

MINUTES OF THE DERWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2017 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CANOLFAN CAE CYMRO, CLAWDDNEWYDD AT 7.30 P.M.

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

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2017/18 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor Llefelys Rees as Chairman for the 2017/18 term of office.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2017/18 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor John Crowhurst as Vice-Chairman for the 2017/18 term of office.

4. COMPLETION OF FORMS.

Members completed the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” and “Register of Members’ Interests” forms.

5. COUNCIL’S VACANT SEAT.

Following the recent retirement of former Member, Bethan Roberts, the Clerk circulated the “Notice of Co-option” to fill the Council’s vacant seat. The closing date for consideration of the Electorate for the vacancy is 9th June 2017. Members resolved to hold a special meeting of the Council on 23rd June 2017 to consider the applicants.

6. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 15th March 2017 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

A. Highways Department of Denbighshire County Council reported on the following:-

1. The positioning of the 30 mph on the Bryn Coch, Clawddnewydd side of the B5105 is being considered by the Department.
2. The provision of double central white lines between Bryn Coch, Clawddnewydd and Bryn Ffynnon, Clocaenog on the B5105 does not comply with the Highways Law “Criteria”.
3. The owner of the Caravan on the land opposite Gan Aber in Derwen has now vacated the Caravan following the lambing season.
4. The “Lon Tilin” path in Derwen is not shown on the Definitive Map and therefore the removal of the gate opposite Gan Aber, Derwen cannot be forced unless it can be proven that the path is a Public Footpath. Members resolved to make the relevant enquiries locally.

B. the Clerk has received details for the provision of a new Notice Board for Derwen Village and will confirm the purchase details at the next Council meeting.

C. Denbighshire County Council has granted planning permission for the erection of replacement single storey sunroom extension (Listed Building Application) at Coed-y-Foel, Derwen.

D. Councillor Hywel Jones agreed to meet representative s of Denbighshire County Council Environment Department and E. Jones & Son, Clawddnewydd regarding the filling of part of the Clawddnewydd Pond (Glan Llyn Public House end).

E. Derwen Village Defibrillator update:-

1. Dr Paul Smith of Derwen presented £600.00 to the Community Council towards the costs.

2. BT provided a contract for the adoption of the Derwen kiosk (to house the community defibrillator) for £1.00 to the Community Council. Members resolved to accept the contract and signed by the Clerk.
3. Members resolved to purchase a “Heated Cabinet” to house the Defibrillator from SADS UK for £335.00.
4. Members appointed D.E. Jones, Electrician from Corwen, to install the heated cabinet.

8. FINANCE.

- A. Bank balances - £14,409.00.
- B. First 2017/18 Precept receipt - £2,000.00.
- C. Cymdeithas Capeli Clawddnewydd and Derwen thanked the Community Council for the £250.00 grant from the “Community Wind Farms Fund”.
- D. the Clerk reported the completion of the Annual Financial Return for the year ended 31st March 2017. Simon Murray-Williams (Internal Auditor) of Harold Smith, St. Asaph reported a clean report on the Annual Return which will now be submitted to the External Auditors (appointed by the Wales Audit Office) – BDO of Southampton.
- E. Bill payments:-
 1. Clerk’s salary for the quarter ended 30th June 2017 - £300.00.
 2. PAYE for the quarter ended 30th June 2017 - £75.00.
 3. Clerk’s expenses for the “Community Wind Farms Fund” meeting - £40.82.
 4. Shaws & Sons for the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” and “Register of Members’ Interests” forms - £52.94.
 5. Canolfan Cae Cymro - two Council meetings costs - £20.00.
 6. Harold Smith – Internal Auditors - £144.00.
 7. Colin Morgan – Council’s Website Fees - £16.78.
 8. AON UK Limited – Annual Insurance Premium - £333.21.
 9. BT – Derwen kiosk adoption - £1.00.
 10. John Lloyd – two community grass cutting - £144.00.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

None received.

10. CORRESPONDENCE.

- A. Members resolved not to appoint a representative on the One Voice Wales Area Committee.
- B. A number of reports were received for information purposes.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- A. Members resolved for the Clerk to write to the Highways Department of Denbighshire County Council regarding the following issues:-
 1. When will the recent works on the entrance to Trem-y-Coed housing estate, Clawddnewydd will be completed.
 2. Tree branches need to be cut at the Pool Park Forestry on the B5105 highway.
 3. When will the highway be resurfaced between Derwen Village and Gwerni, Derwen.
- B. Members resolved to relocate the Council’s notice board from Canolfan Cae Cymro to the Community Shop in Clawddnewydd.
- C. Members resolved for the Clerk to remind John Lloyd to replace the Cherry Tree in Derwen village.

12. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 19th July 2017 in the Chpel Vestry, Derwen at 7.30 p.m.