



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 13th November, 2023, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 226/23

PRESENT

Councillor David Parry (Chair of Council)

Councillor John Glover

Councillor Andy Hughes

Councillor David G. Jones

Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams

Councillor Julie Peters

Councillor Anne R. Rogers

Councillor Margaret G. Williams

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 227/23

APOLOGIES

Councillor Emyr Morris

Councillor Haydn Owen

Councillor Allan Pennington

1(C). 228/23

ABSENT

None

2(A). 229/23

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING BY THE FOLLOWING:

- (i) **Claire Cunnah (Denbighshire County Council – Youth Worker)**

There was no attendance by the above named.

- (ii) **Representatives from Dyserth Junior Football Club: To provide update: (Adj from October meeting)**

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chair of Council Councillor David Parry welcomed John-Paul Birch (Dyserth Junior Football Club) to the meeting.

The Clerk recollected to Members that John-Paul Birch had provided information in an e-mail that had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

John-Paul Birch (JPB) addressed Council Members and advised that the original scheme to provide a metal container within the green area of the King George field, together with various services was not feasible. JPB advised the fallback plan would involve a structure to be built alongside the Pavilion building. This building would be able to accommodate other activities. The Multi Games Area would be required to be refurbished for other sports. JPB had discussed the plans with the Secretary of the Dyserth Bowling Club. The document that had been provided to the Council had also been sent to the Welsh Football Association for their views. Various outlets for funding are currently being perused.

Councillors discussed the following with JPB: Possible joint use of the current Pavilion with the Bowling Club and Football Club; other sports clubs in Dyserth could use the facilities.

The Clerk read out sections from a Land Registry Covenant that had been received the day of the meeting from The Fields in Trust. Section 12 stated that any building to be erected on the land, the Fields in Trust would have to agree. The Clerk also referred to the current lease to the Bowling Club which states the building can be used for sporting purposes.

JPB advised that he would provide a further update to the Council in January, 2024 and arrange a further meeting with the Bowling Club. The Clerk advised that he would provide JPB with pdf copies of the Land Registry deeds of the King George Sports Field together with the Covenant details contained in a Transfer Document.

The Chair of Council Councillor David Parry thanked John-Paul Birch for his attendance and for providing the update.

Standing Orders were restored:

2(B). 230/23

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

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

3. 231/23

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

4. 232/23

TO APPROVE (A) GENERAL MINUTES AND (B) SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 9TH OCTOBER, 2023

The Minutes were proposed as correct (A) General Minutes by Councillor David Jones and

seconded by Councillor Margaret Williams and **(B) Supplementary Minutes** by Councillor David Jones and seconded by Councillor Margaret Williams – with both sets of minutes formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 233/23

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Arriva Bus Service – Dyserth High Street:** The Clerk advised that a meeting had been held in the Office of Dr. James Davies MP, on Friday 20th October in Prestatyn. In attendance at the meeting: Dr James Davies MP, Gareth Davies AM, Councillors’ John Glover, David Jones, David Parry, County Councillor David Williams, together with the Clerk.

Discussed with Dr. James Davies and Gareth Davies the reluctance of Arriva Buses in reviving a previous bus service travelling through the Dyserth High Street. The Clerk provided a chronological list of events. Dr. James Davies and Gareth Davies both agreed to write to Adam Marshall – Head of Commercial for Arriva in Wales.

The Clerk recollected Members to a copy letter written by Dr. James Davies to Arriva together with a reply from Adam Marshall. Dr. Davies sought the views of Members to the contents of the reply letter.

