



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 12th February, 2024, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 30/24

PRESENT

Councillor David Parry (Chair of Council)
Councillor Allan Pennington (Vice Chair of Council)
Councillor John Glover
Councillor Andy Hughes
Councillor David G. Jones
Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams
Councillor Emyr Morris
Councillor Haydn Owen
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). 31/24

APOLOGIES

None

1(C). 32/24

ABSENT

None

2. 33/24

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

- (1) Further correspondence received from a concerned resident in relation to inconsiderate parking in the yellow chevron area outside the entrance to Ysgol Hiraddug Primary School in Thomas Avenue. The Clerk had been copied into e-mails sent to North Wales Police with attached photographs of illegally parked vehicles - whereby the registration mark is visible

and appear to be repeat offenders. It is believed Police Officers have since visited the area and provided vehicle owners with advice.

- (2) The Clerk received a request from a resident in St. Asaph Road, Dyserth for guidance as to an area of land adjacent to the highway that had been turned into a quagmire due to the parking of vehicles. Within this area a bench seat is sited and is now not accessible. Councillor David Parry visited the area and supplied the Clerk with photographs (these were shown on screen to Members). County Councillor David Williams will take forward with the County Council as the area of concern is adopted highway.

Councillor David Parry provided further information.

3. 34/24

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

4. 35/24

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH JANUARY, 2024

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Margaret Williams and seconded by Councillor Andy Hughes as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 36/24

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(A) The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Arriva Bus Services:** The Clerk recollected Members to an e-mail forwarded and dated the 17th January, received from Dr. James Davies MP, which also contained the Clerk's reply. Whilst Dr. Davies provided an update, a question posed, asked if Council would be amicable to provide a financial contribution towards a limited bus service.

Members agreed the following: Whilst it was appreciated the reasoning for the request, Members felt the cost to provide such a service would be prohibitive, taking into account the Community Council's limited budget.

- (2) **Children's Play Area:** The Clerk provided Members with the following information contained in correspondence received from Aura Leisure (1) The springy see saw had been repaired (2) Matting is installed underneath the existing wooden bench seat and also the bench seat that has been re-sited in the toddler play area (3) Weeds and long grass in toddler play area. The Clerk advised that the Council's grasscutting company had been asked to visit to remove the weeds and cut the grass (4) Aura Leisure brought to the attention of Council that the ground area of toddler play areas were generally either wetpour or rubber mulch surfacing. A number of Councillors were familiar with other toddler play areas in Denbighshire, whereby these toddler areas were grassed.
- (3) **Speed Indicator Device:** The Clerk advised that the Speed Indicator Device had not been installed.
- (4) **Deterioration of Lettering on Dyserth War Memorial:** The Clerk advised that two Monumental Masons had been approached with a request to provide quotations for the lettering and general repair on the War Memorial. The Clerk provided Members with details from one quotation received.

Members agreed the following: To await a second quotation.

- (5) **Notice Board – Adjacent to Dyserth Waterfall Car Park:** The Clerk advised that whilst a request had been made to Denbighshire County Council seeking the removal of the dilapidated notice board and despite a reminder there had been no reply. The Clerk advised that he would escalate the request with the County.
- (6) **Relocation of High Street Christmas Tree:** The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received from G J Landscapes for the installation of a new sleeve to hold the Council's Christmas tree in its new position near the Bodunig Inn, as follows: Materials £125.00 and labour cost of £160.00 – total £285.00.

Members agreed the following: Accepted the above quotation. The Clerk advised that the materials would be purchased utilising the Council's business account at Thorncliffe.

(B) To Receive Report: Following Site Meeting at Dyserth Kilns

The Clerk advised that a site meeting had been held in the area of the Dyserth Kilns and was attended by the following: Dyserth Councillors' John Glover, Andy Hughes and David Parry, together with Chris Evans (Denbighshire County Council Conservation Officer), Terry Parry (TRP Consulting Engineers Ltd). Also in attendance two members of the Dyserth Environmental Group. Councillors' Glover, Hughes and Parry provided details of the site meeting, which included the following, to move forward with the project both the Conservation Officer and Engineer advised that the Council should consider appointing a project manager who could oversee the work required, together with grant funding applications. The Conservation Officer wished that no further work to be completed on site. Terry Parry provided contact details for two professional companies who could be approached to discuss the project management requirements.

Members agreed the following by majority: The Clerk to make contact with one of the professional Companies to seek their thoughts in relation to the project management aspect, including a site visit on a initial fee basis.

6. 37/24

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

- The Clerk advised that unfortunately, any e-mails sent from a @denbighshire.gov.uk e-mail address were not being received by the Dyserth Community Council e-mail address in-box. This included a number of e-mails sent by County Councillor David Williams. Both the Denbighshire County Council and the Community Council IT representatives are endeavouring to resolve the issue.

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

- (1) Dyserth Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Williams reported on a site meeting held recently with Natural Resources Wales and Denbighshire County Council.
- (2) Request to Councillor Williams for the provision of a bus shelter in the area of Voel Coaches. Following a site visit by the County Transport Officer Councillor Williams was advised, that due to distances from the entrance to Voel Coaches and the traffic lights, there would not be sufficient sight lines for vehicles endeavouring to go around the stopped bus.

