



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 10th June, 2024, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 114/24

PRESENT

Councillor Andy Hughes(Chair of Council)
Councillor Anne R. Rogers (Vice Chair of Council)
Councillor John Glover
Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams
Councillor Emyr Morris
Councillor Haydn Owen
Councillor Allan Pennington
Councillor Margaret G. Williams

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 115/24

APOLOGIES

Councillor David G. Jones
Councillor David Parry
Councillor Julie Peters

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

1(C). 116/24

ABSENT

None

2(A). 117/24

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chair of Council Councillor Andy Hughes welcomed John-Paul Birch representing Dyserth Junior Football Club to the meeting.

Mr. Birch thanked the Council for his attendance and advised, that the Junior Football Club had commissioned high level indicative plans in draft to discuss with the Members as to their thoughts for a such a building on Council owned land. The plan had been forwarded to Members prior to the meeting and was also shown on screen.

Mr. Birch advised the following:

- Provisional costing of £100,000.000 for the project
- Made contact with the Gwynt Y Mor Fund and the Welsh Football Association seeking their guidance in relation to applying for grant funding
- The Welsh Football Association have set a criteria for the size of building
- Advised in relation to the sewage and other services
- Plan to set up more youth teams in the village

Councillors discussed the following with Mr. Birch:

- ❖ Provision of changing places toilet. Mr. Burch will research this and consult with the architect
- ❖ The existing storage compound that this Council provided. Mr. Birch will discuss this with the architect as to its possible future usage
- ❖ To consider an extension to the current Pavilion building. Mr. Birch will also discuss with the architect

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to forward to Mr. Birch previously drawn plans for an extension to the Pavilion building.

2(B). 118/24

Standing Orders were restored:

3. 119/24

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was declared: Councillor Andy Hughes (**Minute number 11. 131/24 on page 7 below**)

4. 120/24

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH MAY, 2024

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor John Glover and seconded by Councillor Margaret Williams correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

5(A). 121/24

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Dyserth Kilns:** The Clerk advised the following: (a) Work Order issued to Chambers Conservation for £2,358.76 – as agreed in May. Following receipt of a formal quotation for £768.00 the Clerk had issued a Work Order to Cavendish Bloor – as also agreed in the May Council meeting (2) Further suggested site meeting by Mr. Rob Chambers to agree sketch options for consideration by Council. Mr. Chambers will provide his availability in due course.

- (2) **Denbighshire County Council Outstanding Issues:** The Clerk advised that following the sending to Denbighshire County Council a list of the outstanding concerns, only one had been completed.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to issue a formal complaint to Denbighshire County council and to forward a copy to the County Chief Executive

- (3) **Speed Indicator Signage:** The Clerk advised that the installation of the device has been completed on the A5151 in Tre Castell – just beyond the 20mph sign travelling down the hill. Unfortunately, within one week the device is faulty.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to report the faulty device to County Highways.

- (4) **Red K6 Telephone Box in James Park:** The Clerk advised the following:

- (i) An article kindly written by Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams featured in the latest edition of the Dyserth Times sought ideas for the future usage of the Red K6 telephone Box in James Park. The article included a photograph of the contents of a Red Phone Box in Trelawnyd.

The Clerk read out to Members two e-mailed suggestions as to the future usage of the James Park Phone Box, one from a resident and the second from the local branch of the Women's Institute. The Members felt that a combination of both ideas could be accommodated and will await the re-furnishment of the Phone Box.

The Clerk was asked to write to the resident and Woman's Institute committee to thank them for taking the time to write with their ideas.

- (ii) The Clerk advised that a quotation for the sum of £462.95 for the refurbishment of both the Red K6 Telephone Boxes in James Park and Tre Castell had been received.

Members agreed the following: (1) Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams to make contact with the Trelawnyd Community Group who administer the Red Phone Box in Trelawnyd, to seek further information (2) Accepted the above quotation for £462.95 from Mr. John Roberts (Dyserth). The Clerk to issue a Work Order.

