



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference,

On Monday, 14th September, 2020, at 7.00pm.

No Council meeting was held in August

1(A). 138/20

PRESENT

Councillor John Glover (Chair)
Councillor Trebor E. Evans (Vice Chair)
Councillor David G. Jones
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). 139/20

APOLOGIES

Councillor H. Andrew Hughes
Councillor Edgar H. Jones
Councillor Emyr W. Morris
Councillor Peter Newell

1(C). 140/20

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chairman, Councillor John Glover, welcomed Mrs. Cathy Jackson, Dyserth Play and Stay to the virtual meeting.

Mrs. Jackson advised, that architect drawn plans had been received in relation to three options for the proposed building on land adjacent to The Pavilion, which included changing room, public conveniences and meeting room facilities. The plans for each option were shown virtually to the

Members. The three plans would be considered by the sub-committee as soon as possible, whereby the Council would be kept fully informed of the progress.

Mrs. Jackson advised further, in relation to fundraising, together with the proposed funding application to the Welsh Assembly Government. Denbighshire County Council had confirmed, that the Group can apply for funding from the next round of Commuted Sums.

The Chairman, Councillor John Glover, thanked Mrs. Jackson for her attendance and wished the Group well with the future grant applications.

1(D). 141/20

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 142/20

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

3. 143/20

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH JULY, 2020

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams and seconded by Councillor David Parry, as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 144/20

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 1(C). 117/20 (page 2) - in relation to supply of water from the Bowling Club Pavilion Committee, for use on the new children's play area. The Clerk advised, that the Bowling Club Committee had offered an apology to Mrs. Cathy Jackson.

Minute no: 6(B). 124/20 (a) (page 4) - in relation to the Denbighshire Licensing hearing of Y Bodunig Public House, High Street, Dyserth. The Clerk advised, that the hearing held on the 20th August, 2020, the Licensing sub-committees' decision was as follows: 'The Licensing Sub Committee resolved (on a unanimous basis) that the Premises Licence be revoked'. A copy of the decision had been sent to Councillors by e-mail.

Minute no: 6(B). 124/20 (b) (page 4) - in relation to the red telephone box on Cwm Road, being utilised as a book swap. The Clerk advised, that the shelving units had been installed by Councillor Andy Hughes, whereby a number of books had been deposited on the shelves. The Council Members thanked Councillor Hughes for completing the work,

Minute no: 6(E). 127/20 (pages 5 and 6) - in relation to the adoption of the red telephone box sited on Cwm Road. The Clerk advised, that BT Payphones had confirmed, that the Community Council adopted the red phone box on Cwm Road, in 2010. The Clerk further advised, that the phone box had been placed on the asset register at a cost of £1.00 – being the fee paid by the Council during the adoption process.

Minute no: 9. 133/20 (page 7) - in relation to sponsorship of the Dyserth Flower Planters. The Chair of Council – Councillor John Glover advised, that the Tre Castell Garden Nurseries had confirmed, their agreement to sponsor the five large planters on the main approach roads to the Village, with a request that they are allowed to place their advertisement sign on each one.

Councillor Glover requested that the Council consider the sum of £200.00 for winter flowers and bulbs for the remaining Council planters.

Members agreed the following: (1) Thanked Councillor John Glover for arranging the sponsorship with Tre Castell Nurseries (2) The Nursery be allowed to place their name on the five large planters advising their sponsorship (3) That £200.00 be spent at the nurseries for winter flowers and bulbs for the remaining Council planters.

Minute no: 10. 134/20 (pages 7 & 8) - in relation to the steps between upper and lower Foel Road, Dyserth. The Clerk advised: (1) Quotation received for the handrail repair for the sum of £120.00 received from Dave Ellis (Dyserth Concrete). The Quotation had been agreed in-between meetings by the Chair and Vice Chair of Council (2) The Clerk had distributed 20 User Witness Statement forms to Councillors, for completion by themselves together with local residents. The Clerk advised, that all the forms have to be collated and returned to Denbighshire at the same time.

Members agreed the following: (1) Confirmed the quotation for £120.00 for the footpath handrail repair (2) All Councillors to return the Denbighshire Witness Statement forms to the Clerk when completed.

5. 145/20

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

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

- (1) Denbighshire County Council: Pending traffic flow improvement scheme in Dyserth High Street. Councillor Williams is still awaiting a current update from County Highways.
- (2) Temporary traffic lights in Dyserth High Street: Concern expressed that lights were in situ over a weekend together with the following week by Scottish Power, with no work being carried out. This caused considerable inconvenience to drivers.
- (3) Complaint received from residents of Maes Esgob: Parking of vehicles outside their properties by visitors to the New Inn and Waterfall. Residents advised, that there are no parking restrictions in the area to alleviate the concern.

