



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 9th January, 2017, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 01/17

PRESENT

Councillor James K. Williams (Chair)

Councillor H. Andrew Hughes (Vice Chair)

Councillor David G. Jones

Councillor Edgar H. Jones

Councillor Glenn M. Jones

Councillor Peter Newell

Councillor David H. Parry

Councillor Mrs. Louise M. M. Walsh

Councillor Mrs. D. Alison Williams

Councillor Mrs. Margaret G. Williams

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 02/17

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs. Julie M. Peters

1(C). 03/17

Standing Orders were suspended:

(i)

The Chair Councillor James Williams, welcomed Abigale Zurawski (Denbighshire Youth Service) to the meeting.

Abigale provided the Members with copies of a report in relation to the Dyserth Youth Club. In brief the points covered are as follows: **(1)** the Youth Club Service were pleased with the Dyserth Youth Club – whereby members had increased following a change of meeting night **(2)** Survey carried out with the youth club members and their parents – which identified a number of issues together with equipment requirements. A pool table was purchased **(3)** Extra funding made available to the club – who now use the upstairs room and are able to provide extra staff **(4)** Abigale

provided an activity list for the months of January, February and March – which included in-house activities – with Abigale advising that a number of excursions are also planned during the year (5) Following the Community Day, an increase of numbers to the club with approximately 30 members attend each session (6) There was a 100% take up on the trips during the summer holidays in 2016 (7) Advertising the youth club has been positive – with the assistance of Ysgol Hiraddug, Dyserth Times Face book page, posters with the local businesses.

Abigale enquired in relation to the continuance of funding by the Community Council. The Clerk confirmed that the funding for the youth club was to be discussed by the Council Members during their budget process for 2017 / 2018, later in the meeting.

The Chair Councillor James Williams, thanked Abigale for attending and for her report.

(ii)

The Chair Councillor James Williams, welcomed Tony Chilton to the meeting. (The Council's Play Area Consultant).

The Clerk advised Tony that the Council Members had requested his attendance, to discuss the play area and multi-use games area (MUGA) in general, and to seek his guidance in relation to the following: the damage to the skateboard equipment, the further vandalism of the MUGA netting, including the quarterly reports that identify items requiring attention – together with the re-tarmacking of the play area in the future.

Skateboard Area: Tony explained further in relation to the damage to the skateboard equipment. The equipment had been removed by a local contractor. The area is now locked and not accessible to the public. Discussion as to whether the area should receive new equipment, or be used for other purpose – such as an area with picnic tables and chairs. Tony advised that the Council need to consider equipment suitable for disabled use, together with children and youths of different age groups. It was suggested that a new Group or Charity be set up, to oversee applications for funding. Tony to obtain quotations for suitable replacement equipment in the skateboard area.

Multi Use Games Area: The wire netting had been vandalised again. Tony explained that the vandalism is quite deliberate. Force had been used to cause the damage. Tony suggested a further repair with stronger netting. Councillor David Parry suggested that he arrange to meet with a local contractor on site, together with Tony and discuss the options. Tony advised that in his opinion the repair would cost in the region of £700.00 to £1,000.00.

Future re-tarmacking of play area and quarterly reports: Discussion in relation to the Health & Safety aspects of the play areas in general. The Clerk referred to the quarterly inspection reports, which on occasion identify small repairs, including the sponge tarmac. The Clerk further advised that it was advantageous that Tony was able to carry out the smaller repairs. However, repairs to the sponge tarmac had been completed by a professional company. The quarterly reports state - that in the future, the whole area will have to be re-tarmacked – at a cost between £12,000.00 to £20,000.00.

Members agreed the following: (1) to place the following item on the February Agenda. To discuss setting up a Group or Charity to in relation to the Play and MUGA areas – who would be able to apply for grants (2) Councillor David Parry to arrange a site meeting with a local contractor, Tony and himself – to discuss the options available in relation to the netting repair (3) Tony to obtain quotations – for suitable play equipment for the previous skateboard area.

The Chair Councillor James Williams, thanked Tony for attending the meeting, and for providing his professional advice.

