



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 8th April, 2024, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 68/24

PRESENT

Councillor David Parry (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

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 69/24

APOLOGIES

Councillor Allan Pennington

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

1(C). 70/24

ABSENT

None

2. 71/24

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

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

3. 72/24

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was declared:

- Councillor Andy Hughes - Minute number: 11. 86/24 on page 7 below

4. 73/24

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2024

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

5. 74/24

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Red Phone Box in James Park, Dyserth:** The Clerk advised Members that the signed adoption contract had been received from BT Payphones. The Clerk confirmed, that the Red Telephone Box had been included in the Council's asset register with a value of £1.00 for insurance / public liability purposes. Discussion by Members as to the future use of the telephone box. Councillor John Glover advised that the light in the box was not working.

Members agreed the following: (1) The Clerk to place on the May agenda an item to discuss re-painting of the telephone box (2) The Clerk to place a public notice in the next edition of the Dyserth Times, seeking from residents their views as to the future usage of the telephone box (3) The Clerk to contact BT Payphones to seek that the telephone box electricity supply is inspected and repaired.

- (2) Speed Indicator Device:** The Clerk advised Members that despite a reminder to the Highways Officer, there has been no reply as to an installation date for the device. The Clerk was asked to make further contact.
- (3) Dyserth Lime Kilns:** The Clerk advised that a site meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 17th April, at 10.00am, with Mr. Rob Chambers (Chambers Conservation), Tattenhall, Nr. Chester. Councillors to attend: John Glover, Andy Hughes and David Parry together with the Clerk.
- (4) Notice Board – Adjacent to Dyserth Waterfall Car Park:** The Clerk advised Members that despite a reminder to Denbighshire, there has been no reply. The Clerk was asked to make further contact.
- (5) Request for yellow parking restrictions in James Park:** The Clerk advised that a Highways Officer had visited James Park to complete a survey. The Clerk provided the contents of the survey to Members, which stated the following: Presently no further locations for parking restrictions are being added to the list due to the high number already identified. The James Park request will be kept on file.
- (6) Re-staining / Painting of wooden bench in Thomas Avenue:** Councillor Andy Hughes advised that the contractor had not been available to visit the area and provide a quotation. This will be received by the May meeting.

6. 75/24

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

The Clerk advised that there was no report this month from County Councillor David Williams.

- Councillor David Jones sought that the Community Council approach Denbighshire County Highways in relation to the following concern:

On the A5151 road in Tre Castell, Dyserth - travelling downhill from Trelawynd - passed the red phone box and opposite the properties on the right hand side is a large area of grass bank which has been turned into a quagmire with the parking of vehicles. As there is limited parking for the properties on the opposite side of the road could the County please consider placing a hardcore surface, or other, which will assist both the residents parking and also create a more attractive appearance to the area.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to contact Denbighshire County Highways with the request, as outlined in the above paragraph.

7(A). 76/24

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:

5 x Violence offences

- (b) One Voice Wales: The Clerk advised in relation to a request received from One Voice Wales to this Council becoming a member of the organisation. The Clerk further advised that the membership fee was £493.00 a year with a 50% reduction for new members during the first year.

Members agreed the following: Not to join One Voice Wales

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

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Details of Workshops / Drop-in courses being held in the Rhyl and Prestatyn area named: A shared prosperity funded project. Councillors asked to forward to residents for information
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Notice of road closure in the Maes Y Foes, Dyserth area
- ❖ Urdd Gobaith Cymru: Information in relation to the Urdd's Fund for all, which this year offers 300 free places at the Urdd summer camp for children and young people in Wales. Councillors were asked to forward to residents for information
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Notification of the County Council's draft review of their Climate and Ecological Change Strategy – 2021 / 2022 to 2028 – 2030. Councillors to complete on a personal basis
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: County planning web site update, in particular, searching for planning applications from 8th April, 2024

7(B). 77/24

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised that the Audit Wales had requested further information in relation to the full audit for the year 2022 / 2023 – which still has not been completed. Whilst the Clerk

had provided the further information requested, there were a couple of queries made in relation to the payment of financial assistance, which stated, that applications must be accompanied by invoices, together with quotations. The Clerk further advised, that he had discussed these Audit Wales comments in a recent meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) that he had attended in Ruthin. The Clerk's in attendance agreed, that this was not a requirement, as these funds were allocated under various Local Government Acts to support the Community. The payments were not invoices for work or purchases by the Council. The SLCC Branch agreed to write to Audit Wales to clarify their request.

- (b) The Clerk advised that the following concerns had been reported to Denbighshire County Council:
- (i) Concerns from a resident in area of Foel Road that a stone wall appears to be in such a condition that it could cascade over the adjoining sloped roadway and cause injury to pedestrians. The County had replied to advise, that the particular area is private land, not adopted highway, whereby the County were unable to assist. Councillor David Parry provided further information
 - (ii) Public footpath in area of Maes Esgob. Request for footpath sign at the lower end of the footpath – in area of the newly built properties. Reply from the County Footpaths Officer advised, that a sign should be in situ, whereby a visit would be arranged and the sign installed.
- (c) The Clerk advised of a request from the organiser of Cymdeithas Cymraeg Dyserth, seeking the Council's thoughts in continuing to fund the Group's meeting room hire fees at Patterson Hall. The Clerk recollected Members that during the last financial year the Council agreed to cover the hire fees from February 2023 to July of this year. Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams provided further information, which included, providing Welsh speakers with an opportunity to chat in their first language, have welcomed a number of learners who value the opportunity to practice what they have learned in a welcoming space. The Clerk further advised that the current monthly hire fee was £21.00.

