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**Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,**

**Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,**

**On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, at 7.00pm.**

## **1(A). 22/18**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor James K. Williams (Chair)  
Councillor David H. Parry (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Trebor E. Evans  
Councillor John Glover  
Councillor H. Andrew Hughes  
Councillor David G. Jones  
Councillor Edgar H. Jones  
Councillor Peter Newell  
Councillor Mrs. Margaret G. Williams

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

## **1(B). 23/18**

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Emyr W. Morris  
Councillor Mrs. Julie M. Peters

## **2. 24/18**

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

## **3. 25/18**

### **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

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

#### **4. 26/18**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

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

**Minute no: 1(C). 03/18 (page 1 and 2)** - in relation to the presentation to Mrs. Anne Parry. The Clerk advised that Mrs. Parry had written to the Council, as follows: 'Please convey my thanks to the Council Members, for the beautiful flowers presented to me at the January Council meeting. I was very touched by the Council appreciation. Thank you to Phillip, the Clerk of Council for his support'

**Minute no: 4.07/18 (page 2)** - in relation to three matters appertaining to a property on Cwm Road and adjacent to Ysgol Y Hiraddug primary school. The Clerk advised that the tree in the area of the footpath had been removed. The Clerk read out to Members, a reply from Denbighshire County Council – Highways Information Officer, who provided details in relation to public usage on a footpath in Cwm Road. Councillor John Glover had discussed with the Ysgol Y Hiraddug Head teacher and School Governors, the concerns with a tree on school land, which requires pruning.

Councillor John Glover advised the Members, that the Hiraddug school allowed a contractor to use school land to remove a tree from an adjacent property. Unfortunately, the vehicle used by the Company caused damage to the School field. The Head teacher has written to the contractor, seeking that the damage is remedied.

**Minute no: 5(A). 08/18 (2) (page 3)** - in relation to the appointment of an Editor for the Dyserth Times. The Clerk advised that the present Editor of the Dyserth Times, had written to advise, that a new editor had agreed to administer the Community Newspaper. The Members expressed their appreciation.

**Minute no: 5(A). 08/18 (5) (page 3 and 4)** - in relation the appropriate sum under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Clerk advised, that at the January Council meeting he was not in possession of the 2018 Electoral Register. The register had been received and the Clerk was able to advise the Members, that there were 1,902 residents listed in the register. This was a decrease of 33 from the 2017 register.

#### **5. 27/18**

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

County Councillor David Williams, advised the members in relation to the following:

- (a) Councillor Williams referred to an e-mail received from Denbighshire County Council, which had been forwarded to Council Members by the Clerk. The e-mail advised that Arriva Buses had stated the following: 'Arriva would not be re-instating the bus service to upper Dyserth (High Street), no matter what planned works are in the pipeline, even if the road through the High Street was completely clear (of obstacles / parking / congestion) the bus service would not be altered from its present route.'

Council Members expressed their disbelief at this decision, in particular, as Arriva Buses made a commitment following public meetings, that the bus service through the Village would be re-instated, once highway improvements had been completed. Councillor John Glover wished that the Council write to the Managing Director of Arriva Buses, expressing concern that the Company have deprived the residents of a bus service and also renege on their decision.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to write to the Managing Director of Arriva Buses, to express the Council's concern with their decision and to seek an explanation, as to why the Company have reneged on their previous commitment to the residents of Dyserth.

- (b) Attended site meeting with an Officer from Denbighshire in relation to a bend on St. Asaph road. The County will consider a road improvement
- (b) Attended site meeting with an Officer from Denbighshire, in relation to drainage concerns in the area of Apple Cottage
- (c) Footpath in the area of Maes y Foel. Denbighshire Legal department perusing their records to ascertain ownership of a fence
- (d) A number of public footpaths have been identified that require attention – information passed to the Footpath Officer
- (e) Sofa dumped in the area of the telephone exchange – Denbighshire Environmental Office advised and asked to remove.