Members agreed the following response:

- Arriva’s original reason for curtailing the High Street bus service was due to the traffic congestion. Denbighshire have completed phase one whereby the congestion has been alleviated. Phase two will commence in the new year
- The Welsh Trunk Road Agency have agreed to redirect vehicles and especially heavy goods from gaining access to Prestatyn from Junction 31 at Caerwys, whereby new signage will direct traffic to Junction 27 at The Talardy in St. Asaph. There will be a remarkable reduction in traffic on the A5151 travelling through Dyserth High Street
- Arriva should, as a responsible company treat the Dyserth High Street as a priority for passengers, in particular, taking into consideration both the Welsh & UK Government push for people to use public transport
- Arriva could provide on a trial basis a limited number of buses a day
- Councillors notice during their travels on regular occasions the actual buses complete with passengers on board are parked in various laybys, as they are ahead of schedule

The Welsh Government issued in March of this year a Ministerial Foreword. Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change stated the following: ‘Buses are the backbone of our public transport service. They carry three times as many passengers as trains, getting people across Wales to work and school, allowing us to meet family and friends, and offering a key lifeline for the quarter of people in Wales who do not have access to a car’.

- (2) Children’s Play Equipment:** The Clerk recollected Members that they had agreed the cost of the replacement parts for the damaged springer play equipment, at a cost of £221.48 plus VAT. An estimate had been received for the repair, at a cost of £550.00 plus VAT. The Chair and Vice Chair of Council had agreed the quotation in-between meetings.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the quotation for the springer repair at a cost of £550.000 – from Brian Davies Limited.

- (3) Public Footpath Fencing:** The Clerk recollected Members to a previously agreed site meeting arranged with MJW Welding and attended by Councillors' Delyth Lloyd-Williams and Margaret Williams. Councillor David Parry was unable to attend. Both Councillors provided information following the site meeting. The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received from the above company for the sum of £207.00 plus VAT £41.40 = Total £248.40, to supply and install chain link netting and other work on a footpath fence – above the Ffyddion towards Dyserth Waterfall.

Members agreed the following: Accepted the above quotation, the Clerk to issue a Work Order.

- (4) Children's Play Equipment:** The Clerk recollected Members to two e-mails received from Richard Roberts (Aura Leisure) which provided various accessible play item options and costings. The items were shown on screen. Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams advised that the accessible play items had been shown to a number of families whose children would possibly be able to use the equipment. The parents had confirmed, that all items would be suitable. The Clerk advised Members that due to the size of the area where the new play item was to be positioned, there were limited choices for accessible items of play that would fit into the area.

Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams advised that further enquiries had been made in relation to a Makaton Board. Whilst a play area in Ysgol Tir Morfa has such a board, this was made in-house by the school.

The Clerk advised that Denbighshire County Council had issued a further notification in relation to additional funding under the Commuted Sums. Whilst Dyserth is not included a number of areas where funds are available are either prioritised or non prioritised. The Clerk provided further information from the guidance notes. The closing date for applications is 5th January, 2024.

Members agreed the following: (1) To purchase Option 1 – inclusive Orbit play equipment, at a cost of £6,499.00; together with other cost to remove and extend the existing base, installation, safety costs and delivery, at a total cost of £15,709.00 plus VAT (see (4) below) (2) The Clerk to enquire with Aura Leisure in relation to outlets supplying a Makaton Board (3) The Clerk to complete an application to the Denbighshire County Council Commuted Sums to seek a 50% cost of new accessible children's play equipment and installation costs (4) The Purchase / Work Order to be held back until the outcome of the Commuted Sums application and the Clerk to report the Counties decision to Council.

- (5) Hand Rail – Junction with Waterfall Road and High Street:** The Clerk advised Members that the agreed site meeting with Becky Musgrave (Denbighshire Road Safety Officer) was held in Dyserth on Wednesday 8th November. In attendance Councillors Delyth Lloyd-Williams and David Parry, together with the Clerk. Both Councillors provided details from the site meeting, whereby the outcome was that it was not feasible to install a hand rail; reasons included the narrowness of the pavement in parts, a private wall, the cost of surveyors fees. Members discussed the installation of salt bins in the hill area. Becky Musgrave will discuss this with colleagues.

Members agreed the following: Thanked the Councillors and Clerk for attending the site meeting, and expressed their disappointment that a safety hand rail could not be instated.