- (iii) The Clerk enquired if the electricity supply had been reconnected to the Red Telephone Box in James park. Councillor John Glover advised the supply had not been reconnected. The Clerk will further contact BT Payphones.

- (5) **Additional Christmas Illuminations:** The Clerk advised that he was to attend the Dyserth Business Group meeting on Wednesday of this week and will report to Council at the July meeting.

- (6) **Planter Watering:** It was reported that the watering of all the Council's planters had been kindly arranged by a rota of Council Members. The Clerk provided costing received from surrounding Councils in relation to their planter watering contracts.

5(B). 122/24

TO FURTHER DISCUSS: DYSERTH WATERFALL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Clerk recollects Members the following documents received from Denbighshire County Council named: Public Toilet Portfolio Assessment 2024 and Interim Public Toilet Strategy 2024. The documents included reference to the public conveniences adjacent to the Dyserth Waterfall together with yearly running costs.

The Clerk further recollected Member that it had been agreed for him to attend a meeting of the Waterfall Committee. This was held on 31st May, whereby the Committee informed the Clerk that the intention of the Committee was to agree a contract with a local company who provide portable public conveniences. The Clerk advised Members as to the costings for the hire.

The Waterfall Committee did not wish to be involved with the existing conveniences community asset transfer, in particular, due to the running costs and on-going maintenance.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to advise the Denbighshire County Council, as follows:

- (1) The Community Council agreed not to adopt the public conveniences adjacent to the Dyserth Waterfall. In reaching their decision, the Council took into consideration their precept budget of £50,500, with the running costs as disclosed in the Assessment and Local Toilet Strategy review, the current yearly running costs to the County is over £15,000.00. Following an inspection of the public conveniences, it is clear they need to be completely refurbished and most probably a new roof. The annual running cost together with the aforementioned refurbishment would be prohibitive for the Community Council's annual budget.
- (2) The Community Council would be pleased to be advised, as to the timeline for the County to close the conveniences and thereafter to demolish the building and make good the area.

6. 123/24

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

The Clerk advised that the following information had been received from County Councillor David Williams:

- (1) Following the granting of funding from the Welsh Government, Denbighshire County Council have appointed Waterco to review and update the Business Case for the flood management scheme at Dyserth. 'As part of this commission we will be revisiting the concept design and options to manage flood risk in Dyserth. This will also include the flood risk in Pandy Lane'
- (2) Dealing with overgrown tree branches in the Bryn Y Felin area on land which appears to be unregistered
- (3) The Clerk read out the contents of an e-mail received from Councillor Williams in relation to the new refuse collection services recently implemented by the County Council

7(A). 124/24

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 / 2 x Drug offences / 6 x Violence offences
- (2) Request received from Ron Bailey on behalf of Lord Don Foster (House of Lords) seeking that this Council support a Bill to improve the safety of lithium batteries – as used in e-bike and e-scooters, including their disposal. The Bill is supported by a number of national organisations, including Electrical Safety First, National Fire Chiefs, Association of

Ambulance Chief Executives, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and Royal Society for Public Health.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to reply to Mr. Bailey to confirm this Council's support to a Bill to improve the safety of lithium batteries.

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

- ❖ Welsh Government: Survey named 'Give Feedback' on roads with a 20mph speed limit review. Councillors to respond on a personal basis:
 - (1) Change from 20mph to 30mph
 - (2) Change from 30mph to 20mph
 - (3) Stay at 20mph
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Notification in relation to the above Welsh Government speed limit review
- ❖ Welsh Government: Notification from Ken Skates MS Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport, in relation to the Welsh Government's 'Our Listening Programme on 20mph'.
- ❖ One Voice Wales: Courses available named; Biodiversity 1, Biodiversity 2 and Nature Project Management. Councillors to advise the Clerk should they wish to attend
- ❖ One Voice Wales: Courses available over the following three months. Councillors to advise the Clerk should they wish to attend

