

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Meeting of Biodiversity Committee** held remotely on Thursday, 12th August 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Jones (Chair).
Councillors: D.M. Allen, J.E. Lloyd-Ellis.
External Members: G. Jones and K. Manley.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from M. Wenger.
IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk).

BC11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None declared.

BC12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – THURSDAY 3rd JUNE 2021

- It’s Your Neighbourhood Competition (Wales in Bloom) – it was confirmed the WI had entered the competition, not running it. Judging was on the 10th September 2021.
- The Council would invite Nick Taylor, TCA, to its September meeting to talk members through the pond project. The request for funding would be considered at the same meeting.
- The £300 grant had now been paid to the Gwaenysgor Conservation Group.
- The maps had been sent through via Dewi Ellis and were fit for purpose.

BC13. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Members discussed the current situation.

RESOLVED:

- 1) G. Jones to approach Hilary to join the Committee.
- 2) It was confirmed that B. Richards would not be joining the Committee. Clerk to remove from circulation.
- 3) Clerk to request Vicar David Lewis to join the Committee.

BC14. UK FORESTRY STANDARD CONSULTATION

Members reviewed the consultation. The deadline for responses was 10th August but the Clerk had requested an extension.

RESOLVED:

Members to pass on any relevant comments to the Clerk for a collective response to be sent, if required.

BC15. PLANTING OF NEW TREES AT ERW WEN AS AN NHS TRIBUTE

Members confirmed the planting would be undertaken in October/November later in the year. The Chair would contact Dewi Ellis for any advice needed.

BC16. PROTECTIVE RING AROUND TREE IN TRELAWNYD

The ring had been removed in good faith but had caused some upset, as some sentimental value was attached to its position having been installed in the year 2000. The ring had started to restrict and damage tree growth. Members considered whether a new ring, or a plaque, would be more appropriate.

RESOLVED:

That the matter be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting in September. The Committee would then take its steer from the Council.

BC17. ONE VOICE WALES GREEN NETWORK GROUP

Members considered the above matter and welcomed the network group. However, membership of the group could prove difficult for members with other commitments.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk contact One Voice Wales and express an interest and query the meeting frequency, and also whether membership could be rotated.

BC18. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Llys Mostyn Project. G. Jones updated members on the status of this project, that had been well supported in the community. The WI had submitted a funding application for equipment and some planting had

been undertaken. The group had requested to arrange painting of the benches in the circular area.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk adds the painting of the benches to the agenda for the next Council meeting in September.

- Green Triangle of Land by the garage in Trelawnyd. G. Jones reported this area was owned by Crown Estates and was overgrown. A request had come through the Lady Bird Group for a mini forest and/or planting of fruit trees to improve the area. The potential traffic issues would need to be considered.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk adds the mini forest request to the agenda for the next Council meeting in September.

- Wildflower Meadow. Cllr J.E. Lloyd-Ellis stated he had visited the meadow area maintained by Chris Cairns and was very impressed with the work (photos shown below).





- Promotion. Cllr J.E. Lloyd-Ellis suggested using the Councils noticeboards and local Facebook groups to promote biodiversity projects in the villages.

BC19. AGENDA ITEMS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The following items were to be included on the next agenda:

- Tree planting – Dewi Ellis.
- Planting on verges including wildflowers – Dewi Ellis.
- Trelawnyd Pond Project Update.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to liaise with the Chair and arrange the next meeting for mid-October. Above items to be included on agenda.

BC20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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Chair