

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Meeting of Biodiversity Committee** held at Trelawnyd Memorial Village Hall on Thursday, 4th November 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Jones (Chair).

Councillors: D.M. Allen, J.E. Lloyd-Ellis.

External Members: D. Ellis, K. Manley.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from external members G. Jones and M. Wenger.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk).

BC21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None declared.

BC22. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – THURSDAY 12th AUGUST 2021

- Hilary had declined an invitation to join the committee.
- A response had been sent to the UK Forestry Consultation.
- Protective Ring Round Tree. Members inspected the tree and D. Ellis provided some advice. The tree was leaning and in poor condition and the roots were affecting the block paving and would over time cause a trip hazard. It was proposed to stump the tree to ground level and make good around the disturbed area. A forward plan for relocation and replacement would then be discussed with the Council.
- The Chair was to check in on the Green Network Group.
- Both the bench painting and mini forest projects had been endorsed by the Council.

BC23. TREE PLANTING

D. Ellis provided some advice. Ash trees cannot be planted but trees could be planted up to the end of March. 20,000 trees were to be replaced in Flintshire. Budget resources would need to be confirmed before planting, trees were required for the NHS tribute and to replace the ones felled in January 2021. As an example, 6 trees could be planted, 2 cherry, 2 rowan and 2 sorbus.

RESOLVED:

D. Ellis to approach the County Council and Trelawnyd Community Association to discuss the project and confirm funding.

BC24. PLANTING ON VERGES INCLUDING WILDFLOWERS

D. Ellis provided some information. The embankment would be suitable and could be trimmed and sown with wildflower seeds.

RESOLVED:

Chair and D. Ellis to hold a site meeting to determine requirements. D. Ellis to liaise with Sarah Slater as required.

BC25. TRELAWNYD POND PROJECT UPDATE

Members confirmed that the TCA had advised that the grant approved by the Council for the Pond Project (£600 per year over 2 years) was no longer required. The public bench the Council had requested was also, at this point, not going ahead. Members explained the rationale behind the bench request and determined that the benefits outweighed any potential issues e.g., risk of anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED:

K. Manley to discuss the matter of the bench further with the TCA and report back to the meeting.

BC26. KEEP WALES TIDY PACKAGES

Members discussed the potential starter packages available, that needed to be completed by 31st December 2021. Successful applications would need to meet the criteria, that included being listed as one of the top 50% most deprived areas.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk express the Committee's interest in the fruit garden package and checks the eligibility criteria with One Voice Wales.

BC27. GREEN COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Members discussed the above project and its grant funding. Members determined this was probably more suitable for larger principal authorities based on the scope of the information provided.

RESOLVED:

That the matter be referred back to the Council, to determine any action as needed.

BC28. AGENDA ITEMS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on Thursday 9th December 2021 at 7.00pm in Trelawnyd Memorial Village Hall. Clerk to check on availability with the Caretaker/Key Holder.

BC29. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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Chair