



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference,

On Monday, 9th November, 2020, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 182/20

PRESENT

Councillor John Glover (Chair)
Councillor H. Andrew Hughes
Councillor David G. Jones
Councillor Emyr W. Morris
Councillor David H. Parry
Councillor Mrs. Julie M. Peters
Councillor James K. Williams
Councillor Mrs. Margaret G. Williams

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 183/20

APOLOGIES

Councillor Trebor E. Evans
Councillor Edgar H. Jones
Councillor Peter Newell

1(C). 184/20

**APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 85 (1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
(NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS) CLLR EDGAR JONES**

The Clerk brought to the attention of Members, an application by Councillor Edgar Jones, under the above referred to Act. The letter of application advised in relation to; Councillor Jones' non-attendance at Council meetings due to ill-health. Councillor Jones further advised, that he has been a member of the Community Council for 43 years and would wish to continue his public service, following his health recovery.

Members agreed the following: Were pleased to agree to the application and wished Councillor Jones a speedy recovery; and looked forward to his future attendance in Council meetings.

2. 185/20

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

3. 186/20

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH OCTOBER, 2020

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Andrew Hughes and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 187/20

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes;

Minute no: 4.164/20 pending matter (page 3) - in relation to a public footpath leading from Lower Foel Road to Upper Foel Road. The Clerk advised: The 20 Public Right of Way User Evidence Statements had been collated and sent to the Denbighshire County Council Access Officer. Receipt of the statements had been received, whereby it had been advised, that there would be a delay in processing the application due to the current restrictions.

Minute no: 6(B). 167/20 (d) (page 5) - in relation to a recent play area report received from Aura Leisure. The Clerk advised, that there were three actions from the October Minutes, namely: **(i)** To obtain a quotation for the repair to the wetpour. This has not been received due to the restrictions in visiting the play area **(ii)** Inspection of the bench seat. Both Councillors' Trebor Evans and Andy Hughes had inspected the bench seat. It was considered by both Councillors, that no repair, other than a paint or stain was required **(iii)** Quotation for the eradication of weed and general tidy of undergrowth. The Clerk advised, that Reg Davies & Son has provided a quotation for the sum of £150.00. The Clerk further advised, that the quotation had been accepted by the Chair and Vice Chair of Council in-between the October and November Council meetings.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the approval of the above quotation for £150.00.

Minute no: 10. 178/20 (page 8) - in relation to a National Lottery Heritage Grant, made recently in relation to the Dyserth Lime Kilns project. The Clerk advised, that a recent letter had been received from the Heritage Lottery, which stated that the Council's application was not successful. The letter indicated that almost 300 applications had been received, seeking funding of over £2.5 million. A copy of the letter had been forwarded to the Chair and Vice Chair of Council, together with Councillor David Parry.

Members agreed the following: To further discuss the project under Agenda item number: 6(C). 191/20 on page 4 below.

Pending Matters:

The Clerk advised, that the following matters remain in the pending file:

- (1)** Children's Play Area: New equipment installation, including inspection process, insurance together with a new valuation for all the current play area equipment.
- (2)** Council land known as The Burial Field. Awaiting report from the Dyserth St Bridget and St Cwyfan Church; in relation to the number of full and ashes interment plots available for the future.

5. 188/20

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR DAVID G. WILLIAMS)

County Councillor David Williams had advised the Community Council in relation to the following:

- (1) Waterfall Hill retaining wall: The County Council have agreed to adopt the entire length of wall that was a cause of concern. The vegetation has been removed, whereby over half the wall is in a poor condition and will need to be rebuilt. The work will be placed on the capital investment programme.
- (2) Bus stop adjacent to The Pop Inn: Following further complaints in relation to the condition and unsightliness of the wooden bus shelter, the County have been asked to further inspect the shelter, in particular, the safety aspect.
- (3) Pot holes in Bryn Y Felin area: County Highways have been asked to repair a number of pot holes to both the West and East roads of the area. It was confirmed, that the pot hole repair had been completed.
- (4) An independent Councillor Group on Denbighshire County Council had written to the Wales First Minister, seeking that the lack of financial assistance to the smaller businesses be reviewed.

