



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference,

On Monday, 8th February, 2021, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 26/21

PRESENT

Councillor John Glover (Chair)
Councillor Trebor E. Evans (Vice 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). 27/21

APOLOGIES

Councillor Edgar H. Jones
Councillor Peter Newell

2. 28/21

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Disclosure of Interest was declared:

Councillor David G. Jones completed and signed a Disclosure and Registration of Interest form.
(See Minute number: 5. 31/21 on pages 2 & 3 below).

3. 29/21

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH JANUARY, 2021

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor David Jones and seconded by Councillor James Williams as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 30/21

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 4. 05/21; sub minute number: 4.186/20 (page 2)** – in relation to the items of repair in the children’s play area. The Clerk advised, that the wetpour work had been completed. Aura Leisure had also completed the moss and weed treatment to both the play area and MUGA.
- (2) Minute no: 6(B). 08/21(i) (pages 4 and 5)** – in relation to the repair of a bench seat. Councillor David Parry advised, that that he had completed a temporary repair whereby the seat was back in site. When a new wooden slat is available from the manufacturer, this will be fitted. Councillor Parry was thanked by the Members for his work.
- (3) Minute no: 9.21/21 (page 8)** – in relation to the ownership of the Dyserth Memorial Garden. The Clerk advised, that the area of land is not registered with the Land Registry. The Clerk recollects Members to an article written on the local War Memorials web site (this information was virtually show to Members at the meeting); whereby the land had been given to the Community and not the then Parish Council.

Members agreed the following: Not to pursue the matter further.

5. 31/21

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

County Councillor David Williams advised Members in relation to the following:

- (1) Dyserth High Street Traffic Alleviation Project:** The Clerk advised, that a site meeting had been held on Monday 25th January; whereby County Councillor David Williams; together with Community Councillor David Jones had attended. Both the Chair and Vice Chair of Dyserth Council were unable to attend. Mr. Ian Mcloughlin (Denbighshire County Council) was also in attendance.

The Clerk advised, that following the site meeting a revised plan for the traffic alleviation scheme was received. The County Council sought the approval of the scheme in-between Council meetings; whereby the Clerk forwarded to Members a copy of the revised scheme. Members agreed by e-mail to the proposals; with the following condition: ‘That should this traffic flow improvement scheme not create an effective solution; then the County would consider a further project, say in 2023’.

The Clerk advised, that the day prior to this Council meeting, an e-mail had been received from an owner of one of the properties affected by the new scheme. The Clerk had forwarded a copy of the e-mail to Members prior to the meeting.

County Councillor David Williams together with Community Council Members discussed the following: That the original scheme has been confirmed in writing to the property owner, including County Councillor David Williams; that the funding was in place and or secured.

Members agreed the following: To endeavour to expedite this long outstanding concern; the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council: Ms. Judith Greenhalgh; to seek a further socially distanced site meeting in Dyserth High Street, with Senior County Council

Councillors and Officers: The Clerk to copy the following into the e-mail: County Councillors' Hugh Evans, Brian Jones & David Williams; County Council Officers: Mr. Graham Boase; Mr. Mike Jones; Mr. Peter Lee & Mr. Ian McLoughlin.

Declaration of Interest: Councillor David Jones (Minute number: 2. 28/21 on page 1 above)

- (2) Flooding on Waterfall Road & Flood Defences: County Councillor David Williams advised the following: Whilst the Denbighshire County Council (DCC) are still awaiting a flood alleviation plan from Natural Resources Wales (NRW); there will be some intermediate work completed. A joint Committee is to be set up with NRW and DCC. A report will be sent to the local Welsh Government and Westminster Members seeking their assistance. An on-line petition is being considered.
- (3) Water / flooding on Hiraddug Road and Bron Haul areas. Following a site meeting with Denbighshire County Council Highways Officer; a drainage camera will be utilised to trace and defects in the gullies and pipes. Depending on the results; possibly wider pipes will be installed.
- (4) Repairs to pot holes required in Clwyd Avenue, Dyserth, had been reported to County Highways.
- (5) Request to the cleaning of gullies along Waterfall Road, Dyserth.
- (6) Complaints received from residents in the Hiraddug Road area of Dyserth; advising of concerns to large rodents in their gardens.
- (7) Councillor Williams advised the following: A Road Traffic Order is to be advertised in relation to a proposed Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Allt Y Graig area, as follows: From its junction with the A547 in Dyserth to its junction with the unnamed road (known locally as Pant Erwyn Road) which links Allt & Graig (near the property known as Haulfryn) in Dyserth to the A5151 in Trelawnyd.
- (8) Traffic survey and other reports requested to endeavour to alleviate traffic concerns in the area of Allt Y Graig with the Meliden Road junction.
- (9) Replacement hedge in area of Cysgod Y Graig. Denbighshire County Council confirmed: that there had been no felling of trees in the area; however, several trees had been planted by the developer; whereby the old hedge that was removed was patchy and badly maintained.

