regular monitoring. **Action CM**
- xii. Park boundary behind Banc y Chwarel. Clearance and general maintenance required of the land between the park boundary fence and the house fences. It is not clear who owns this land but it was felt that the only positive course of action is to be that BCC take responsibility. **Ongoing.**
- xiii. Replacement goal posts. Cost to be established. **Action AB**

5. County Councillor's Report

6. Planning and Highways

Planning.

No new applications received.

A Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will be created (for discussion) to gather ideas/suggestions that will enhance and improve the health and wellbeing of Bodfari. This is suggested to support and influence any development within the village. **Action NLT**

7. Finance

- i. The council was advised that the bank account balances remain almost the same as last month with little or no activity. **No Action.**

8. Village playground and park

- i. It has been noted that the wooden children's toys have become quite slippery and need inspecting. They will be cleaned using Calgon (anti-algae solution). **Action AB**

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. AOB

- i. The Downing Arms site. It has been noted that more rubble has been left on the site and that the appearance in general is poor. It is felt that it detracts from the appearance of the village and is unacceptable particularly as the village sits in an AONB. This is an ongoing problem and the site owner will be contacted to address the issues. **Action CM.**
- ii. The village notice board outside the gallery needs replacing. Cost of replacement to be established. **Action AB**
- iii. Aberwheeler Nurseries site. It is advised that the owner has now passed away and the estate is being administered by his solicitor. The solicitor will be contacted and advised that the site requires urgent attention and maintenance. **Action JB**
- iv. Footpath stiles. A number of stiles around the village are in a poor state of repair to such an extent that some footpaths are impassable. Adrian Walls (DCC) to be contacted about this. **Action AB**

Date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 9th March 2021 under s.78 Coronavirus Act 2020 tbc to take place ONLINE at 7pm unless otherwise advised.

There being no other business, the ONLINE meeting closed at 20:41pm.

Minutes prepared by A Burnage.

Distribution MS, NLT, SD, RP, HW, JB, CM, AW

Signed.......... Chair

Date...09/03/21

County Councillors Report**Decision made on temporary scheme in Ruthin**

A decision has been made to remove the temporary Local Sustainable Transport Response to Covid-19 scheme in Ruthin town centre.

This decision has been made by Cllr Brian Jones, Denbighshire County Council's Lead Member for Waste, Transport and the Environment, following a recommendation made by Ruthin Member Area Group (MAG).

Notice of by-elections in Denbighshire

Three by-elections are set to be held in Denbighshire in March.

In Wales, any by-election scheduled to take place after March 16, 2020, or was due to a vacancy that occurred during the pandemic, could not take place before March 2021.

By-elections will now be held for the following vacancies:-

- An election for a County Councillor for the Corwen Electoral Division following the death of Cllr Huw Jones
- An election for a Town Councillor for the Central Ward on Denbigh Town Council following the resignation of Cllr Irene Williams
- An election for a Town Councillor on Llangollen Town Council following the resignation of Cllr George Hughes

Any person wishing to stand as a candidate at any of the by-elections should contact the Returning Officer at Denbighshire County Council on [01824 706114](tel:01824706114) or 706118, or email elections@denbighshire.gov.uk to obtain nomination papers.

Residents affected by recent flooding urged to contact Council

Denbighshire County Council is working with Welsh Government to support residents who have recently had their homes flooded during Storm Christoph.

The Council is currently seeking further details of the fund Welsh Government is making available for eligible residents but Welsh Government have announced the proposed payment will be £500 with an additional £500 for those without insurance cover.

In the meantime Denbighshire householders whose homes have recently been flooded are encouraged to contact the Council's Contact Centre on [01824 706000](tel:01824706000) to log their contact details.

Funding for Denbighshire waste reduction and re-use projects

Denbighshire County Council has secured more than £560,000 for waste reduction and re-use projects in the county.

The Welsh Government funding is for four projects under its Green Recovery Circular Economy fund which aims to help keep materials in circulation for as long as possible to avoid waste.

The funding will support work to increase the reuse of a range of unwanted items brought to Denbighshire's three household waste recycling centres, to deliver a project to increase the kerbside

collections of textiles for re-use by preparing clothing and other items for re-sale, to support the role of charities in providing places for donating and selling goods otherwise disposed of as waste, and to help deliver a social supermarket project based at Market Hall, Ruthin, to sell and distribute local food produce and reduce food waste.

The funding includes

- £185,000 to set up a re-use shop at Rhyl Household Recycling Centre to recycle and sell unwanted items brought to our three household waste recycling centres at Rhyl, Ruthin or Denbigh.
- £99,000 to set up a textile reuse and repair scheme in Rhyl. The project will increase the kerbside capture of textile re-use by expanding the service to all towns and villages across the county, and by preparing clothing and other items for re-sale through our partner's (co-options) sorting facility and re-use shop situated in the town centre of Rhyl. It will also upskill local residents to be able to repair and repurpose clothing donations by providing training and a free sewing machine to those wishing to take part.
- £234,000 to support 8 charities to increase their ability to divert waste away from landfill and increase reuse and the carbon benefits of their re-use operations, through a range of greening improvements.
- £44,000 to help Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council set up a 'Social Supermarket' in Ruthin's Market Hall. The project will help build a more sustainable food system and act as a hub and focal point to sell and distribute local produce in the area.

Support for businesses in Denbighshire extended

A grant available to businesses impacted by coronavirus restrictions has been extended.

The Welsh Government Restrictions Discretionary Grant of £2,000 is available to assist any business without a business premises and registered with business rates that has been forced to close or has experienced a drop in turnover of 40% or more as a result of the restrictions introduced in Wales on December 4.

The scheme was initially opened in Denbighshire on December 15 for businesses in the hospitality sector and supply chain businesses linked to the hospitality sector.

The scheme, which is being administered by Denbighshire County Council on behalf of the Welsh Government, has now been extended to any business that meets the eligibility criteria set out in the guidance.

Examples of eligible businesses are:

A limited company with a turnover of between £10,000 and £50,000

Sole traders / partnerships with a turnover less than £85,000

The business must be your main source of income (more than 50%)

Businesses eligible for, or who have received, the Restrictions Business Fund Non Domestic Rate Grant and / or the Economic Resilience Fund Sector Specific Support Grant are not eligible for this discretionary grant.

Only one application per business is applicable and will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.

Applications may take up to 30 working days to process.

There is no automatic payment for the grant; businesses are required to complete an on-line form.

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