Members agreed the following: Agreed to pay direct to Patterson Hall the meeting room hire fees to cover the meeting room hire costs for Cymdeithas Cymraeg Dyserth – for twelve months from August of this year.

- (d) The Clerk advised that there was no provision currently in place to keep the Council's garden and seating area adjacent to the play area in a tidy condition, in particular, for general gardening. The Clerk further advised, that an offer had been received on behalf of a local resident who was able to assist with the gardening work on a voluntary basis. The Chair of Council Councillor David Parry provided further information, including the possibility of the Council providing a general donation to a charity that assists residents in the area.

Members agreed the following: Were pleased to accept the voluntary offer to assist with the gardening work. The Council would consider providing a financial grant to a local charity upon receiving an application.

- (e) The Clerk recollected Members to the ear-marked reserves for financial year 2024 / 2025 and in particular, the £5,000.00 allocated for new Christmas street illuminations. During the budget setting process it had been noted that possibly the Council could seek the thoughts of the Dyserth Business Group Committee in relation to the type and siting of the festive lights.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to the Business Group with an e-mail to Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams – as the Council’s representative on the Group, seeking their views

7(C). 78/24

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS FOR 2023 / 2024

The Clerk, as Financial Officer had provided Members by e-mail prior to the meeting with copies of the end of year Statement of Financial Accounts - for the year ending 2023 / 2024. The Clerk advised Members further, in relation to the budget analysis, together with the end of year balances.

Members agreed the following: Approved the end of year accounts for the financial year 2023 / 2024, with the financial spreadsheet signed by the Chair of Meeting – Councillor David Parry.

7(D). 79/24

TO CONSIDER: ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR ENDING 2023 / 2024

The Clerk recollects Members to the draft Annual Report for the year ending March 2024, that had been forwarded prior to the meeting for perusal. The Clerk advised that the report had followed the guidance issued by the Welsh Government in relation to the contents.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the Annual Report for the year ending March 2024. There were no amendments. The Clerk advised that the report would be made available on the Council’s web site. The Clerk was thanked for completing the substantial report.

7(E). 80/24

PAYMENT TO MEMBERS: INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES RECOMMENDATION – YEAR 2024 / 2025

The Clerk recollects Members to the Independent Remuneration Panel Report that had been sent to Members and discussed at a previous Council meeting. The Clerk advised in relation to the mandatory allowances for Town & Community Councillors in Wales, whereby the Clerk provided all Members with a claim form. The Clerk sought that the claim form was completed by either completing the claim section details or signing the opt out clause.

7(F). 81/24

TO DISCUSS: PROPOSAL BY DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO CLOSE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Clerk recollects Members to an e-mail forwarded from Denbighshire County Council which advised that the County would be closing all public conveniences, with the decision being placed before the County Scrutiny Committee for ratification. In the first instance, the County will be looking to transfer the conveniences to Town & Community Councils, or if not, to others.

The Clerk advised that he had sought from the County the last three year running costs for the public conveniences adjacent to the Dyserth Waterfall. There had been no reply to date.

Members discussed the possible transfer of ownership to the Community Council at length, including the financial aspect, together with assistance from the Waterfall Committee and others.

Members agreed the following: To further discuss once the Clerk receives the financial information from the County Council.

8. 82/24

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) **Dyserth Community Hall:** Councillor Andy Hughes provided an update to the Hall usage including a recent charity event which raised over £800.00
- (ii) **Dyserth Waterfall:** Councillor Margaret Williams advised that further safety measures had been completed within the Waterfall area, which included a safety gate between two walls
- (iii) **Dyserth Waterfall:** Councillor Margaret Williams provided Council with a copy of the audited accounts for the Waterfall Committee – for year ending 31st December 2023.
- (iv) **Ysgol Hiraddug:** Councillor Andy Hughes, as the Councillor School Governor, thanked the Council on behalf of the Head teacher and School - for the funding received towards the project to create both accessibility doors and other ease of access at the school

**9(A). 83/24
PLANNING**

The following planning application(s) were considered by Members at the meeting:

No planning applications received from Denbighshire County Council for consideration at meeting

**9(B). 84/24
PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (i) Application number: 42/29024/0087 – for amendment to approved dwelling details submitted in relation to application code number: 42/2021/0073 (non material amendment) at Land at (part garden of) Mount House, Dyserth. Refused.
- (ii) Application number: 42/2022/0766, for demolition of existing buildings and erection of 2 dwellings, 2 detached garages, formation of access parking areas, landscaping and associated works, at Land at Pentre Bach Farm, Lower Foel Road, Dyserth. Approved.

**10. 85/24
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 March) Payments dated: 01/04/2024			
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Glascoed Timber (Dog bin servicing – October 2023 to March 2024)	2,210.00	442.00	2,652.00
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for March)	40.00		40.00

	Councillor Allowances – 2024 / 2025	1,872.00		1,872.00
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11. 86/24

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<p><u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u></p> <p>Ysgol Hiraddug, Dyserth. Application to release ring-fenced funding of a further £5,000.00 - as agreed in March 2024 Council meeting - towards the provision of new accessible doors and access to an area of land to be developed as a working learning space) (Section 137 LGA 1972)</p> <p>Note: Councillor Andy Hughes declared an interest (Minute number: 3. 72/24 on pages 1 & 2 above)</p>	£5,000.00

12. 87/24

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.....