6(A). 32/21

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:

4 Violence & similar offences / 1 x Anti-social behaviour / 1 x Drugs / 2 x Other crimes

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

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council – Alert Level 4: Organised Group Activities & frequently asked questions.
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council – Coronavirus update.
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council – Coronavirus statistical information in relation to Schools in Denbighshire.
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council – Waste reduction and reuse of products.
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council – Community Team Development Newsletter.
- ❖ Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Consultation: New draft guidance on the Code of Conduct for members of Community & Town Councils. The Clerk advised, that the information had not been received directly from the Ombudsman’s Office; but via a third party. The Clerk had written to the Office of the Ombudsman to state: ‘By not advising all Town & Community Councils in Wales as to the consultation; Councillors had been disadvantaged as elected members to comment on the draft new Code of Conduct’.

6(B). 33/21

CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following:

- (a) The Clerk had provided Members prior to the meeting by e-mail; with copies of the estimates for end of financial year 2020 / 2021, together with estimated precept for 2021 / 2022 – following agreement by Council at the January Council budget meeting.
- (b) The Clerk advised, in relation to correspondence received from a prospective Licence Holder of Y Bodunig Public House. The applicant had written seeking the support for the granting of a Premises Licence, by Denbighshire Licensing Committee. The Clerk further advised, that the application to date, had not been listed for hearing by the County.

Members agreed the following: To support the application for a Premises Licence at Y Bodunig, High Street, Dyserth. The Clerk was provided with authority to write an appropriate letter to Denbighshire County Council Licensing Panel; upon being notified of the hearing date.

- (c) The Clerk advised that following the January Council meeting, he was contacted by Aura Leisure in relation to the Dyserth Play Area & MUGA - Service Level Agreement. The agreement was due for renewal prior to the February Council meeting. The Clerk further advised; that the Chair and Vice Chair of Council had agreed in-between meetings to renew the contract for a further year. The Councillors’ took into consideration; that this Council had no concerns with the Company over the past two years, when making their decision.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the Service Level Agreement for one further year.

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

- ❖ Excavated rocks and rubble from the Anglia business construction site on Newmarket Road, have been deposited above the public rights of way and a watercourse. This is a cause of danger for pedestrians.

6(C). 34/21

TO CONSIDER: REQUEST TO SELL LAND KNOWN AS ‘THE BURIAL FIELD’

The Clerk brought to the attention of Council Members, the contents of an e-mail received from Carter Jonas (Shrewsbury); Agents on behalf of Bodrhyddan Estate, Dyserth. The Agent has requested the Council to consider the sale of land known as The Burial Field.

Members agreed the following: They would not wish to sell the land known as the Burial Field.

Whilst reaching their decision; the Members took into consideration correspondence from Denbighshire County Council received in 2020; whereby, the County confirmed to the Community Council, that the burial space requirements in Denbighshire were sufficient at the present time. A further review in the County will be carried out in the next five years. The Community Council wish therefore to ensure; that should the County be seeking burial land in the future; then this particular area of land could be utilised.

6(D). 35/21

DYSERTH EMERGENCY FUND

The Clerk recollects to Members; that the sum of £2,000.00 was provided by this Council to the Dyserth Community Hall in April 2020, to facilitate an Emergency fund to assist residents during the current pandemic.

Councillor John Glover advised Members; that the fund had only been utilised on four occasions during the past almost 12 months. The sum of £160.00 had been provided in vouchers for spending in the Dyserth High Street shops; leaving a balance of £1,840.00.

Members agreed the following: (1) Brought forward an application for financial assistance received from the Head Teacher of Ysgol Hiraddug Primary School (2) To request the Dyserth Community Hall Committee; to transfer the balance of £1,840.00, held in the Emergency Fund, to Ysgol Hiraddug School. This funding to be utilised by the School to purchase various IT equipment to enable pupils to complete both home and other learning tasks.

7. 36/21

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

There were no reports specific to the Local Committees and Outside Bodies schedule, or Council Members who had attended meetings on behalf of the Council.

