



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference,

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

1(A). 186/21

PRESENT

Councillor David H. Parry (Chair)
Councillor H. Andrew Hughes (Vice Chair)
Councillor John Glover
Councillor David G. Jones
Councillor Emyr W. Morris
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). 187/21

APOLOGIES

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

1(C). 188/21

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 85 (1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS) BY 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 the non-attendance at Council meetings, over the past six months.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the non-attendance of Councillor Edgar Jones due to ill-health. Members sent their best wishes to Councillor Jones.

2. 189/21

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

No attendance at meeting by public, no questions, comments or representations received prior to meeting.

3. 190/21

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was declared: Councillor John Glover (**Minute number: 192/21 (8) on page 3**), in relation to Ysgol Hiraddug.

4. 191/21

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

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor John Glover and seconded by Councillor Andrew Hughes as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 192/21

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Minute no: 5. 170/21 (1) (page 2)** – in relation to a joint project with Play & Stay at Dyserth, for the installation of new play area equipment within the children's play area. Councillor David Parry advised, that the work had been completed and looked good.
- (2) **Minute no: 5. 170/21 (2) (page 2)** – in relation to the Dyserth Kilns project. Councillor David Parry advised, that he had been contacted by Glascoed Timber, whereby the work would commence tomorrow – Tuesday 9th November.
- (3) **Minute no: 5. 170/21 (3) (page 2)** – in relation to a preservation orders on trees in Dyserth. The Clerk advised, that he had endeavoured to contact the Arborist to seek a report on the trees subject to a possible preservation order, but was unsuccessful.

Members agreed he following: Accepted the offer from County Councillor David Williams to make enquiries with Denbighshire County Council.

- (4) **Minute no: 5. 170/21 (6) (page 2)** – in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Section 47 (Multi Location Meetings). The Clerk advised, that he had written further to Mr. Gareth L. Davies MS/AS, providing further information and references to the above Act. Council Members were shown virtually Mr. Davies' reply and were again completely astonished that he still is completely unable to grasp the content of the enquiry. The Clerk further advised, that he was at a complete loss as to why Mr. Davies keeps referring to social distancing when this was not the issue raised with the initial enquiry, including within a number of following exchange e-mails.

Members agreed the following: Councillor David Jones to make contact with the Conservative Office, to express the Community Council's disbelief and disappointment with the complete lack of understanding and non-assistance received from Mr. Davies.

- (5) **Minute no: 5. 170/21 (7) (page 3)** – in relation to additional Christmas lights in Lower Dyserth. The Clerk advised, that the following report had been received from Denbighshire

Street Lighting. 'Following inspection, the street lighting columns in the lower part of Dyserth are only 5 and 6 metres in height; they are not high or strong enough to hold Christmas illuminations'.

- (6) **Minute no: 6. 171/21 (4) (page 3)** – in relation to the closure of Waterfall Road, and in particular, the arrangements for the continuance of the public bus service. The Clerk advised, to the following reply from Denbighshire County Council. 'Signage was placed on all bus stops in Dyserth with instructions; temporary bus stops were placed at alternatives to the suspended stops'
- (7) **Minute no: 7(A). 172/21 (f) (page 4)** – in relation to speeding traffic in the area travelling from the High Street traffic lights towards Rhuddlan. The Clerk advised (a) Denbighshire County Council will place vehicle / speed monitoring tubes in the area (b) The Go Safe vehicle of the North Wales Police will visit the area more frequently.
- (8) **Minute no: 7(B). 173/21 (b) (page 5)** – in relation to financial assistance to Ysgol Hiraddug, for the repair to a children's Pavilion building. The Clerk advised, that the preferred joinery company that was awarded the provisional contract for the Pavilion repairs at Ysgol Hiraddug, had not responded to requests for further information. The Headteacher of the School was also unsuccessful in making contact. The School had received a revised quotation which totalled £6,560.00.

Members agreed the following: Considering the cost to repair the wooden Pavilion structure, it may be beneficial if a new wooden Pavilion was purchased. The Clerk to contact the Head teacher to discuss.

Declaration of Interest: Councillor John Glover declared an interest, as the Councils' School Governor Representative. (**Minute number 3. 190/21 on page 2 above**)

- (9) **Minute no: 8. 176/21 (ii) (page 7)** – in relation to a new gully grid installed in Thomas Avenue. The Clerk advised, that following inspection by Denbighshire Street Scene, the grid was not deemed to be slippery and a danger.
- (10) **Minute no: 10(A). 181/21 (page 8)** – in relation to a previously agreed joint funding project for further hand rails on public footpaths with Denbighshire Rights of Way. The Clerk advised, that despite two reminder e-mails Mr Adrian Walls had not replied. The Clerk had received an out of office from a colleague of Mr. Walls on the day of this meeting.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to contact the Officers line manager to seek an update.

