

MINUTES OF THE DERWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, DERWEN AT 7.30 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Hywel Jones (Chairman), Robert Hughes, Clwyd Jones, John Crowhurst, Llefelys Rees together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Thomas Griffiths and Gaynor Jones.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW.

None received.

4. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 17th May 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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

A: Denbighshire County Council Highways Department stated that the parking issues within Derwen Village is a Police matter for obstructing vehicles as there are no parking restrictions in force within Derwen Village.

B. No report received from PCSO Barry Jones since the previous Council regarding the views of the Police with regards to the parking issues within Derwen Village.

6. CLAWDDNEWYDD POND UPDATE.

Councillor Hywel Jones reported that only minor equipment is required at the Pond (Ring Float, Rope and Signage together with one final piece of work on the Pump House/Storage Shed) is required. Additional Picnic table has been purchased and erected since the previous Council meeting which attracted 85% grant funding.

7. DERWEN MEMORIAL TREE PLAQUE.

Councillor Llyfelys Rees is in the process of erecting the plaques in Derwen.

8. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated members with the updated dates for the One Voice Wales Training Courses for September and October 2023.

9. CLERK'S SALARY REVIEW FROM 1ST APRIL 2023.

The Chairman reported that the Members of the Council met after the previous Council meeting and resolved to increase the Clerk's salary to £2,000.00 per annum from 1st April 2023.

10. FINANCE.

A: Bank balances £4,110.00.

B. Receipts:-

1. Second 2023/24 precept receipt £2,390.00.

2. Denbighshire County Council Grant Aid towards the Clawddnewydd Pond costs £2,476.38

3. Cadwyn Clwyd grant aid towards the Clawddnewydd Pond Costs £1,092.82.

C. Authorised payments:-

1. Four months of HSBC bank charges £20.80.
 2. White Oak Property Services for the community grass cutting £192.00.
 3. BHIB Annual Insurance Premium £375.15.
 4. John Lloyd a'i Fab for Clawddnewydd Pond fencing £4,788.00.
 5. White Oak Property Services for the community grass cutting £96.00.
 6. Clerk salary for the quarter ended 30th June 2023 £480.00.
 7. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 30th June 2023 - £120.00.
 8. White Oak Property Services for the community grass cutting £192.00.
 9. White Oak Property Services for the community grass cutting £96.00.
 10. Hywel L. Jones for Clawddnewydd Pond work - £1,032.00.
 11. Denbighshire County Council (Meifod Wood Products) for the Clawddnewydd Pond Picnic Table - £500.00.
 12. Canolfan Cae Cymro, Clawddnewydd for the additional September meeting £20.00.
 13. White Oak Property Services for the community grass cutting £192.00.
 14. Clerk salary for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 £400.00.
 15. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 - £100.00.
- D. White Oak Property Services quoted £60.00 for the Ffynnon Sara 2023 hedge cutting. Members resolved to accept the quotation.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Planning Application: 12/2023/0028 - Conversion of disused building to form 2 holiday accommodation units, formation of parking, installation of septic tank and associated works on outbuildings adjacent to Parc Bach, Derwen.

Derwen Community Council objects to the subject planning application and plans for the following reasons:-

- A: Too close to a private dwelling.
- B. Too close to a water course.
- C. The property is surrounded by large trees with Ash dieback.
- D. Access to site is too narrow for the additional vehicles.
- E. Feeder highway to the access site is too narrow for the extra additional traffic.
- F. Affordable housing for local needs requirements should be considered onsite first.

12. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2023.

- A. the Clerk has ordered the Council's Annual Poppy Wreath which will be laid by Councillor John Crowhurst
- B. the Chairman will discuss the arrangements for the Reverend Morris P. Morris to conduct the annual service with Councillor Thomas Griffiths.
- C. Mr Jonathan Greaves MBE will arrange the Order of Service leaflet again this year

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

Mrs Heledd Rees thanked the Trustees of the Wern Ddu Wind Farm Fund for the £100.00 grant aid each for the six member of the Rhuthun Football Club under 12's (total £600.00).

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

15. HIGHWAY ISSUES.

A: Members resolved for the Clerk to write to the Denbighshire County Council asking for the following highways to be made priority for capital spend:-

- 1: Sarnat Gwyn to Parc Bach in Derwen.
2. Bryn Siriol, Clawddnewydd to Bryn Saith Marchog boundary via Derwen village.
3. Bryn Siriol, Clawddnewydd to Cilgoed, Derwen.

B. Replacement of the two Clawddnewydd Village Name Plates.

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

There were no urgent matters for discussion.

17. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CANOLFAN CAE CYMRO, CLAWDDNEWYDD AT 7.30 P.M.