- (6) Speed Indicator Device:** During the above referred to site meeting the installation by Denbighshire Highways of a temporary Speed Indicator Device (SID) was discussed. The County suggested an area on the A5151 in Tre Castell. Whilst the equipment would be provided by the County at no cost to the Community Council, due to the location a post has to be installed at a cost of approximately £775.00 plus VAT, which includes contractor

costs. The post could be used in the future should the Community Council wish to install a permanent SID. The following costings had been received from the County Council for a permanent SID: SID sign £2,800, Solar Kit: £475, Data Logging £250, Bluetooth (wireless communication to the sign) £295. Total approximate cost £3,820 plus VAT. The Clerk advised that the SID would be in site for between three to six months, whereby periodically the speed data will be provided to this Council.

Members agreed the following: (1) The installation of a temporary Speed Indicator Device in the Tre Castell area (2) The cost of the post installation and contractor fees at £775.00 VAT (3) The Council will further discuss a permanent SID following future data information.

6. 234/23

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

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

- (1) Correspondence to the Chief Executive of Denbighshire Council, including Officers seeking a copy of the Natural Resources Wales - Flood Defence Scheme for lower Dyserth.
- (2) Site meeting in Dyserth with County Officers. A number of concerns and issues will be discussed. Councillor Williams provided further information following meeting.
- (3) Complaint in relation to the overgrown cycle track – between Voel Coaches and Rhuddlan. Due to the undergrowth it is impossible for either cyclist and pedestrians to use. A number of residents have completed on-line form to Denbighshire, but to no avail. Councillor Williams has escalated the concern.
- (4) Concern to the consultation in relation to the County cutting back on the library budgets.
- (5) Concern reported to Denbighshire County Council in relation to the new 20mph limit, and in particular, in the area of Tre Castell, where the 60mph limit meets the 20mph limit on a steep hill. The County replied to Councillors Williams and stated: 'The concern will be addressed in line with the existing guidance and criteria, including speed survey assessments'.
- (6) Lower Foel Road: Drainage concerns reported by residents.

7(A). 235/23

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:

4 x Anti Social behaviour / 1 x Other theft / 1 x Public order / 1 x Vehicle crime / 12 x Violence

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to forward to Members the link to the Police Offences Data web site.

- (2) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Draft Annual Report. The Clerk recollected to Members that the report had been forwarded to Councillors, whereby the Councillor allowance is £156.00, together with a payment of £52.00 a year towards office consumables.

These payments are mandatory unless the Councillor provides in writing to the Clerk that the payment(s) will not be accepted. The payment of £52.00 can be increased subject to the Clerk receiving receipt(s). As these payments are for the financial year 2024 / 2025, the Clerk will further refer in the April, 2024 Council meeting.

- (3) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Further correspondence in relation to Councillor allowances and in particular, the HMRC income tax aspect.
- (4) Flintshire County Council: Notification that the Welsh Trunk Road Agency have agreed, subject to signage funding, that the current route for vehicles travelling to the Prestatyn coastal area at J31, will be re-directed to J27 known as The Talardy, St. Asaph. The Clerk recollected to Members that this Council supported a request for the change some months ago.

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

- ❖ One Voice Wales: Review of Democratic Health in the Community & Town Council sector. Councillors to complete the questionnaire on a personal basis
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: UK Government Levelling Up. Denbighshire County Council have received from the Welsh Government the sum of £290,00.00 for town centre property improvement schemes. The information was forwarded to Councilor Delyth Lloyd-Williams to bring to the attention of the Dyserth Business Group.

7(B). 236/23

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised that the following had been ordered via the local Branch of the Royal British Legion.

1 x Local Authority Wreath £50.00
1 x B Type 17inch Wreath £20.00
24 x Wooden Crosses £36.00

Councillor Emyr Morris had purchased additional poppy lamppost cables at a cost of £15.94 plus VAT from Thorncliffe (Included on the payments list for this evenings meeting).