**The following was brought to the attention of Councillor Williams:**

(i) Councillor James Williams advised, in relation to an e-mail received from a concerned resident, to the parking area on Newmarket Road. Apparently, the gate is locked on frequent occasions, including a number of parking spaces which have been reduced from ten, to three and four on occasions. Councillor David Williams advised that this was temporary, due to the work being carried out in the area. Councillor David Williams would contact Denbighshire, seeking a completion date.

(ii) Councillor David Jones referred to the bus stop in the area of Pendre Farm. Buses travelling from Rhuddlan are able to stop for passengers at the traffic lights on the Rhuddlan side, then just around the corner on Waterfall Road, there is another bus stop. When a bus is stationary at this stop, the traffic is backing up, which results in congestion at the traffic lights.

**Members agreed the following:** Councillor David Williams, to contact Denbighshire County Council, to seek the removal of this particular bus stop.

(iii) Councillor Emyr Morris advised, in relation to the lack of parking spaces in Maes Glas, and enquired if Councillor Williams could consult with Denbighshire. Councillor Williams agreed.

(iv) Councillor Emyr Morris referred to a recent accident on Waterfall Road. The road in the area of the accident is quite narrow. Councillor Williams will consult with Denbighshire Highways.

(v) Councillors discussed the condition of a garden in Maes y Foel. Councillor Williams advised, that Denbighshire were aware and action would be taken in due course.

**6(A). 28/18**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- (1) Denbighshire County Council – notification advising in relation to the appointment of a new member, to the County Standards Committee.
- (2) Planning Aid Wales – notification in relation to planning training, to be held in Ruthin, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – between 2.30pm and 5.45pm.
- (3) Independent Review Panel – notification in relation to engagement events, to be held in Wales – including Wrexham and Caernarfon.
- (4) Llangollen international Eisteddfod – complimentary tickets for the Chair of Council.

(5) One Voice Wales – application form for membership. Members agreed not to join.

(6) Children’s Play Development – Quarterly inspection report. The Clerk advised the Members in relation to the contents of the report.

#### **6(B). 29/18**

#### **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk advised, that there were no matters to be brought to the attention of Members.

#### **6(C). 30/18**

#### **TO DISCUSS: LEASE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND ON LONG ACRE ROAD DYSERTH**

The Clerk recollects to the Members, that at a previous Council meeting, this matter was requested to be placed on the agenda for this evening. The Clerk referred to the agreement in relation to land known as ‘The Burial Field’, sited in Long Acres Road, Dyserth. The agreement was made on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1992, between Dyserth Community Council (the owner) and Mrs. G. Lowe, Rhyd Farm, Dyserth (Grazier). The agreement stated the following: ‘The Grazier shall pay the owner for the said right the rent of £30.00 in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1992’.

The Clerk further advised, that the rent – which had been increased to £50.00 from April, 2011, had not been paid for a number of years, and in particular, from 2014 – whereby four years totalling £200.00 was outstanding. Another £50.00 would be due in April, 2018.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to write formally to Mrs. Grethe Wright (née Lowe), to advise, that due to the non-receipt of rent payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> April of each year, the agreement therefore, is hereby terminated.

#### **7. 31/18**

#### **REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Councillor John Glover, as the Council’s School Governor Representative at Ysgol Hiraddug, advised the Members in relation to the following: School Governor concerns with disability access to the school play area (b) Concerns with the entrance hall area to the school. Access is by several steps, with the area not being accessible for disabled users. Councillor Glover advised in relation to the approximate cost of the school entrance to be refurbished and suggested that the Community Council provide financial assistance towards the project. The Clerk advised, that a formal application would have to be made to the Council, together with details of the project. Councillor Glover sought that County Councillor David Williams, assist with the project, by consulting with the Denbighshire County Council Education Department
- (b) Councillor Andrew Hughes advised, that the Community Hall continues to receive steady bookings and advised in relation to forthcoming events.
- (c) Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams, as the Council’s representative on Dyserth Waterfall Committee, advised that the Committee had reported concerns to Denbighshire, in relation to a number of footpaths.

