MEETING OF THE DERWEN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

1: PRESENT: Councillors John Crowhurst (Chairman), Llefelys Rees, Gaynor Jones, Hywel Jones, Denbighshire county Councillor Eryl Williams and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES: Councillors Erfyl Roberts, Tomos Griffiths and Robert Hughes.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None received.

4. CONFIRM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 18th November 2020 minutes as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

A: Denbighshire County Council has granted planning permission of the following planning applications:-

1. Planning application: 12/2020/0377 - Erection of extension to existing agricultural building for cattle at Llys, Clawddnewydd.

2. Planning Application: 12/2020/0779 - Erection of ancillary domestic outbuilding at Glyn Bach, Derwen.

B. Members reported that there are still blocked highway gully issues within the community and the Clerk will write again to Denbighshire County Council regarding the issue.

6. CLAWDDNEWYDD POND.

Minutes of the Clawddnewydd Pond Site meeting on Friday 27th November 2020 provided by Lowri Owain of Cadwyn Clwyd:-

“Following numerous questions from prospective suppliers on sell2wales, we drew in Howard Sutcliffe DCC Countryside to advise on the way forward.  Howard advised we contact

Mandy - North Wales Officer for the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation.  Mandy kindly came to a site meeting last Friday to advise on the best way forward (also in attendance was Hywel, Eryl,  Howard DCC, Carwyn- Cadwyn Clwyd and myself).

Following discussions, it was advised the community council considers withdrawing the original Cadwyn funded project and that the project proceeds directly to clearance of the pond with site monitoring provided by Mandy as and when required.  Hywel mentioned that Derwen CC has already received a quote for clearance works a while ago for about £2000.  It is suggested that the £2100 of community council funds originally allocated towards the LEADER project is now used for this purpose, and that Cadwyn funds are no longer needed.  So the next step will be for the Community Council to procure contractors to undertake the clearance / capital works.”

7. FFYNNON SARA GATE REPLACEMENT QUOTES.

Three quotes were received for the replacement gate at Ffynnon Sara:-

A: White Oak Property Services for replacement oak replacement gate £390.00.

B. RM Joinery for replacement oak gate £626.49.

C. Ian Jones replacement oak gate £200.00.

Members resolved to accept the cheapest quotation.

8. FINANCE ISSUES TO INCLUDE:-

A. the Clerk circulated Members with a copy of the Council’s bank account transactions for the period from 1st April 2020 to 20 January 2021 for information purposes.

B. Final 2020/21 precept receipt £2,000.00.

C. Authorised bill payments:-

1. White Oak Property Services for the September grass cutting and October hedge cutting £130.00

2. White Oak Property Services for purchasing and planting of 13 native plants at Ffynnon Sara £120.00.

3. Clerk’s salary for the quarter ended 31st December 2020 £300.00.

4. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 31st December 2020 £75.00.

9. TO SET THE COUNCIL’S 2021/2022 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT.

A. the Clerk provided members with spreadsheets of the Council’s 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 receipts and payments schedules.

B. After consideration, the Members resolved on the Council’s standstill precept requirement of £24.50 per 245 dwellings within the Community Council area which equates to £6,000.00 for the 2021/2022 financial year.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION.

Planning application: 12/2020/0159 - Conversion and refurbishment of existing building to form a holiday let (Listed building application) at Church House, Derwen, Corwen – no objections.

11 CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

12. URGENT MATTERS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

A; Denbighshire County Councillor Eryl Williams reported that the “Local Development Plan” process has been put on hold due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic.

B. Members resolved for the Clerk to write again to Denbighshire County Council regarding the worsening condition of the B5105 between Ruthin and the Conwy County Borough Council border at Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr.

13. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2021.