- (b) The Clerk advised that the Service level Contract for the playground and maintenance renewal had been received. The contract remained similar apart from a £5.00 an hour increase for the play area inspections (from £55 to £60) and other work requested by this Council.

The contract was sent to the Chair and Vice Chair for consideration due to the timescale. The Chair of Council David Parry and Councillor Margaret Williams, in the absence of Councillor Allan Pennington, agreed the renewal.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the renewal of the Service Level Contract.

- (c) The Clerk advised that Denbighshire County Council have arranged a training session for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Council. The information was sent to the Dyserth Council Chair and Vice Chair. Councillor David Parry has been booked on the course at a cost of £15.00 – which will be held in Ruthin on 24th November.
- (d) The Clerk advised in relation to a number of concerns raised by more than one homeowner in the area of Bryn y Felin, in relation to a public footpath. The County advised that

following a complaint made by a local resident footpath signage was erected which signposted pedestrians through a garden of a private residential property. Other residents in the area are also concerned with people knocking their doors seeking the footpath route. A property owners letter states that a local resident was caught on their private decking, who assertively advised the owner that they could access their land anytime. The County initially advised that the footpath was permissive. However, the County further advise that the signage has been removed whilst the Register is further perused as there appears to be two pathways in the area.

- (e) **Tree & Hedge Planting:** The Clerk advised Members that Councillor David Parry, together with the Dyserth Environmental Group have arranged a planting session in the area of the Council owned land known as The Burial Field, on Saturday 25th November at 10.00am. This will be to place the recent saplings received from the Woodland Trust.

Councillor David Parry advised, that the event will be advertised nearer the time whereby Councillors and residents are invited to assist.

- (f) The Clerk advised that the following concerns had been reported to Denbighshire County Council:
- (i) Two new 20mph signs in the area of Plas Newydd Caravan Park had been defaced in black paint. In this area roadside markings show the speed limit as 30mph
 - (ii) Two new 20mph signs in the area of Ffordd Ffynnon had been defaced in black paint
 - (iii) Damaged roadway adjacent to the Waterfall car park (area is included within the County Highway adopted plan)

7(C). 237/23

PRECEPT AND FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2024 / 2025

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: £10,000 – for two Speed Indication Cameras / £5,000.00 – to assist Lower Dyserth residents with a flood defence system (To purchase storage container, sand bags and other suitable equipment) / £5,000 – property upkeep.

The following items to remain in the current 2023 / 2024 ear-marked reserves budget: £3,000 - Councillor Training & Public defibrillator training / £5,000 - Ysgol Hiraddug (Donation towards - Wildlife Garden) / £5,000 - New Christmas lights / £10,000 - Children's Play area - New equipment (this figure may be reduced following receipt of possible grant) / £5,000 - Dyserth Lime Kilns Project - Phase 2 (this is subject to a further site meeting with professionals).

£15,016 - Ring-fenced receipts from Dyserth Waterfall Tri Partite Committee (This Council is a member of the tri partite committee).

Other possible ring-fenced and general reserves (includes property upkeep) – to be agreed in January 2024 budget setting.

7(D). 238/23

TO DISCUSS: FLOODING IN LOWER DYSERTH

Councillors discussed the recent flooding in the area of Lower Dyserth. A report was provided following the holding of a public meeting in The Red, whereby a number of Dyserth Community Councillors had also attended. County Councillor David Williams provided information from a County prospective, a site visit and contact with Natural Resources Wales. A second public meeting will be held and Councillor Williams will provide feedback from the County Council and Natural Resources Wales in due course.

7(E). 239/23

TO CONSIDER: DYSERTH KILN NUMBER 4: STRUCTURAL REPORT

The Clerk recollected to Members that the report had been finally received and forwarded to Councillors on 19th October. Members discussed the report in general, including the options available.