The following concerns were discussed with Councillor Williams:

- (i) Dyserth Flood Alleviation Scheme: Meeting held with Natural Resources Wales and Denbighshire County Council. An application to be made to the Welsh Government for funding towards the scheme
- (ii) Local Flood Defence Committee set up in Lower Dyserth
- (iii) Condition of the road in James Park. Councillor Williams to take forward with the County
- (iv) Have the County Council responded to the request for white lines in James Park. Councillor Williams to further make contact with the County
- (v) The leaning metal post in Dyserth High Street has not been straightened. The Clerk advised that this concern had been reported on two previous occasions – together with photographs provided to the County. Councillor Williams to further make contact with the County

7(A). 38/24

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:

2 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Criminal damage / 2 x Violence

- (2) Natural Resources Wales: New National Park in Wales – Invitation to attend a virtual information session. The Clerk advised that following the invitation notice sent to all Council Members, the following Councillors expressed a wish to attend: Delyth Lloyd-Williams and Anne Rogers. The Clerk confirmed, that the above two Council Members had been booked on the virtual event.

- (a) Voel Coaches, Dyserth: Correspondence received from the Sales & Marketing Manager, who provided details in relation to a half term initiative to arrange a coach trip between Dyserth Council and Ysgol Hiraddug, whereby a number of families would be provided with free places. Members were shown on screen posters of the initiative.

The Clerk recollect Councillors that a similar request had been received in a previous year. The Clerk advised that there was no Local Authority Act which provided the power to distribute money to a private coach company to take people from the County of Denbighshire, in general, on coach tours. However, should the Coach Company identify Dyserth resident families who are included in a coach tour(s), then this Council could consider providing funding under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to advise Voel Coaches that should any Dyserth families attend one or more coach tours, the Community Council would be pleased to receive details, whereby the Council would consider providing financial assistance.

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

- ❖ Awel Y Mor Offshore Wind Farm: Invitation to Councillors to attend a virtual information session. Councillors were asked to complete an on-line form to book their place if they wished
- ❖ Buglife Cymru: Information forwarded to Councillor David Parry to share with Dyserth Environment Committee

CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Received from and deposited into the Council's bank account:

- **Dyserth Bowling Club:** £30.00 - annual rent for the Pavilion building
- **St. Bridget's Church, Dyserth:** £5.00 - annual standing order for access to Waterfall car park

(b) A number of complaints received by Councillor David Parry to request Denbighshire County Council to replace a dilapidated fence structure that surrounds a gas tank adjacent to Maes Esgob in Dyserth. Following enquiries made by the Clerk the gas tank is currently in use and supplies a number of properties in Maes Esgob who hold a contract with a gas supplier. The Clerk advised that County Councillor David Parry has taken the concern further with the County Council. Members were shown a photograph of the gas tank that had been provided by Councillor Parry.

(c) The Clerk advised in relation to a request received from the Clerk to the Dyserth Tri Partite Waterfall Committee, who sought this Council's consideration to financially reimbursing the Waterfall Committee with a contribution towards the costs incurred to alleviate flooding in the area that had recently been completed. The Clerk provided Members with financial details, as follows: Itemised payments totalling £5,020.00 for flood defence work and other ancillary costs of £1,330.00.

Further information provided by the Waterfall Committee Clerk advised, that a local builders merchant had kindly provided materials at cost price, including donating sleepers at no cost to the Waterfall which cost in the region of £1,500.00. The Clerk provided financial details in relation to the balance held in the Council's ear marked reserves budget for the Waterfall.

Members agreed the following: To provide £5,000.00 to the Dyserth Waterfall Committee as a part reimbursement towards the recent flood alleviation scheme costs incurred. The funds to be taken from the Waterfall ear-marked reserves.

(d) Report received from a concerned resident that the red phone box at the entrance to James Park, Dyserth, was once again being used for the smoking of illegal substances. On this occasion three youths were observed in the phone box which was internally clouded with smoke and also emanating into the street. The concern had been reported to the North Wales Police.

(e) During the inclement weather in January the salt bin in James Park was requested to Denbighshire County Council to be refilled; this did not occur. Following a further request to the County the bin has been replenished.

(f) The Clerk advised that the Secretary of the Dyserth Bowling Club had made contact in relation to two concerns, namely: (i) Concrete fence post within the perimeter of the bowling green appeared to have a hairline crack, but was not currently impacting the fence attached (ii) Water leakage in the gents toilet. The Clerk advised that the Chair of Council Councillor David Parry had met on site with the Bowling Club Secretary.

Councillor David Parry provided further information and advised, that the hairline crack in the concrete post would be monitored by the Bowling Club Committee.

Members discussed the condition of the overgrown hedge in Thomas Avenue that runs parallel with the Bowling Club Green area. The hedge around bench seat requires cutting back.

Members agreed the following: To arrange for a plumber to attend to the leakage and to also service the central heating boiler. The Clerk to contact the Bowling Club Secretary in relation to the hedge concern.