The following concern was advised to County Councillor David Williams:

- ❖ Pot holes in James Park have not been repaired.

6(A). 189/20

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (a) The Clerk advised, that the following criminal offences had been reported to the North Wales Police, that had occurred within the Dyserth Community Council area:

6 x Violence and sexual offences / 2 x Anti-social behaviour / 1 x Burglary
- (b) Welsh Assembly Government grants for premises subject to a non domestic rate exemption: Information forward to the Dyserth Community Hall Committee.
- (c) Denbighshire County Council: Updated Charter between Denbighshire County Council and City, Town & Community Councils in Denbighshire.
- (d) Denbighshire County Council: Commuted grants. Information sent to Play & Stay at Dyserth.
- (e) Dyserth Winter Planters: Following the delivery of winter plants to the home of the Chair of Council – John Glover; Councillors were asked to collect and place in the various planters.

The following correspondence was forwarded by e-mail to Members:

- ❖ Welsh Local Government Association: Coronavirus update.

- ❖ Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB – General survey. Sent to Councillors to complete on a personal basis.
- ❖ Awel Y Mor Offshore Wind Farm – Virtual consultation to be completed by Councillors on a personal basis.
- ❖ Royal British Legion – Festival of Remembrance in Wales.
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Community Development Team Newsletter.
- ❖ Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Information in relation to the new North Denbighshire Community Hospital in Rhyl.
- ❖ Welsh Government – Policy Announcement Compulsory Purchase.
- ❖ Armed Forces Wales: Remembrance Sunday information; sent to Councillors: John Glover; Trebor Evans; David Jones and David Parry

6(B). 190/20

CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Received from and deposited into the Council's bank account:

- Dyserth Bowling Club: £30.00, in relation to the Pavilion building annual rent

(b) The Clerk advised, that during the annual testing of the Dyserth High Street Christmas lights, Denbighshire County Council had advised the following: Four faulty illuminations require repair / new bulbs. The following quotation had been received from the original supplier; Blanchere Illuminations via Denbighshire County Council: £512.49; plus carriage £140.00; plus VAT £130.50 = Total £782.99.

Members agreed the following: Accepted the above repair cost to the Christmas lights.

(c) Damage to the Dyserth name sign – A5151 Road traveling into Dyserth from Rhuddlan. Appeared that the grass cutting machine had clipped the sign. The Clerk advised, that Denbighshire had completed the repair.

Councillor David Parry – Reported the following to Denbighshire County Council:

- (1) Public right of way: Damaged wooden step on footpath between Gibbs Wood top gate and road from the Pentre Farm area. Denbighshire Footpath Officer advised: that the damage would have been caused by unauthorised usage of mountain bikes in the area.
- (2) Pandy Lane Boardwalk: 7 wooden slats are broken between Pandy Lane and Carreg Heilin field. Photographs had been sent to the Denbighshire Countryside Officer.
- (3) Diesel spillage in the area of entrance to St. George's Field. Councillor David Parry had placed sand to endeavour to dry out the spillage.

6(C). 191/20

PRECEPT AND FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2021 / 2022

The Clerk advised that this exercise was to enquire with the Members of the Council, if there were any items of expenditure, extra to the present allocation in the 'Earmarked Reserves' to be included in the next financial year. A copy of the current ear-marked reserves was provided to Members.

Members agreed the following: (1) £30,000.00 – Millennium Garden project & new play area equipment project with Dyserth Play & Stay (2) £10,000.00 - Dyserth Kilns Restoration (3) £1,340.00 & £2,190.00 – Public footpaths handrail project with Denbighshire County Council (4)

£8,000.00 - Ringfenced monies – Dyserth Waterfall (5) Ring-fenced and general reserves (includes property upkeep) – to be agreed in January 2021 budget setting.

7. 192/20

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) Councillor Andy Hughes advised, that the Community Hall would re-open under the new restrictions following the fire-break. The Hall had applied for a further grant which was being administered through Denbighshire County Council, on behalf of the Welsh Government. During the lockdown, internal work had been completed to the building.
- (ii) Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams advised, that the Waterfall would also re-open following the fire-break. To alleviate the flooding from the cave area, an underground pipe will be installed. Work to be completed on the small bridge, which will ensure a greater health & safety control of children.