Members agreed the following: To arrange a site meeting with the author of the report, together with Denbighshire County Council Officers. The following Councillors to attend: John Glover, Andy Hughes and David Parry.

8. 240/23

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) Hedgehog Lecture and Competition: Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams advised that the lecture was well attended and many entries were received for the colouring competition. The Council were thanked for providing the room hire fee for the event.
- (ii) Cemetery Provision meeting: Councilor David Parry advised of his attendance at a meeting held in Rhuddlan with other Councils to discuss the current shortage and future provision of burial grounds in this area of Denbighshire. The meeting had been positive and will meet again in the future.

Members agreed the following: To support the initiative by a local Group of Councils to seek future burial grounds in the area.

- (iii) Dyserth Business Group: Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams advised of her attendance at a recent meeting of the Group. The following was reported:
 - Letter sent to the Welsh Government (Climate Change and Rural Affairs Group) in support of the return to Dyserth High Street by Arriva Buses. The Clerk advised that a copy of the letter written by the Council was also shared with the Business Group
 - High Street Businesses will hold a late night shopping on the 5th December
 - The Christmas lighting in the Square area of the High Street will be on the same night. Endeavouring to arrange a Carole Service. Discussion in relation to the Council providing selection boxes for the children in attendance. Councillor Andy Hughes advised that the Waterfall were also holding a carol service

Members agreed the following: To purchase 100 selections boxes for distribution to the children at the events. Should more boxes be required, the Chair and Vice Chair to agree, or other in-between meetings.

- (iv) Councillor Anne Rogers advised of her attendance at a meeting held by the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Councillor Rogers provided details of the agenda items discussed, including the proposed new national park in Wales.

9(A). 241/23 PLANNING

The following planning application had been received:

- (a) Application number: 42/2023/0576 – for the development of 0.15ha of land by the erection of 4 dwellings (Outline Application - All Matters Reserved), at land at former Plas Llanerch, Hiraddug 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). 242/23

Members formally confirmed the above decisions.

9(C). 243/23

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

- Planning application number: 42/2023/0591 - for the erection of building to house 2 no 500kw biomass boilers, flue and associated works, at Dyserth Falls Resort, Allt Y Graig, Dyserth.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application is subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised. However, the Council note that a building is in situ in the area as identified on the plans for this application.

9(D). 244/23

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- ❖ Application number: 42/2023/0617 – for erection of a single story extension to side of dwelling to form a studio, at The Mill House, Waterfall Road, Dyserth. Granted.

10. 245/23

TO DISCUSS: PAVILION BUILDING (CLLR JULIE PETERS) (ADJ FROM SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER MEETINGS)

The usage of the Pavilion building was discussed under **Minute number: 2(A). 229/23 on page 2 above**

11. 246/23

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 01/11/2023			
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by</u>			

<u>BACS:</u>				
Utility Contractors Ltd (Work completed on burial field: Work order issued in June)	320.00			320.00
Thorncliffe building Supplies Ltd (cable ties for poppy wreaths)	15.94	3.19		19.13
Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for October)	50.00			50.00
Louise Walsh (Honorarium for Health & Safety Inspections)	200.00			200.00
Society of Local Council Clerks (Clerk's annual membership renewal – shared with other Councils)	74.50			74.50
Katy Wood (Christmas theme painting on bus shelter) (To be paid on 27 th November)	100.00			100.00
Royal British Legion (Bodelwyddan Branch) Local Authority Wreath & general Wreath / Other Remembrance items - £106.00 / Donation to Branch - £50.00 (Section 137 LGA 1972)	156.00			156.00
Dave Owen-Booth (HomeTech) Secure Garden Plaque and refurbish wood bench & materials (As previously agreed quotations)	224.50			224.50
Patterson Hall, Dyserth (Room hire fees for Welsh Meeting Group – Paned a Sgwrs) Hire fee for six months – November 2023 to April 2024 (Section 137 LGA 1972)	126.00			126.00

12. 247/23

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

13. 248/23

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.....