

MINUTES OF THE DERWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, DERWEN AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Llefelys Rees (Chairman), John Crowhurst, Thomas Griffiths, Hywel Jones, Gaynor Jones, Bethan Roberts and the Clerk.

1: APOLOGY: Councillor Robert Hughes.

2. RED SQUIRREL RANGER OF CLOCAENOG FOREST.

Rebecca Clews-Roberts apologised for her non-attendance at the meeting due to the forthcoming community events that she has organised:-

A: Community Action for Red Squirrels at the Glan Llyn Inn, Clawddnewydd on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

B. Red Squirrels in Clocaenog Forest Training Day at the Community Centre in Clawddnewydd on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 9.30 a.m.

3. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

A. Mr John Lloyd has agreed to replace the Cherry Tree he damaged in the Derwen Green.

B. Denbighshire County Council reported on the following issues:-

1. The owner of Bryn Fedwen, Clocaenog has been served notice to cut the highway verge hedge which is causing obstruction to large vehicles.

2. The ongoing obstruction parking issues in Maes Anedd, Derwen is a Police matter.

3. The lay-by obstruction between Derwen village and Derwenfa is a Police matter.

C. A report was given that Denbighshire County Council has provided give way highway markings by 12 Trem-y-Coed, Clawddnewydd. Members resolved for the Clerk to write to Denbighshire County Council for a central carriageway line on the bend on the Trem-y-Coed Estate to avoid motorists cutting the bend.

5. COMMUNITY DEBIBRILLATORS UPDATE.

A report was given that the Community Council will be refunded for the costs of the three "Community Defibrillators" following fund raising events organised by Dr Paul Smith.

Members resolved for the Clerk to make enquiries with BT to purchase the BT Payphone Kiosk in Derwen to house the Derwen village Defibrillator.

6. FINANCE ISSUES.

A. Bank balances - £11,232.00.

B. Payments:-

1. Canolfan Cae Cymro - fee for the previous Council meeting - £10.00.

2. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - £300.00.

3. PAYE for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - £75.00.

C. Denbighshire County Council informed the Community Council that a contested election in May 2017 would cost around £1,700.00 or £160.00 for an uncontested election.

D. BDO, External Auditors, have signed off the Council's accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

#### 7. PLANNING ISSUES.

Denbighshire County Council has granted planning permission for proposed amended house type details at Cae Eithin, Clawddnewydd.

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. the Chairman read out a letter received from Mrs Hazel Hughes, Hen Siop, Derwen stating she felt upset, angry and totally excluded at the previous Council meeting due to the first part of the meeting being conducted in Welsh only. Members resolved that all future meetings of the Council will be conducted bilingually.

B. A number of reports were received for information purposes.

#### 9. DISCUSSION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.

There were no issues for discussion.

#### 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

A. Members resolved for the Clerk to report the abandoned vehicle on the Maes Annedd Estate in Derwen.

B. Councillors Hywel Jones and Thomas Griffiths agreed to investigate the costs of a “Plaque” for the names of the Community Soldiers who fell during the “World Wars”.

C. Members resolved to discuss the Clawddnewydd Pond options at the next Council meeting.

11. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Canolfan Cae Cymro, Clawddnewydd at 7.30 p.m.