

MINUTES OF THE DERWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2023 IN CANOLFAN CAE CYMRO COMMUNITY CENTRE, CLAWDDNEWYDD AT 7.30 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Hywel Jones (Chairman), Thomas Griffiths, Robert Hughes, Llyfelys Rees, John Crowhurst, Gaynor Jones, Clwyd Jones together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None received.

4. DISCUSSION WITH MR PHILIP BURROWS, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIGITAL OFFICER.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Philip Burrows to the meeting and reported on the following:-
“Following recent updates from Openreach and the Welsh Government regarding internet connectivity in Wales. I have created a report for the area covered by your Community Council.

The UK Government has announced an increase to the Gigabit voucher scheme which enables rural communities to pool the vouchers to pay for fibre based internet connections to be installed. This is achieved via an Openreach programme called ‘Fibre Community Partnership’. The new voucher value will be announced shortly.

These ‘Fibre Community Partnerships’ with Openreach should be championed by local residents or a community councillor. As the Digital Officer for Denbighshire Council it is part of my remit to assist these community groups, advise, and support them throughout the Openreach process.

I’d like to come and talk to your Community Council about the opportunities in your area and the support I can give, hoping that we can work together to inform your residents and businesses of their options and eventually bring fast and reliable internet connections to all of your community.

The attached report includes information on:

- The number of premises which receive less than 30mbps and are not in an upgrade plan. These are called ‘White Premises’ by Openreach and the Government.
- An update on the Welsh Government Fibre installation programme that has been extended to March 2023.
- An update on the LFFN Fibre Programme, which has a second phase in Denbighshire.
- The Openreach map showing their expansion plans.
- The number of premise in the T&CC area that can currently obtain a fibre based internet connection offering of up to 1000mbps.
- An update on any Openreach Fibre Community Partnerships in the T&CC area.
- An explanation of the different connectivity options available to businesses and residents in Denbighshire.
- Information on how the Openreach Fibre Community Partnerships works.”

The Chairman thanked Mr Burrows for attending the meeting who will report back with his findings to the Clerk.

5. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 25th January 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.

A: Denbighshire County Council Highways Department informed Council on the following:-

1: Unable to re-instate the highway gritting run from Derwen Village to Derwen Chapel due to the narrow highway and turning bay at the Chapel location.

2. Clawddnewydd to Clocaenog highway has now been completed with new tarmac capital works.

B: Denbighshire County Council has granted planning permission on application:

12/2022/0984 – Amended details of design, location and landscaping of replacement dwelling previously approved under application number 12/2013/1180 at Penrallt, Derwen.

C. Members reported that the highway parking issues that currently exist within Derwen village and on the Bryn Saith Marchog junction on the Derwen to Bryn Saith Marchog highway and resolved for the Clerk to inform Denbighshire County Council with pictures with evidence (if possible).

D. Councillor Hywel Jones reported that the Community Council was successful with the Denbighshire Commuted Sum of £2,476.42 application available to the Clawddnewydd Pond fencing extension project and permission is therefore been granted to proceed with the required works applied for.

7. CLAWDDNEWYDD POND UPDATE.

Councillor Hywel Jones reported that works has commenced on the “Storage Shed at the pond site which will complete the required grant aid works at the Clawddnewydd Pond site.

8. DERWEN MEMORIAL TREE PLAQUE.

Members resolved for the Clerk to order two plaques and attachments from Brunel Engraving for both the “Memorial Trees” in Derwen at the following costs to the Council:-

A: Two engraved plaques £240.48.

B. Two plaques attachments £216.48.

9. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the March and April 2023 list of the One Voice Wales training courses.

10. FINANCE.

A: Bank balances (Rates Accounts) £8,980.91.