7(C). 40/24

TO CONSIDER: CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

The Clerk advised Members that a request had been received from the Welsh Government seeking all Town & Community Councils to consider signing up to a national pledge named Civility and Respect. The Clerk recollected Members to the web site link sent prior to the meeting which provided information in relation to the pledge, together with a statement that was to be confirmed by Council. The pledge was supported by The National Association of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks and One Voice Wales.

Members agreed the following: To sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge and confirmed the contents of the pledge statement. The Clerk to complete the Council's registration.

8. 41/24

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) **Dyserth Community Hall:** Councillor Andy Hughes advised that the Hall continues to be busy with bookings. The Hall have changed electricity suppliers
- (ii) **Ysgol Hiraddug Primary School:** Councillor Andy Hughes advised that the school had received an excellent Estyn report.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to the Headteacher to congratulate the school following the Estyn report

- (iii) **Dyserth Waterfall:** Councillor Margaret Williams advised that the Waterfall had re-opened
- (iv) **Dyserth Welsh Group:** Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams advised that the Welsh Group had increased attendees. The Group have made contact with Ysgol Hiraddug and Dyserth Business Group, including Popeth Cymraeg (Canolfan Iaith Clwyd) in Denbigh
- (v) **Changes to recycling and waste collections in Denbighshire:** Councillor David Parry reported on his attendance together with the Clerk at a recent workshop held by the County Council. The workshop organised by Denbighshire County Council provided details of the new collections, which will commence from Monday 3 June 2024. The topics covered included; new colour coded bins which will be on a trolley, bin collection dates, what goes in each waste or recycling container. A new service collection will be introduced for absorbent hygiene products, including disposable nappies and other items. Costings were provided together with details of a new electric vehicles, increasing the number of staff and the building of a new recycling building in Denbigh. Copies of colour information leaflets will be delivered to all households, including information on social media and local newspapers.

9(A). 42/24

PLANNING

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

- ❖ Application number: 42/2023/0913 - for erection of single storey extension to dwelling, at 21, Glan Ffyddion, Dyserth.

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

9(B). 43/24

PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions have been received from Denbighshire County Council

10. 44/24

TO DISCUSS: SOCIAL PRESCRIBING (CLLR DELYTH LLOYD-JONES) (ADJ FROM JANUARY MEETING)

Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams addressed Members in relation to social prescribing and in particular, to a scheme administered by a local branch of the Red Cross. This charity employ a Community Navigator, who engages with a patient to support them with a plan which can be a series of signposting or referrals to support in the community, in order to improve their health and wellbeing. Councillor Lloyd-Williams further discussed with Members that possibly this Council could assist the Community by receiving further information from the Community Navigator.

Members agreed the following: Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams to provide the Clerk with contact details for the Community Navigator. Thereafter, the Clerk to arrange for the navigator to attend a future Community Council meeting.

11. 45/24

TO DISCUSS: PROVISION OF ENFORCEABLE YELLOW LINE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN JAMES PARK (CLLR JOHN GLOVER)

Councillor John Glover discussed with Council Members the regular inconsiderate parking in James Park, generally by non-residents, including the parking of larger vehicles near the entrance at the junction of High Street and Bryn Y Felin. Councillor Glover wished the Community Council to consider seeking from the County Highways the provision of parking enforcement with the introduction of yellow lines.

Members agreed the following: (1) The Clerk to request Denbighshire County Council Highways for the provision of parking enforcement and yellow line installation at the entrance to James Park (2) County Councillor David Williams to be copied into the request.

12. 46/24

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 January) Payments dated 01/02/2024)			

	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Denbighshire County Council: Christmas Street lighting installation and removal, including yearly testing and safe keeping	1,628.00	325.60	1,953.60
	Aura Leisure (2 x quarterly inspection reports / Various accepted quotations: Moss treatment & treatment materials / Relocation of seats and grass mats installation in toddler play area / Replacement and parts to springy play item / New cradle seats and chain drops)	2,584.41	516.68	3,101.29
	Utility Contractors (Soakaway sump hole to alleviate ground water near to entrance to children's play area - as agreed quotation)	490.00		490.00
	Mick Dodd (Electrical) Erection and removal of Christmas lights on two Council's Christmas trees	650.00	130.00	780.00
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for January)	50.00		50.00
	R. P. Parry (Clerk) Re-imburement of 1/4 share of Microsoft Renewal with other Councils (as per receipt)	30.90	6.18	37.08
	Dyserth Waterfall Committee (Funding towards flood water alleviation scheme within the Dyserth Waterfalls area – utilised from ear-marked reserves allocated to the Waterfall)	5,000.00		5,000.00
	Interpretation, Map & Illustration (William Smuts) Re Dyserth Kilns: Interpretation Board, Leaflets and Steel Artwork (as previously agreed by Council in 2022) (Initial invoice received included work that has been delayed (To be paid upon receipt of amended invoice)	3,225.00		3,225.00

13. 47/24

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u>	
	Dyserth Tuesday Morning Group (Application for annual grant) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£350.00

14. 48/24

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.....