7(B). 125/24

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Budget / Precept information sent to Council Members in relation to all Town & Community Councils in Denbighshire.
- (b) The Clerk advised that the following concerns had been reported to Denbighshire Public Rights of Way and Street Scene:
 - (i) Footpath in area of Top of Gibbs wood to stile. The footpath is overgrown and impassible in parts. A reply advised, as the bird nesting season is in progress the area will be visited to access the overgrowth and ascertain if work can be completed that would cause minimal disturbance to wildlife
 - (ii) Damage to roadside metal barrier (at traffic lights junction with High Street and Waterfall Road (photograph of damaged barrier provided))
- (c) **Community and Town Council's in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2024. The Clerk confirmed the following:**
 - (i) Requested information and documents have been submitted to Audit Wales
 - (ii) Notice of Appointment of the date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights. Date of announcement 4th June 2024, commencing on 1st July to 26th July. Public Notice placed on Council's notice board (photograph taken) and uploaded to Council's web site

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- Notification received from County Highways, as follows: ‘Inspected this morning on Monday the 10.06.24 no obstruction to the carriageway or footway in its current condition, works have been added to an additional works list for repair at a later date when Highways operatives become available’.

7(C). 126/24

TO DISCUSS: PAVILION BUILDING LEASE – BETWEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND BOWLING CLUB (EXPIRY DATE OCTOBER 2024)

The Clerk recollected to Members the current lease between the Community Council and the Dyserth Bowling Club Committee which is due to expire in October of this year. Members had been sent prior to the meeting a copy of the lease.

The Clerk wished the Council to consider if there were any amendments to the lease, and if so, the Bowling Club Committee could be advised prior to their attendance at the September meeting.

Members discussed the lease in general, including the annual rent cost and usage by other sporting Groups and Committees within the Council area.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to the Dyserth Bowling Club Committee: **(1)** To seek their views in relation to any amendments to the current lease **(2)** To provide a copy of their last accounts and copy of the Club’s latest bank statement **(3)** To invite the Committee Officers to the September 9th Council meeting to discuss the lease renewal **(4)** The Clerk to also include the lease on the July 8th Council meeting agenda.

8. 127/24

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

(i) **Dyserth Community Hall:** Councillor Andy Hughes provided an update to the Hall usage which included:

- ❖ A thank you from the School Governors for the financial support from the Council towards the recent school’s sensory garden project
- ❖ Over 30 Groups booking the Hall on a weekly basis
- ❖ Reduction in the electricity consumption following internal improvements to usage

9(A). 128/24

PLANNING

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

No planning applications received from Denbighshire County Planning

**9(B). 129/24
PLANNING DECISIONS**

No planning decisions received from Denbighshire County Council

10. 130/24

TO DISCUSS: CUTTING OF TWO OVERGROWN HEDGES ON COUNCIL LAND (ENTRANCE OF PLAYING FIELDS FROM HIGH STREET (CLLR MARGARET WILLIAMS))

Councillor Margaret Williams discussed with Members the overgrown hedge / bushes in the public walkway area from the High Street to the King George Recreational field and requested Councillors consider seeking a quotation to cut and remove the hedge / bushes.

Members agreed the following: (1) The Clerk to seek a quotation from the Council’s grass cutting contractor (2) The Chair and Vice Chair to consider the quotation in-between meetings.

11. 131/24

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 May) Payments dated 03/06/2024			
	Katy Bincham (Theme painting on High Street Bus shelter) (Authorised by two Councillor bank signatories – dated 21/05/2024)	100.00		100.00
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Councillor Andy Hughes (Chair of Council’s Annual Allowance) (Declaration of Interest declared by Councillor Andy Hughes) Minute number 3. 119/24 on page 2 above)	400.00		400.00
	Denbighshire County Council: (Fees for weekly Play Ranger assistants and other charges for 2024 / 2025)	4,828.98		4,828.98
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for May)	40.00		40.00

12. 132/24

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £

	<p><u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u></p> <p>Dyserth Flood Initiative (Application for funding towards various purchases and projected works) (Funds allocated from the Dyserth Waterfall earmarked reserves) (Section 137 LGA 1972)</p>	<p>£1,500.00</p>
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13. 133/24

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.....