

**CYNGOR CYMUNED  
TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Meeting of Biodiversity Committee** held remotely on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6.30pm.

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PRESENT: Councillor J.E. Lloyd-Ellis (Chair).

Councillors: M. Jones.

External Members: G. Jones, K. Manley, and M. Wenger.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor D.M. Allen and P. Humphrey-Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk).

BC1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None to report.

BC2. MINUTES & MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the following meetings be approved as a correct record.

- Biodiversity Sub-Group meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

BC3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members reviewed the terms of reference that had been approved by the Council at its last meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Terms of Reference as stated be adopted by the Committee.

BC4. ITEMS DELEGATED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

There were two matters for the committee to consider as follows:

Members considered a financial contribution towards the community biodiversity project being undertaken by Mr Chris Cairns. This item had been proposed by Cllr D.H. Ellis at the Council meeting. The project involved a Wildflower Meadow and Tree Planting (forest) he is creating on a section of land along the path towards Rose Hill. Members noted a budget had been set aside for projects by the Council for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED:

That a £100 contribution be paid to Mr Cairns to support his endeavours. Clerk to arrange payment.

Members considered the village entering the Best Kept Communities Competition this year. The competition was managed by Flintshire Local Voluntary Council and they were seeking early expressions of interest. Members were concerned with the current uncertainty around covid that they may not be ready this year, but remained keen on taking part, perhaps starting from next year (2022).

RESOLVED:

That the village do not submit an entry for this year to allow time for its plans to be established. Clerk to inform the FLVC.

BC5. OTHER MATTERS

GJ reported the WI Biodiversity Group had submitted a grant application to the RHS, and were actively surveying and recording results on an App.

Tools and equipment had been requested but EL stated they could not be supplied by the Council due to health and safety, although gloves and hi-vis vests could be supplied. The biodiversity budget set aside by the Council was mainly for consumable items.

KM stated that a survey of the village was required to confirm the wildlife, insects, etc before planting was introduced. Some of the hedging was encroaching onto village pathways. Nb. The Council had arranged for the hedge on London Road to be trimmed back. Trelawnyd Community Association were working on a grant application to improve the pond area.

MJ reported the ash dieback works that had involved tree felling and removal. Dewi Ellis, Flintshire County Council had been in touch with Pottles of Gorsedd to supply replacement trees. EL would contact other suppliers if required.

MJ further queried if residents could allow access to camera footage from private gardens. Fly tipping cameras could be hired from FCC Streetscene and the Council had written requesting a litter cam. Grants could be sourced to access funding via the WI and/or Community Association. A CCTV policy would need to be in place for any camera use.

MW stated the Gwaenysgor Conservation Group had been working on the Village Green with the Churchyards of Wales. Rosemary, british lavender, had been planted and a nativity scene added. Funding was being investigated.

EL stated there was an opportunity for the planting of wildflowers as maintenance was being reduced by FCC. A small area could be sprayed back and following weed removal small plugs could be planted.

EL proposed Dewi Ellis as a new member of the Committee. Mr Chris Cairns would also be available to provide advice as required. EL also queried if he could attend WI Biodiversity Group meetings for presentations.

RESOLVED:

That Dewi Ellis be invited to the next committee meeting to join the group.

BC6. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Grant updates, additional funding, map/plan of the two villages, grass verges (plugs, wildflowers, crickets, bees, and butterflies), representative reports (WI and Trelawnyd Community Association).

RESOLVED:

The date for the next meeting was 7.00pm, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Clerk to send agenda.

BC7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

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