County Councillor David Williams referred to the following at the virtual meeting:

- (a) Concerns with a wall on Waterfall Road. Enquiries are ongoing with the County Legal Department, in relation to ownership.
- (b) Councillor David Jones referred to the hedge concern on St. Asaph Road, whereby the work has not been completed – the hedge still requires cutting back further. Councillor David Jones was advised, to further contact Denbighshire Highways personally to discuss his concern.

6(A). 146/20

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 & sexual offences / 1 x Other crime / 1 x Anti-social behaviour / 1 x Theft / 1 x Public order.

- (b) Denbighshire County Council – Provision of salt on rural roads in Denbighshire and in particular, the ceasing of ‘salt piles’ on roads that are on standard gritting routes.
- (c) Attendance at Meetings by Council Members under Section 85 Local Government Act, 1972 (Six Month Rule). Confirmation in relation to the following: Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 – only temporarily suspended non-attendance during the commencement of the current pandemic. The non-attendance six month rule applies from the first remote / virtually held meeting of the Council. The Clerk advised, that in the case of this Council, the re-commencement date in relation to Section 85 LGA 1972 was May, 2020.
- (d) Purchase of Dyserth Lime Kilns by the Community Council: The Clerk recollected Members to the notification from the Council’s Legal Advisor, that was forward by e-mail - together with the following attachments: (1) H M Land Registry Official Copy of Register of Title: Title number: CYM787420 Edition date 30.10.2019 (2) HM Land Registry Official Copy of Title Plan: Title number CYM787420 Ordnance Survey map reference: SJ0678NW.

Members agreed the following: Councillors’ Trebor Evans, John Glover, David Jones and David Parry, to carry out a site visit and report to the Council at the October meeting. The Clerk to e-mail the Councillors copies of the plans, which identify the various kilns now in the ownership of the Community Council.

- (e) Correspondence from the Treasurer of the Dyserth Bowling Club Committee. Concern in relation to a van parked in the car park adjacent to the Children’s play area and Pavilion building. The Treasurer advised, that Denbighshire County Council had placed a notice on the vehicle to remove but the vehicle is still in situ. The vehicle is parked up against the electricity sub station and blocks the pathway to the Bowling Green gate. The Clerk advised, that he was unaware of the concern previously. A Councillor advised, that a photograph of the notice had been taken, which would be forwarded to the Clerk.

Members agreed the following: Upon receipt of the photograph identifying the notice details, the Clerk to contact Denbighshire County Council, to request an update in relation to the removal of the vehicle.

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

- (i) Denbighshire County Council – Formal notice in relation to the Denbighshire Licensing Committees’ decision, to revoke the Premises Licence of Y Bodunig Public House, High Street, Dyserth, under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- (ii) War Memorial Trust: Grants for Repair and Conservation – information forwarded to Councillors’ David Jones and David Parry.
- (iii) Welsh Government – Coronavirus COVID-19 News update.
- (iv) Office of the North Wales Police Commissioner – Annual survey (Councillors’ to complete on a personal basis).
- (v) Denbighshire County Council – Proactive Calling Project.
- (vi) Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Newsletter number 3.
- (vii) Denbighshire Voluntary Council – Information in relation to grants for Village Halls – information forwarded to Councillor Andy Hughes.

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

- (a) Broken step: on the Dyserth Circular walk at the rear of Waterfall Mountain.

- (b) Broken slat: on board walk at top of Pandy Lane onto Carreg Heilin field.
- (c) Drainage cover: on pavement outside Y Bodunig, Dyserth High Street. Trip hazard.
- (d) Overgrown foliage: on public footpaths in the area of Glasfryn and below Penrhaedr, Lapwing – in the Bryn Y Felin area. Councillor Parry advised that he would attend to the concern.
- (e) The Clerk advised, that a previously reported request for a handrail in the area of steps on footpath leading from Gibbs Wood towards Cwm; a new handrail has been erected by Denbighshire County Council.

**6(B). 147/20
CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following:

- (a) Received from and deposited into the Council's bank account:
 - Denbighshire County Council - £15,167.00: Second precept payment for financial year 2020 / 2021.
- (b) Request from resident of the area, that that Council consider sponsorship of planters along the High Street. The Clerk had replied to advise, that this had been previously discussed by Council. Whilst the Council do provide planters on the main access roads to the Village, including area along the High Street, the County Council Lighting Department would not allow hanging planters on the lamp poles.
- (c) Maes Esgob, Dyserth: Complaint in relation to 'haphazard grass cutting' – at the junction of B5119 at the New Inn turning and further up the Hill in the Estate. Denbighshire County Council advised.
- (d) The Clerk advised, that a request had been received seeking the Community Council's actions taken over the past few years, in relation to Active Travel in Denbighshire. The Clerk further advised, that he had sent an appropriate response.

**6(C). 148/20
TO DISCUSS: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS / TREES**

The Clerk advised, that this was a standard agenda item for the month of September; and wished the Council to consider the date for the High Street Christmas lights to be switched on, together with the number of Christmas trees to be purchased.