8(A). 193/20

PLANNING

The following planning application had been received:

- Application number: 42/2020/0712 - for the erection of pitched roof extension at side of dwelling and conservatory and porch at rear, at Bryn Awel Ffordd Ffynnon, Dyserth.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application is subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

(The above application was sent to Members for consultation in-between meetings, due to statutory time limits for observations from County Planning).

8(B). 194/20

Members formally confirmed the above decision.

8(C). 195/20

The following planning applications were dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- ❖ Application number: 42/2020/0764 – for the demolition of former commercial garage, for the erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works, at former Central Garage, High Street, Dyserth.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application is subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised. (See further comment below).

NOTE:

The above planning application was originally sent to Members with a closing date for comment by the 30th October, whereafter the above comment was forwarded to Denbighshire Planning.

The original letter received from Denbighshire Planning by the Clerk required the Council's comment by Sunday 8th November, whereafter the comment date appears to have been amended to 12th November on the Denbighshire County Council web site.

Following further information received from residents within the vicinity of the former garage; the following addendum to the Council's above minute was agreed to be sent to Denbighshire Planning:

‘At the Community Council meeting held last evening, the Members were made aware of concerns from local residents, in relation to a private road that is included in the application; together with the condition of this unadopted road. The Dyserth Community Council wish to bring the above concerns to the attention of the assigned Planning Officer, during the planning consideration process’.

8(D). 196/20

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decision had been received from Denbighshire County Council:

- Application number: 42/2020/0651 – for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed installation of rooflights to front and rear roof slopes of dwelling, at 83 Cwm Road, Dyserth. Certify.

9. 197/20

TO REVIEW: THE DYSERTH EMERGENCY (CORONAVIRUS) FINANCIAL FUND (CLLR JOHN GLOVER)

Councillor John Glover advised, that there had been three applications received, whereby the following payments had been made from the Emergency fund: 2 x £50.00 vouchers and one voucher for £30.00. One £50.00 voucher had not been redeemed to date.

Members agreed the following: To further review the Emergency fund in March, 2021.

10. 198/20

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Cheque Number | Payee | Net £ | Vat £ | Total £ |
|----------------------|---|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | <u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u> | | | |
| | Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for October) Payments dated 02/11/2020 | | | |
| | Good Signs & Print (Rhuddlan) Invoice for Councillor ID Badges – as previously agreed | 144.60 | 28.92 | 173.52 |
| | Trecastell Nurseries (R. Alexander) invoice for winter plants for Council planters – as previously agreed | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| | <u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u> | | | |
| | Royal British Legion (Rhuddlan Branch) Community Council poppy wreaths | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| | Denbighshire County Council – Dyserth name place signage – as previously agreed | 3,465.00 | | 3,465.00 |

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| | Glascoed Timber (Dog bin servicing) – April to September 2020 | 1,414.40 | 282.88 | 1,697.28 |
| | Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for October) | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| | Louise Walsh (Annual Honorarium for Health & Safety Inspections) | 200.00 | | 200.00 |

11. 199/20

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

| Cheque Number | Name of organisation | Amount granted £ |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| | Cerebral Palsy (Formerly Bobath Children’s Therapy) Cardiff | No grant |

12. 200/20

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.

13(A). 201/20

Standing Orders were suspended:

Dyserth Christmas trees and Christmas lights: The following actions were confirmed:

- (1) A previous decision by Council, whereby: Councillor Andy Hughes to arrange the delivery of two Christmas trees: One to be sited in the grounds of the Waterfall. The second one to be sited in the Village Square near the former stone bus shelter.
- (2) Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams, to arrange the annual services of the electrician to connect and disconnect the lights.
- (3) Councillor David Parry to enquire with a resident adjacent to the Town Square area, with a view to connect the Christmas tree lights to their home supply. Councillor Parry to offer a financial donation from the Council for the energy used.

13(B). 202/20

Standing Orders were re-instated:

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COUNCIL

DATE OF APPROVAL.....