(iii)

The Chair Councillor James Williams, welcomed a resident of Dyserth to the meeting. The resident (Mrs. Cathy Jackson) wished to address the Members in relation to a privet hedge which runs alongside the path to the playing field – and forms the boundary between Lorac and the access to St. George’s playing field – off Dyserth High Street. Mrs. Jackson advised, that her husband had removed part of the hedge and planted semi dwarfing fruit trees in its place. Mr. & Mrs. Jackson were seeking assistance from the Council, to remove the hedge completely and replace it with further fruit trees – which have been popular with people walking past.

Members agreed the following: To arrange a site visit with Mr. & Mrs. Jackson at Lorac. Councillors’ Andrew Hughes, Peter Newell, David Parry, Alison Williams and Margaret Williams agreed to attend.

1(D). 04/17

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 05/17

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

3. 06/17

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH NOVEMBER, 2016

The Minutes were proposed and seconded as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 07/17

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes;

Minute no: 4. 212/16 – sub minute numbers: 4.198/16 & 6(B). 173/16(vii) (page 2), in relation to the upgrading of the Community Council web site. The Clerk advised that the upgrade should be completed by the February Council meeting.

Minute no: 4. 212/16 – sub minute numbers: 4.198/16 & 9(B). 179/16 (page 2), in relation to a professional specialising in tree surgery. Councillor Mrs. Margaret Williams advised that she had been in further consultation with Denbighshire County Council. A quotation for £950.00 had been received from a local tree surgeon. The quotation contained details in relation to the work to be carried out, which had been agreed by Denbighshire County Council. Councillor Mrs. Williams recollected to the Members, that £2,000.000 which had been received from the Waterfall Committee, had been ring-fenced to carry out the work.

Members agreed the following: Approved the quotation for the sum of £950.00.

Minute no: 4. 212/16 – sub minute number: 5(A). 191/16 (ii) (page 2), in relation to equipment damage / vandalization in the skateboard area. This matter had been discussed with the Councils Representative – under **Minute number: 1(C). 03/17 (ii) on page 2 above.**

Minute no: 11. 2245/16 (pages 5 and 6), in relation to the provision of a defibrillator being sited in Dyserth High Street. **(1)** The Clerk advised that he had written further to the Town Clerk at Prestatyn Town Council. The Town Clerk had forwarded information in relation to funding

available from Cadwyn Clwyd. The Clerk further advised, that the funding was for only one defibrillator in each of the Counties of Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham – with the venues already decided (2) Councillor David Jones advised that he was unable to find further information from his contact at the Melyd Lodge. The Clerk suggested that he endeavour to make further enquiries with the Rotary Club in Prestatyn.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to make further enquired with the Prestatyn Rotary Club.

5(A). 08/17

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (1) The Clerk advised the Members that PCSO Richard Williams had sent his apologies, and had provided the Clerk with details of reported criminal offences – during the previous month. The PCSO’s report indicated eleven offences reported to the Police, with two HGV vehicles from One Shop and Iceland reported for travelling down Waterfall Road, whilst overweight.
- (2) Notification from the Welsh Government that the limit on Section 137, had increased from £7.42 to £7.57 per elector. The Clerk was unable, at this time, to advise the Members as to the maximum amount the Council could allocated under this budget heading, as the 2017 Register of Electors had not been received.
- (3) Invitation received from Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – to attend a meeting in Froncysyllte, on Thursday 2nd February, 2017. Members were asked to contact the Clerk should they wish to attend.
- (4) Invitation to attend a discussion event from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, to discuss the remuneration frame work for Community and Town Councils – to be held in Llandudno, on 26th January, between 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members were asked to contact the Clerk should they wish to attend.
- (5) Notification from Welsh Assembly Government, in relation to raising awareness to the local government elections, due to be held in May, 2018. The Clerk advised that a poster was enclosed with the information, which he would place on the public notice boards.
- (6) The Clerk recollected to the Members an e-mail received from Denbighshire County Council, dated the 4th January - which was forwarded to all Members - in relation to the following consultation: ‘Dog Control Measures’. The Clerk advised that the consultation details had been placed on the Dyserth Facebook page, for the residents to place their comments.

