

CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS BODFARI
BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Meeting of Bodfari Community Council
Held on the 8th June 2021 in the village park**

Present

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
Clerk Antony Burnage (AB)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Alan Waterfield arrived late
Cllr Heather Griffiths arrived late
Cllr Julie Burnage attended via telephone.

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. Speed restrictions through the village. Ongoing. A sub group has been set up to look at this proposal and to create a supporting document to be sent to DCC. Cllr HG is to contact Ben Wilcox-Jones at DCC with a map of the area and crash records with a review expected within a month. **Action MS HG**
- ii. Installation of the ceramic map and refurbishment/replacement of notice board. Ongoing. **Action AW, AB.**
- iii. Wind Farm Funding. Potential uses and application. **Ongoing. Action ALL**
- iv. New Park Access. Further contact with Tim Towers (DCC) to establish whether DCC will provide a pavement and who would assume responsibility. Funding through Active Travel may be possible because a new pavement would promote walking within the village. Regarding the park access from Banc y Chwarel, this should be funded through the historical 106 funding and a request for details of the funds originally allocated through the Freedom of Information Act will be sought. A site meeting with DCC Planning Dept (Tim Towers, Paul Meades and Mark Young is also proposed. **Action CM MS**
- v. Candidate sites for development. Ongoing. **No Action**
- vi. War Memorial restoration. Ongoing The Diocese will be contacted to establish what responsibility (if any) the church has for the memorial. Additional quotations for the restoration to be sought. Ongoing. **Action MS.**
- vii. Planning query re: size of barn erected at property behind Bodfari. Ongoing. Adam Turner (DCC Planning Dept) has advised that more information is required. **Action AW CM**

- viii. Park boundary behind Banc y Chwarel. Ongoing. Clearance and general maintenance required of the land between the park boundary fence. Bodfari Environmental have been asked to provide a cost for this work. **Action AW**
- ix. Replacement goal posts. A review of the Park Management Plan is required before a decision is made. **Action ALL**
- x. The Downing Arms site. Adam Turner (DCC) has advised that the site has now been listed as an eyesore and remedial action by the owner will be sought. It is believed that a bat survey has been completed recently. **No Action**
- xi. Footpath stiles. Ongoing. Cllr Sue Davidson reported that the stiles have not been repaired. Adrian Walls and DCC have been contacted about this but no positive response has been received. Follow up required. **Action AB**
- xii. Weed removal and clearance of the boules court is required. Trees that are encroaching on the play areas require pruning. **Action AW**
- xiii. The poor state of repair of Sodom Road has been reported to DCC. Upper Mold Road will also be reported as needing repair and a request will be made that the footpath past the pensioners bungalows is also cleared. **Action MS**
- xiv. DCC are requesting engagement with local councils to discuss improved cycle and walking routes throughout the county as part of the Active Travel campaign. This is an opportunity to highlight the need for additional funding for the new pavement and park access – see 4 iv above. **Action all.**
- xv. An advert will be posted for the position of Clerk. **Action MS**

5. County Councillor's Report

See attached.

6. Planning and Highways

Planning.

No new applications received.

Highways. Discussed see 4(xiii) above.

7. Finance

The council was advised that the bank account balances remain almost the same as last month with little or no activity. A balance of the accounts was given to all councillors.

8. Village playground and park

All equipment is in good order. No issues reported.

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. AOB

1. A complaint has been made by a resident about continued dog fouling. The council will continue to provide collection bags and advise the public via the website and signs.
2. Suggestions for Charitable donations to be made at the next meeting.
3. DCC consultation on Active Travel Campaign.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7pm at the Woodlands Skills Centre unless otherwise advised. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:36pm.

Minutes prepared by A Burnage.

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

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

Date.....13/07/2021.....

County Councillors Report.

Partnership on Denbighshire carbon offsetting project

A sustainable adventure tour operator has partnered with the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on a carbon offsetting project.

Ruthin-based Adventure Tours UK has committed to plant one tree for every person that travels on one of its small group adventures or tailor-made activity holidays.

Almost two acres of land within Moel Famau Country Park has been designated for the new native woodland project.

Over the next three years the firm will assist the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to plant a range of native trees including Birch, Oak, Rowan, Holly, Hazel, Hawthorn, Cherry and Elder.

This new woodland at Tyn-y-Pistyll is expected to create an important habitat for a number of native wildlife species.

Respite support for Denbighshire carers

Denbighshire County Council is informing unpaid carers of the support available to access short respite breaks.

This allows them to balance a life alongside caring, which is important not only for the carer, but also for the person they care for.

Carers Week, which takes place between June 7-13, is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

As part of its work to support unpaid carers in the county, the Council can help them access a wealth of support from local and national organisations including short breaks, a sitting service and direct payments.

Having a carer's needs assessment is a right all unpaid carers have if they care for an adult or disabled child and assessments are carried out by North East Wales Carers Information Service (NEWCIS), commissioned by Denbighshire County Council.

This assessment allows the unpaid carer to explain the impact caring has on them and their life and to explore a range of options.