8(A). 37/21

PLANNING

The following planning application had been received:

- (a) Application number: 42/2020/0923 – (amended application) for the erection of a dwelling, detached garage with store over, annexe lodge, installation of a package treatment plant and associated works, at Land at former Quarry off High Street, Dyserth).

Comment by Council: Previous decision to stand, as follows: Whilst the Community Council have no objections to the proposal; providing that the application is subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes. However, the Council are extremely concerned, that the Preliminary Ecological Assessment at Paragraph 5.2 on page 7, states: The protected species survey was negative. The Quarry site is, and has been, frequented by Peregrine Falcons over many years; this is a well-known fact within the community area. Peregrine Falcons have been given full legal protection under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

A copy of this e-mail will be provided to the author of the survey, at Cambrian Ecology Ltd, of Maentwrog, Gwynedd

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

8(B). 38/21

Members formally confirmed the above decision.

8(C). 39/21

The following planning application was dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- Planning application number: 42/2021/0062: Cartref, Bryn Y Felin, Dyserth - for alterations to existing conservatory, replacement of balcony and balustrade, installation of velux rooflights and replacement windows, block envelope rendered and associated works.

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

8(D). 40/21

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- ❖ Application number: 42/2020/0985 – for amended fencing details (submitted in accordance with Condition no 7, of planning permission code nu: 42/2019/0378/AC). Approved.

9. 41/21

TO DISCUSS: COMPLAINTS OF INCONSIDERATE PARKING IN CWM ROAD (CLLR DAVID JONES)

Councillor David Jones addressed Members in relation to inconsiderate and on occasions dangerous parking in Cwm Road. There have been a number of incidents whereby pedestrians, in particular, residents pushing prams together with mobility scooter users; who have to enter the busy main road; due to vehicles blocking a clear pavement access. Overgrown hedges cascading into the pavement area are also a concern and reduce safe pavement access.

Members agreed the following: (1) The Clerk to contact the Police Inspector for the Dyserth area. To seek that the Inspector visits Cwm Road with PCSO Alex Jones and takes appropriate action to alleviate the parking concerns (2) The Clerk to obtain a copy of the North Wales Police Policy; as to vehicles being parked on pavements.

10. 42/21

TO CONSIDER: INSTALLATION OF HEAVY DUTY CHRISTMAS TREE BASES (CLLR DAVID PARRY)

Councillor David Parry recollected to Members, the larger Christmas trees that had been placed in Dyserth High Street and Waterfall area. Whilst the larger trees were appreciated by residents, together with the new lights; unfortunately, the fixing units that secure the trees to the ground were not large enough. This resulted in the High Street Christmas tree being blown over. Councillor Parry suggested, that the current ground fixing units be replaced with larger units, at a cost of £220.00 each. This including the purchase and work required.

Members agreed the following: To the cost of £220.00 each to purchase and have fitted; two new larger fixing units for the Christmas tress in the High Street and Waterfall areas.

11. 43/21

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<p><u>Payment made – to be confirmed:</u></p> <p>Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for January) Payments dated 01/02/2021</p> <p><u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></p> <p>Denbighshire County Council: Christmas street lighting – installation and removal</p> <p>R P Parry (Clerk) Quarter share with other Councils: purchase of 12th Edition – Local Council Administration (This purchase was agreed by the Chair & Vice Chair in-between meetings)</p> <p>Scottish Power: Electricity supply for Christmas street lighting</p> <p>Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for January)</p>			
		1,120.00	224.00	1,344.00
		29.75	1.20	30.95
		96.12	4.81	100.93
		40.00		40.00

12. 44/21

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<p><u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u></p> <p>Urdd Gobaith Cymru (National Eisteddfods in Denbigh, Carmarthenshire & Montgomeryshire in 2022, 2023 & 2024) (Section 145 LGA 1972 – provision of entertainment and support of the arts)</p> <p>Note: Commitment to provide funding of £500.00 towards the Denbighshire Urdd Eisteddfod (Upon application being received)</p> <p>St. Kentigern Hospice (St. Asaph). Application for specific funding (Section 137 LGA 1972)</p>	
		£100.00
		£1,000.00

	<p>Ysgol, Hiraddug Primary School (Application for funding towards purchase of computers) (See Minute Number: 6(D). 35/21 on page 5 above)</p> <p>Denbighshire Dial A Ride (Application for funding towards new services) (Section 137 LGA 1972)</p>	<p>£500.00</p>
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13. 45/21

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

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

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COUNCIL

DATE OF APPROVAL.....