6. 193/21

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

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

- (1) Phase 2 – Dyserth High Street traffic alleviation project. Councillor Williams advised, that following further consultation with Denbighshire Highway Officers, a further site meeting will be held in the High Street to discuss the second phase. Members of Dyserth Community Council will be invited to the meeting.
- (2) Maes Esgob Woodland Creation Consultation by Denbighshire. Information forwarded to Councillor David Parry, as member of Dyserth Environmental Group.

- (3) Complaint received from resident, as to why the bus service is not allowed to alight passengers at the stop opposite The Pop Inn. (Presently passengers have to stay on the bus whilst it drives through the High Street and turn in the Tre Castell area, travel back through the High Street, then stops at The Pop Inn).
- (4) The following concerns have been reported to Denbighshire County Highways:
- Upper Foel Road: Evidence of ongoing subsidence where the carriageway meets with retaining wall on the west side.
 - Upper Foel Road: Number of pot holes require attention.
 - Upper Foel Road: Request for the road sweeper to attend and tidy up the area.
 - Councillor David Jones reported two pot holes in the area of James Park. It was advised, that these type of concerns are now required to be reported on-line by the Clerk. Councillor John Glover to advise the Clerk of the exact locations of the pot holes.

7(A). 194/21

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (1) 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 / 2 x Burglary / 2 x P8ubloc Order / 1 x Possession of a weapon
- (2) Welsh Government: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 Section 47 Multi-Location Meetings. The Clerk advised, that the Wales Government have commenced a questionnaire on Survey Monkey, in relation to the concerns expressed by Town & Community Councils in Wales, with the current restrictions to holding Council meetings. The Clerk confirmed, that he had completed the survey.
- (3) Denbighshire County Council: Attendance figures for the ‘Lets Play Out’ session during the October half term. 20 children attended between the ages of 5 and 12.
- (4) Denbighshire County Council: Commuted sums (play area equipment). Information forwarded to Cathy Jackson, Lead Member at Play & Stay at Dyserth.
- (5) Clerk to Dyserth, Meliden & Cwm Relief in Sickness Fund, to arrange a meeting of the Committee. Information forwarded to the Community Council’s representatives: Community Councillor Peter Newell and County Councillor David Williams.

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

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Newsletter.
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Wildflower biodiversity project. .

7(B). 195/21
CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Remembrance Sunday. North Wales Police confirm, that one or more Officers will attend to assist with traffic control.
- (b) E-mail received from Mr. Brian Crompton, who stated, that he is the new Treasurer of Dyserth Bowling Club. The Clerk advised, that he had sent by e-mail to Mr. Crompton, a copy of the signed lease for the Pavilion building.
- (c) Aura Leisure: Quarterly inspection report received in relation to the play area and MUGA. The Clerk advised, that the report did not make reference to the suggested hole in the netting above the MUGA, that had been mentioned during the October Council meeting. The Clerk had asked Aura Leisure to re-visit and confirm whichever way.
- (d) Pot holes in Bryn Y Felin with the junction to High Street. The Clerk advised, that Councillor David Parry had brought the concern to his attention, whereafter it was reported to Denbighshire Highways.
- (e) The Clerk recollected to Members the purchase of autumn and winter plants for the Dyserth planters, that Councillor John Glover had kindly collected from Tre Castell Nurseries. Members were shown virtually photographs of the newly filled planters.

7(C). 196/21

TO CONSIDER: THE FOLLOWING POLICY & STATEMENT UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 SECTION 6; BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY

The Clerk recollected Members to an e-mail in relation to the above Policy, which attached a draft Biodiversity template for use by Town & Community Councils in Wales. In consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Council, the Dyserth Environmental Group has been approached for assistance. The Group had confirmed their willingness to assist.

Members were shown virtually a draft Biodiversity Policy that had been kindly completed by the Environmental Group. The Policy provided information on Dyserth Village, including a substantial number of areas that could be included in the policy.

Members agreed the following: To adopt the Biodiversity Policy and expressed their gratefulness to the Dyserth Environmental Group, for the substantial work involved in assisting with the policy.

