

Bodedern Community Council

Minutes of the September Meeting of Bodedern Community Council,

Monday, 23 September 2024 at 18.30 in the Canolfan Bro'r Ysgol

1. Welcome and any apologies.

Present: JA Roberts (JAR, Chair), D Hughes (DH Clerk), V Owen (VO), G Jones (GJ), K Taylor (KT), Ed Jones (EJ), L Jones (LJ), Richard Jones (RJ), A Postle (AP)

Apologies - J Ferry (JF), B Hughes (BH), O Jones (OJ).

2. Declaration of interest

KT – item 7

3. Receiving Minutes

- May minutes received. VO proposed LJ seconded.

4. Matters arising

- TJones still not started on wall repair, DH to chase
- Gareth Owen emailed stating he could not attend tonight's meeting
- Dog foul signs, DH to sort 6 signs and their locations
- Bench for the cemetery. DH produced prices and members agreed on a bench to buy
- Ivy on wall, awaiting price from RPG to clear
- Notice board for cemetery (wall mounted)
- DH to chase Mcventure and GL Jones for prices on playground equipment

5. Financial Matters

HSBC - £47,978.01 currently in account.

- JAR presented a cheque that was made out to previous clerk, £7,370.80 (8/10/20).
- Previous clerk outstanding salary, no response received from solicitors
- HMRC, JAR called again following no response to two letters they suggested opening a new account. DH created new account but no confirmation yet.
- Precept received £4,666.67
- Money due from Clwyd Alyn, £4,500. Probably be paid after completion of houses.
- £1000 limit on spend provided that 4 members approve

6. Payments

- Humphreys waste £28.80 x 2 (2 months) = £57.60
- Leigh Thomas £700 (JAR to contact DH when payment is required)
- Laptop and MS365 £279 + £59.99 = £338.99
- Clerk £290.88
- Audit Wales account £347.25

7. Planning applications

Erwnel – No observations from members

8. Empty seat

- Michelle Trowell accepted invitation to join council.

- DH to email C. Hallsworth at IOACC to notify of empty seat.

9. Charities

JAR spoke to Tracey Rollock from the Charity Commission. Bodedern Charities were removed on 9/6/2019 due to it being dormant. There is £3,507.75 in the Bodedern Charities account now. With a possibility to rejoin, accounts from 2017-23 will be required.

All councillors received a copy of the Governing Documents. New trustees were elected in accordance with the Governing Documents. Councillors nominated three members as follows – Miss Jane Ann Roberts, Mr Dylan Emlyn Hughes and Dr Edward Thomas Jones.

Since we have no bank statements after September 2015 it was decided that we would contact the bank for this updated information to enable us to proceed with the annual accounts from 2017 – 2023. It was agreed that we would pay the £10 for these statements.

It was decided that in December we will be sharing £10 per person to everyone over 70 and having lived in the village and catchment area for at least five years.

10. External audit

JAR reported on taking the audit files to Cardiff in person and hand them to Deryck Evans. It was suggested to make a financial contribution to JAR for doing this, JAR kindly refused.

Following discussion with Deryck Evans, JAR reported Audit Wales have much more power and ability than initially thought. Public order is a possibility. All members wished to thank JAR for the effort and work that was put into the files not to mention delivering them, again a discussion started about making payment to JAR, this was again turned down.

11. Courses

JAR completed course in chairing skills. There are NO MANDATORY courses for any members.

12. Councillors allowances

IRP Wales have received e-mail off JAR with all records of all allowance. JAR to send to DH

13. Playground

DH to chase Macventure for repair quote and prices.

14. Cemetery

JAR reported that Gareth Owen does not ask permission but notifies the council of any actions. Need to ask Mai from LNB CC for procedure on cemetery. Council would like to invite Gareth to October meeting as we hope to agree on process/procedure.

15. Correspondance

- 26 London Road, reports of a mess at the address.
- Request for 40mph from Bodedern to Dalar
- Suggestions for ways to slow motorists down when entering the village
- Speed awareness flashing speed sign not working, can the council pay for repair or a new one.

16. Members reports

- Possibility for a stone type feature on entry into village
- Possible to clear and re-surface phone box area and maybe add bench/table
- Asking for possibility of more buses to go through Bodedern
- Pass on code of conduct to all members
- Congratulated Llinos Medi on becoming MP
- Updated on housing development
- 2 benches in cemetery need painting
- Need to buy a poppy wreath for November

- Get prices to cut unsafe tree down in cemetery
- Possible to get a price to repair bus shelter
- Ask Clwyd Alyn for update on housing development
- Possibility of getting police patrol around Bodedern on random days
- Damaged Chevrons on Dalar roundabout

Next meeting date - 21 October 2024

Chairman: _____ Date: _____