This could include a break from caring, such as overnight stays in a local hotel, arranged through NEWCIS, domiciliary agency workers providing a sitting service or the Bridging the Gap voucher to provide home help to allow short periods of respite.

Other support includes options for the cared for person to have a short term stay in local residential homes or extra care housing schemes.

Denbighshire County Council has also recently refurbished two properties in Ruthin and Corwen, to allow respite stays and bookings are managed through the Council.

Task and finish group formed for needs assessment

A task and finish group has been formed to oversee a new needs assessment for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.

Denbighshire County Council is set to undertake the work to assess current accommodation need within the Gypsy and Traveller community and it does not include looking for locations for sites. The Council has a legal duty to undertake a new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) every five years as a requirement of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and is also a requirement for the replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) the Council is currently working on.

The formation of the task and finish group was approved by the Council's Communities Scrutiny committee and will involve elected members from across Denbighshire.

The group will also assist with the development of a stakeholder engagement plan to ensure good communication about the project.

It is expected the consultation process, which will include talking to Gypsy and Traveller families and the wider community including representative groups, will begin in the summer.

Denbighshire encouraging businesses to apply for grant funding

Further covid-19 funding is now available for the hospitality, tourism and leisure sector.

Denbighshire County Council will help administer the Welsh Government funds for businesses impacted during Alert Level 2 restrictions.

Businesses with a turnover greater than £85,000 can apply through the Welsh Government's Business Wales platform while those with a turnover less than £85,000 can apply through the Council.

Eligible businesses include:

- Nightclubs, late entertainment venues and ice skating rinks
- Events and conference venues
- Business unable to open indoors between May 1 and May 17 and who experienced a drop in turnover
- Hospitality trading under Alert Level 2 conditions from May 17 to June 30
- Supply chain and related business with material impact on turnover

Cllr Hugh Evans OBE, Leader of Denbighshire County Council, said: "We are again encouraging businesses to apply for the funding being made available by Welsh Government.

"It is vital businesses in the county apply for this funding to ensure they are getting all the support that is available to them which helps protect jobs and the economy in Denbighshire."

To find out if you are eligible and to apply visit <http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/coronavirus/erf-business-support.aspx>

Housing development named after Denbigh plum

A new energy-efficient housing development in Denbigh has been named after one the town's most ancient products.

Denbighshire Housing is building 18 two-bedroom and 4 four-bedroom semi-detached houses for social rent for Denbighshire County Council on land above Tan y Sgubor, Denbigh, the first new council homes to be designed and built for the Denbighshire area in 30 years.

The development will be named Llwyn Eirin (Plum Grove) to celebrate the registration of the Vale of Clwyd Denbigh Plum as a protected food name with Protected Designation of Origin.

The Denbigh plum is a truly ancient fruit, said to be cultivated by Carmelite monks in the town as early as the 13th Century.

The Vale has a long history of fruit production, boasting well over 200 orchards at its peak.

It was considered appropriate, then, to reflect the town's fruity heritage in the new development's name.

Specimens of the Denbigh Plum tree will be planted in the development, to help the fruit tree thrive once more in its native environment.

The low carbon homes, which will be built and certified to the energy-efficient Passivhaus standard, are part of the Council's target to provide 170 more council houses by 2022.

The frames and walls for the new houses are being made off site in North Wales by Creating Enterprise, a subsidiary of Cartrefi Conwy, using the Beattie Passive Build system and the main contractor for the development is Brenig Construction.

Council seeking views on homelessness early intervention project

Denbighshire County Council is seeking the views of residents, schools/colleges and other key organisations as it looks to develop a new project to help people identify whether they are at risk of homelessness at a much earlier point.

Homelessness means not having a safe place to live. This can include living in unsuitable accommodation, 'sofa-surfing' (staying in someone's home unofficially) and sleeping rough (sleeping outside).

If the Council and other organisations can work with at-risk individuals earlier, there is a better chance people will be able to receive the help they need before there is a genuine risk of homelessness.

The Council would like to know what people think this project could or should look like.

To have your say and get involved, please visit the following web page and follow the link to complete the online consultation

survey <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/595>

Residents invited to help begin shaping the Council's future priorities

Denbighshire County Council is beginning to work on developing a new Corporate Plan, and would like residents to get involved and have their say.

The Council has to produce a new Corporate Plan every five years, this plan gives the Council focus and helps all of the Council's services to work together, to plan and achieve specific goals that will help to make Denbighshire a better place to live, work and visit, for everyone.

The current Corporate Plan started in 2017 following a consultation exercise called County Conversation and will finish in 2022.

From the consultation, residents and the Council identified priorities for Housing, Young People, Connected Communities, Resilient Communities and the Environment.

The Council is now keen to continue the County Conversation and ask residents what the priorities should be for the next five years.

To help with this, the Council is launching a survey and running some online focus groups.

The Continuing the County Conversation survey will be live online from May 24 to July 31 2021, with paper copies being distributed to home library service users or available to collect and return from libraries from June 1 to July 31, 2021.

The online focus groups will be hosted on Microsoft Teams in June and July.

To take part and have your say, please

visit <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/596> to complete the online survey and/or sign up for the online focus groups.

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