B. Authorised receipts from Cadwyn Clwyd Grant Aid £9,594.54.

C. Authorised payments:-

1. Denbighshire County Council Election Costs for Derwen Community Council £15.79.

2. Canolfan Cae Cymro for Council meeting £26.00.

3. Two monthly HSBC fees £10.00.

4. Dragon Drilling for Clawddnewydd Pond Expenditure £2,480.00.

5. Alun Williams for Clawddnewydd Pond Expenditure £1,539.90.

6. Councillor Robert Hughes 2023/24 Members Remuneration £150.00.

7. One Voice Wales 2023/24 Membership Fees £80.00.

8. Clerk’s salary for the quarter ended 31st March 2023 £300.00.

9. Canolfan Cae Cymro Grant Aid for the 25th Anniversary Function £200.00.

10. Brunel Engineering £240.48.

11. Clerk’s expenses for the year ended 31st March 2023 £506.42.

12. Mr Hywel Jones, Clawddnewydd Pond work £1,200.00.
13. Mr Llefelys Rees, Clawddnewydd pond work £400.00.
14. Clawddnewydd Pond expenditure (storage shed £4,500.00).
15. Brunel Engraving Plaques Accessories £216.48.
16. HM Revenue and Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 31st March 2023 £475.00.

11. DERWEN COMMUNITY GREENS GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT QUOTATION.

White Oak Property Services provided a quotation of £96.00 for the 2023 “Community Greens” grass cutting contract. Members resolved to accept the quotation.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A: Planning Application: 12/2023/0068 - Erection of 1 number dwelling and associated works (amended design to previously approved scheme) on land adjoining Anneddwen, Clawddnewydd – no objections.

B. Planning Application: 12/2023/0055 - Erection of 6 dwellings and 1 associated garage including access, internal estate roads, landscaping and associated works on land adjoining the Telephone Exchange, Clawddnewydd. Members resolved on the following objections to the planning application:-

A: Fully supports the observations made by the Highways Department of Denbighshire County Council as follows:-

1. Whether the internal estate road is to remain private or to be adopted by the Authority.
 2. A suitable turning head shall be provided within the development to accommodate emergency/service vehicles.
 3. A 2.0m footway shall be provided within the site to link to the existing new footway fronting the site.
 4. We would request the 30mph speed limit and associated street lighting is extended to encompass the development access.
 5. We would request a footway and associated kerbing of the carriageway edge is provided in the existing verge heading south out of the development and into the village and a crossing point off the B5105 provided to the existing footway on the opposite side of the carriageway.
 6. The northerly entrance radius kerbing should be extended back into the verge on a suitable tangent and the area behind the kerbing to be infilled and seeded.
 7. The gardens of properties 1 to 3 encroach on the adopted highway on the proposed location is where the public authority lay-by is currently which is owned by Denbighshire County Council. The gardens should be set back outside the adopted highway.
 8. Parking shall be in accordance with D.C.C.’s parking standards.
 9. Bin storage details shall be provided. Refuse vehicles will not enter into a private road and therefore if the road is to remain private then a bin storage area shall be provided at the access point for collection.
 10. The 5 dwellings is the threshold for the estate road to be adopted and if this is the intention then full details of the internal estate road shall be submitted for approval, which can be conditioned to any planning permission. The applicant/agent should re-visit the previous approval under code no 12/2017/0638.
- B. Three trees currently on the existing site (oak and two larches) are not shown on the proposed site and therefore should not be removed and the development should be re-arranged around the three trees on site which should be retained.

13. MEMBERS 2023/24 REMUNERATION ALLOWANCES CLAIM FORMS.

The Clerk circulated Members with the annual 2023/24 Remuneration Allowances Claim Form.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

15. DISCUSSION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.

Already covered in item 6C above.

16. HIGHWAY ISSUES.

Members resolved for the Clerk to report the extreme condition of the B5105 highway through Clawddnewydd village.

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

There was no urgent matters for discussion.

18. COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

- A: Wednesday 17th May 2023 in the Chapel Vestry, Derwen at 7.30 pm
- B. Wednesday 19th July 2023 in the Chapel Vestry, Derwen at 7.30 pm
- C. Wednesday 20th September 2023 in the Chapel Vestry, Derwen at 7.30 pm
- D. Wednesday 15th November 2023 in Canolfan Cae Cymro, Clawddnewydd at 7.30 pm
- E. Wednesday 17th January 2024 in Canolfan Cae Cymro, Clawddnewydd at 7.30 pm
- F. Wednesday 20th March 2024 in Canolfan Cae Cymro, Clawddnewydd at 7.30 pm