7(D). 197/21

PRECEPT AND FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2022 / 2023

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: Ysgol Hiraddug new wooden Pavilion – estimate cost £6,000 to £8,000 / Village notice boards – estimate £4,000 / Dyserth Kiln project phase 2 – estimate £5,000 / Footpath handrail project – estimate £5,000 / Extension or additional building & play area equipment in area of St. George field – as currently entered in ear-marked reserves – estimate £30,000.

Other Ring-fenced and general reserves (includes property upkeep) – to be agreed in January 2022 budget setting.

8. 198/21

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) Dyserth Community Hall: Councillor Andrew Hughes reported the following; Hall now fully booked / Christmas Fayre will also feature the Rhyl Silver Band; father Christmas and stalls almost fully booked.
- (ii) Dyserth Waterfall: Councillor Margaret Williams reported, that all the various maintenance work following the summer period, has been completed. New Christmas lights had been purchased.

9(A). 199/21

PLANNING

The following planning application had been received:

- (a) Application number: 42/2021/0636 – for erection of dormer roof extensions to side and rear of dwelling and associated works, at Cairns Cottage, 39, Cwm Road, 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).

9(B). 200/21

Members formally confirmed the above decision.

9(C). 201/21

The following planning application was considered by Members at the meeting:

- Application number: 42/2021/1038 – for Crown thinning and reduction and Crown lifting of copper beech tree numbered T1 on plan attached to the Borough of Rhuddlan Tree Preservation Order no 1 – 1985, at Oakwood, Clwyd Avenue, Dyserth.

Comment by Council: No objection.

9(D). 202/21

PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions received from Denbighshire County Council

10. 203/21

TO CONSIDER: INSTALLATION OF FURTHER HANDRAIL ABOVE WATERFALL (CLLR MARGARET WILLIAMS (ADJOURNED FROM OCTOBER MEETING))

Councillor Margaret Williams recollects Members to the current joint project with Denbighshire County Council (Public Rights of Way), whereby this Council have agreed to jointly fund a number of new handrails. It is appreciated that the County are unable to fund numerous handrails in Dyserth, in particular, as there are many thousands of public footpaths within the County.

Councillor Williams wished Council to consider a small number of handrails over the next few years and suggested one rail from the current budget - near to the recently completed handrail, where the slope is quite severe and rather dangerous during wet weather.

Members agreed the following: To seek a quotation for the handrail area as requested by Councillor Williams. The Clerk initially to obtain a quotation from MJW Welding and to arrange for Councillor Williams to meet with the contractor on site. Should the quotation be for over the one quotation limit, then the Clerk to consult with the Chair and Vice Chair.

11. 204/21

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
	BACS: R. Alexander (Tre Castell Nurseries) Plants for planters – as agreed in October meeting (Payment authorised by two Councillor bank signatories)	300.00		300.00
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for October) Payments dated 01/11/2021			
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	MJW Welding (Payment for public footpath handrail – as previously agreed quotation)	934.11	186.82	1,120.93
	Proludic (Children’s Play Area Equipment). Joint project with Play & Stay at Dyserth for the removal of spacenet and installation of new equipment – as previously agreed quotation)	10,950.01	2,190.00	13,140.01
	Reg Davies & Son (Annual contract fee for grass cutting £995.00 / Annual public footpath grass cutting £165.00 / Extra works as previously agreed by Council £350.00 / Community Centre grass cutting £205.00 / Grass cutting, stacking & clearance of Burial Field - £500.00 (as previously agreed quotation)	2,215.00		2,215.00
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for October)	50.00		50.00
	Louise Walsh £200.00 (Yearly Honorarium for Health & Safety Inspections)	200.00		200.00

**12. 205/21
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u>	
	<p>Dyserth Tuesday Morning Group (application for annual grant) The funding is made up as follows: £250.00 towards meeting room hire fees and general expenses and £250.00 towards the speaker / lecturer fees. (Section 19 - 3(a) LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)</p>	£500.00
	<p>Paterson Hall, Dyserth (Application for capital grant to purchase new cooker for Paterson Hall – to enable the monthly lunch club and other activities to recommence) Members agreed to purchase in full a new cooker which will also be utilised for community use at the Hall, at a cost of £820.00, together with electrician fee of £120.00 to connect the cooker. (Section 19 - 3(a) LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)</p>	£940.00 (Council will issue two Work Orders direct)
	<p>Wales Air Ambulance (Application for annual grant) (Section 137 LGA 1972)</p>	£300.00

**13. 206/21
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.....