#### **8(A). 32/18**

#### **PLANNING**

The Clerk advised, that no planning applications had been received from Denbighshire County Council

## 8(B). 33/18

### PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions have been received from Denbighshire County Council:

- (a) Planning application numbers: 42/2017/121 - 42/2017/1203 – 42/2017/1206 – 42/2017/1204 and 42/2017/1209, at the former Anglia Builder's Yard & adjacent car parks, on Newmarket Road, Dyserth. Granted.
- (b) Planning application number: 42/2017/1094, for change of use of garage to A1 retail, in Thomas Avenue, Dyserth. Granted.
- (c) Planning application number: 42/2017/1143, for removal of trees within the Dyserth conservation area, at Penrhaeadr, Bryn y Felin, Dyserth. Granted.
- (d) Planning application number: 42/2017/1084, for removal of existing garage and erection of replacement double garage including workshop, at Golygfa, Lower Foel road, Dyserth. Granted.

## 9. 34/18

### TO DISCUSS: UPKEEP OF FOOTPATHS NUMBERS: 30, 31 AND 32 – INCLUDING OTHER FOOTPATHS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY (CLLR MRS. MARGARET WILLIAMS)

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams recollected to the Members, the recent notification from Denbighshire County Council, in relation to Footpath numbers: 30, 31 and 32, in the Community Council area of Dyserth, which had been added the Definitive Map for the County. The three footpaths – sited in the area of Dyserth Waterfall, required maintenance work to be carried out. There were also a number of Health & Safety concerns which required attention.

Councillor Mrs. Williams, expressed her further concerns to the lack of general maintenance of a number of footpaths in the Dyserth area, whereby these footpaths were used frequently.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to contact Mr. Adrian Walls (Denbighshire County Council – Highways Information Officer), to seek a site meeting with Councillors' Mrs. Margaret Williams and David Parry.

## 10. 35/18

### APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
605	Denbighshire County Council – Re: Emergency repairs to Community Council property in February, 2017 (Inspection cover play area)	146.25		146.25
606	Denbighshire County Council – Re: Installation and removal of Dyserth Christmas lights (as per agreed quotation)	888.00	177.60	1,065.60
607	Scottish Power Re: Electricity supply for Christmas lights	121.44	6.07	127.51
608	Mick Dodd Electrical Re: Installation for Christmas tree lights	375.00	75.00	450.00

609	Children's Play Development Consultancy Re: Quarterly play area inspection	60.50		60.50
610	Cllr Mrs. Margaret Williams (Re-imburement of fee provided to a local business – for electricity usage for Christmas tree lights)	10.00		10.00

**11. 36/18**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount granted £</b>
611	St. Kentigern Hospice (St. Asaph)	1,000.00
612	Hiraddug Childcare (Ysgol Hiraddug)	500.00
613	National Eisteddfod of Wales (Cardiff)	100.00

**12. 37/18**

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

**13. 38/18**

**Standing Orders were Suspended**

(a) Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams advised, in relation to the following: Concerns to the walkway from Dyserth High Street to the St. George field – and in particular, the hedge requires pruning.

**Members agreed the following:** Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams to contact Reg Davies & Son, to seek a quotation. The Chair and Vice Chair to consider in between meetings.

(b) Councillor Edgar Jones suggested, that due to the ineffective heating in the Pavilion, that the March Council meeting should be held in the Community Centre.

**Members agreed the following:** Councillor Andrew Hughes, to enquire with the Community Hall, if a room is available for the Council to use in March.

**14. 39/18**

**Standing Orders were Re-instated**

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

**SIGNED BY THE**

**CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE OF**

**APPROVAL.....**