Members agreed the following: To respond and to advise the County Council, that the comments passed in the previous consultation still apply. (The Clerk to provide full details of the previous response to the County Council).

- (7) Notification from Welsh Assembly Government – Consultation ‘Additional Council Tax on long Term Empty Homes and Second Homes’
- (8) Denbighshire County Council – County Conservation – ‘what should our aspirations be’
- (9) Information received from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – To develop a new hospital in Rhyl.

5(B). 09/17

CLERK’S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised the Members of a deposit to the Council's bank account, the sum of £11,500.00, being the third and final payment of the 2016 / 2017 precept for the current financial year from Denbighshire County Council.
- (b) The Clerk advised that on the 24th November, 2016, whilst on holiday abroad, he received an urgent e-mail from Mr. Tony Chilton – the Council's play area consultant – who advised in relation to a potential dangerous item of equipment. The skateboard equipment had apparently been vandalized, and was now unusable and dangerous. Mr. Chilton had met with Councillor David Parry on site and arrangements were in hand to make the area safe and inaccessible to the public. Two quotations had been received – one for £1,850.00 plus VAT, with the second quotation from a Dyserth contractor of £420.00 plus VAT. The Clerk advised that the Chair and Vice Chair had agreed the quotation for £420.00 plus VAT. **The Members confirmed the quotation.**
- (c) The Clerk referred to the pending Land Registry (LR) Application in relation to The Burial Field. Whilst it was many months ago that the registration applications was sent to the LA – the Clerk advised that every few weeks he receives a notification from the LR – stating that due to significant increase in the volume of registrations – there is a backlog.
- (d) The Clerk advised that the previous Shop Frontage Grant Scheme, was still in existence and asked the Members to advise any business within the community.
- (e) The Clerk recollect to the Members the concerns brought to their attention in the quarterly play area report, including from Councillor Mrs. Louise Walsh – in relation to the weeds and overgrown shrubs – on the perimeter of the play area. A quotation for £85.00, had been received from the Council's contractor to remove the items. The quotation had been agreed by the Chair and Vice Chair. **The Members confirmed the quotation.**
- (f) The Clerk advised that Councillor David Parry had reported to Denbighshire County Council, a water leak in the area of Pandy Lane. The County Council had advised that Welsh Water had inspected the area, but there were no mains water pipes in the vicinity. It was unknown as to where the water originated from.
- (g) Councillor Andrew Hughes enquired with the Clerk, in relation to the Pensions Regulator, and the requirement to join a pension scheme. The Clerk advised, that he did not fall into the pension scheme category, and had completed the required forms advising the Pension Regulator accordingly.

5(C). 10/17

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 2016

The Clerk and Financial Officer provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of December, 2016. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Chair, Councillor James Williams.**

5(D). 11/17

TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017 / 2018

The Clerk as Financial Officer provided the Members with an accounts spreadsheet, which indicated the present financial balances (as per the Minute above), including an estimation as to the balances as at the end of March 2017. The spreadsheet also provided the Members with a suggested precept for the financial year of 2017 / 2018, based on previous spending and allocations.

After discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed by **the Members, to increase the precept for the forthcoming financial year to £39,000.00 – an increase of £4,500.00.** The Clerk advised that the Band D property charge would be £37.24, an increase of £4.10 a year (34p a month). The lower property bands would pay less per month.

The Chair Councillor James Williams, signed the estimates for the end of the financial year 2016 / 2017, together with the precept allocation pro forma, advising Denbighshire County Council in respect of the Community Council's financial requirements for 2017 / 2018.

5(E). 12/17

TO UPDATE THE 'PROJECT PORTFOLIO'

The Clerk recollects to the Members, the present items contained in the Community Council Project Portfolio.

Members agreed the following: The Project Portfolio was updated.

5(F). 13/17

THE PAVILION BUILDING, DYSERTH

The Clerk referred to the budget and project portfolio processes discussed above, and in particular, to the 'extension to the Pavilion building' with the Dyserth Junior Football Club. The Clerk wished guidance in relation to the allocation of funding that was previously agreed.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to (1) contact Mr. David Griffiths – Dyserth Junior Football Club – seeking an update (2) the Clerk to place the item on the February Council Agenda.