Member agreed the following: (1) The lights to be switched on - on Saturday 1st December and to be switch off on Monday 4th January 2021 – or during this particular week (2) Purchase two Christmas trees; one to be sited in the High Street area, and one in the Waterfall garden area. The Clerk to arrange with Councillor Andy Hughes, to place the order with the usual supplier in Rhuddlan.

**7. 149/20
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). 150/20
PLANNING**

The following planning applications had been received:

- (a) Application number: 42/2020/0596 - for the erection of timber building for storage of classic cars within an existing barn, at Trecastell Barn Newmarket Road, Dyserth.

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

- (b) Application number: 42/2020/0597 - for the erection of timber building for storage of classic cars within an existing barn, at Trecastell Barn Newmarket Road, Dyserth (listed building application).

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

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

8(B). 151/20

Members formally confirmed the above decisions.

8(C). 152/20

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

Application number: 42/2020/0619 – for the erection of 36 no. dwellings and associated works (phase 2), at Land off Meliden Road, Dyserth.

Comment by Council:

- (i) The Community Council wish the following to be taken into consideration: **(1)** The development to include affordable homes **(2)** Provision of a disabled and pensioner style bungalows for local residents **(3)** The land has been a wild life area for a substantial period of time. Could an area within the development be allocated as a wild life area to mitigate the loss.
- (i) The consultation responses by local residents, which highlight their concerns, are supported by this Council.

8(D). 153/20

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- ❖ Application number: 42/2020/0019 – for development of 0.03ha of land by the erection of a detached dwelling (outline application including access, layout and scale), at Land adjacent to Oakstead, Meliden Road, Dyserth. Refused.

9. 154/20

TO CONSIDER: COUNCILLOR IDENTIFICATION BADGES (CLLR TREBOR EVANS)

Councillor Trebor Evans addressed Council Members, in relation to Councillor identity badges. There had been a number of occasions recently whereby an identity badge would have been helpful.

A number of Councillors also provided scenarios whereby an identity badge would have been beneficial. The Clerk provided details of Councillor identity badges from another Council, which were purchased from a printing firm in Rhuddlan, at a cost of approximately £180.00 - for 12 badges, with holder and neck lanyards.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to seek a cost from the Rhuddlan printing firm. The Chair and Vice Chair to agree, or other, the quotation in-between meetings.

10. 155/20

TO CONSIDER: PROVISION OF HANDRAIL ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH – UPPER TO LOWER DYSERTH AREA – ABOVE WATERFALL (CLLR MRS. MARGARET WILLIAMS)

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams addressed Council Members, in relation to the provision of a handrail on a section of two areas of steps adjacent to each other. The footpath runs from the Bryn Y Felin area to the Waterfall, whereby the steps are near to a property named Lapwing. Councillor Mrs. Williams advised, that the footpath is regularly used to gain access between upper and lower Dyserth, whereby the two sets of steps are quite steep.

Members agreed the following: Agreed to obtain three quotations for the provision of a handrail on the two sets of steps. The Clerk to contact the Denbighshire County Council Footpath Officer, to seek the contact details for three suitable contractors. The quotations to be considered at the October Council meeting.

11. 156/20

TO DISCUSS: FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL LAND – KNOWN AS THE BURIAL FIELD (CLLR DAVID PARRY)

Councillor David Parry recollects to Members, previous discussions, whereby the Council were advised, that the space for both full burial plots and cremated remains in the St. Bridget’s Parish Church, on Waterfall Road, had reached almost full capacity. Councillor Parry was concerned, that in the future residents of Dyserth would have to travel outside the community for the burial of family members. Whilst the Council owned property known locally as the Burial Field, in Long Acres Road, Dyserth, was apparently unsuitable for full burial services, whereby caskets containing cremated remains could be interred in the Council owned land. General discussion by Members, whereby it was advised that the burial area on the A5151 near to the roundabout in Rhuddlan was also apparently nearing the burial capacity.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council, to seek the County's views in relation to the area of land in Long Acres Road (A547), being considered, for further use as a County Cemetery.

12. 157/20

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Cheque Number | Payee | Net £ | Vat £ | Total £ |
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| | <p><u>Payments made - to be confirmed:</u></p> <p>Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for July) Payments dated 03/08/2020</p> | | | |

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| | BACS: Cllr Andy Hughes (Re-imbusement of shelving units for Red Phone Box – as per receipt (previously agreed by Council) | 24.25 | | 24.25 |
| | BACS: Dyserth Concrete (Dave Ellis) Repair to footpath handrail – as agreed by Council (Quote for £120.00 – but charged £100.00) | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| | <u>The above payments were authorised by the Chair and Vice Chair of Council – as Bank Signatories in between meetings</u> | | | |
| | <u>Payments for confirmation and consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u> | | | |
| | Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for August) Payments dated 01/09/2020 | | | |
| | Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for July £40.00 & August £50.00) | 90.00 | | 90.00 |

13. 158/20

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

| Cheque Number | Name of organisation | Amount granted £ |
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| | No applications received | |

14. 159/20

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts 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.....