6. 14/17

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Andrew Hughes advised the Members, in relation to the Annual Christmas event held at the Community Hall. The evening was a tremendous success, with at least 50% more attendees than the previous year.

7(A). 15/17

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been received:

- (1) Application number: 42/2016/1158, for change of use from a concrete batching plant to a portable toilet hire depot and siting of a portacabin for office use, at Hanson Aggregates Premix Ltd, Meliden Road, Dyserth.

Comment by Council: No objection to the application, as long as the proposal is not detrimental to neighbouring properties, there are no highway concerns with increased traffic and planning policies are complied with

- (2) Application number: 42/2016/1052, for proposed works - including felling of trees situated in Conservation Area, at Land near Dyserth Waterfall.

Comment by Council: The Community Council supports the application. The work to be carried out will improve any Health & Safety risks to the public, and enhance the view from the waterfall.

- (3) Application number: 42/2016/0834, for the erection of detached dwelling and construction of new vehicular access (Part Garden Of 121) - 123, Cwm Road, Dyserth.

Comment by Council: No objection to the application, as long as the proposal is not detrimental to neighbouring properties, and planning policies are complied with.

(The above three applications were sent to the Chairman for consultation with the local Member(s) due to statutory time limits for observations).

7(B). 16/17

The Members confirmed the above three decisions.

7(C). 17/17

The following planning applications were dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- ❖ Application number: 42/2016/1215, for the development of 0.04ha of land by the erection of a dwelling (outline application – all matters reserved) – at Land to side of former Mill House, Waterfall Road, Dyserth.

Comment from Council: No objection to the application, as long as the proposal is not detrimental to neighbouring properties, there are no highway concerns and planning policies are complied with.

7(D). 18/17

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decision has been received from Denbighshire County Council:

- ❖ Application number: 42/2016/1030, for the erection of extension and remodelling of property, at Rose Mount, High Street, Dyserth. Granted.

7(E). 19/17

PLANNING APPEALS

The following notice of planning appeal to the Welsh Assembly has been received:

Application Number: R6830/D/3164799, for the erection of a replacement garage, at The Willows, 35b St. Asaph Road, Dyserth.

8. 20/17

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR DAVID G. WILLIAMS)

County Councillor David Williams, advised the Members in relation to the following:

(a) The provision of two football fields in the area of Maes Esgob (b) Flooding in the area of The New Inn. Some rate relief has been granted. There are now several key holders to operate the sluice gates (c) Meeting held with Natural Resources Wales – who confirmed that there was no risk of flooding to the Glan Ffyddion area.

The following concerns were brought to the attention of Councillor Williams:

(1) Flooding still occurring in the area of the MOT station / Old Anglia Buildings on Newmarket Road – especially during heavy rain (2) The layby in the area of Rhyd Farm – fly tipping is in abundance (3) Drainage concerns on Waterfall Hill. Councillor Williams advised that he would draw the concerns to the appropriate attention of the relevant departments in Denbighshire.

9. 21/17

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £

	<u>To confirm payments made in December</u>			
521	Reg Davies & Son - As quotation – St. George’s Field	250.00		250.00
522	Children’s Play Consultancy - quarterly report	60.50		60.50
523	Children’s Play Consultancy - repairs & consultancy	276.05		276.05
	<u>Payments for consideration at January Council Meeting</u>			
524	H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk’s PAYE & Clerk & Council NI - via The Post Office)	474.83		474.83
525	Society of Local Council Clerks (Membership renewal fee £200.00 – 25% of fee)	50.00		50.00
526	Dave Ruane (Removal of skate board area)	420.00	84.00	504.00
527	Louise Walsh (Cleaning Services & Inspections of Play Area for December)	40.00		40.00
528	Margaret Williams (Re-imburement of donation given to Beauty Parlour for Christmas lights - electricity)	10.00		10.00

10. 22/17

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
529	Hiraddug Playgroup (application for £500.00 – provisionally granted in the November Council meeting. Confirmation received in writing that remaining balance raised). (Minute Number: 13. 227/16 – 14 th November, 2016).	500.00

11. 23/17

The Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**SIGNED BY THE
CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE OF
APPROVAL.....**