

MINERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROJECT MEETING 3 JULY 2019

Held at the Tyn y Capel, Minera, commencing 19.15 hrs

Present: Cllrs J Edwards (Chair), D Austin, J Barton, J Belton, W Blaze, D Kelly, J Rosier, J Savin

Apologies for Absence: Cllr H Field, Cllr J Marsh

Not present: Cllrs S Edwards, G Nelmes

Also in attendance: Mr Michael Forgrave, Gower Homes

Clerk to the meeting: Cllr J Rosier (Mr D. Hinchliffe unable to attend).

1. Proposed development of 9 detached dwellings, land adjacent to Eversley Court

The Chairman welcomed Mr Michael Forgrave, Gower Homes, to the meeting. Mr Forgrave outlined the features of the proposed development to the Council. These included:

- The original intention to plan a development of 10 plots that had been reduced to 9 because of the need to include a drainage attenuation pond;
- The intention to request adoption of the roads by Wrexham County Borough Council once they had been constructed to an acceptable standard;
- The initial removal of around 50 wagonloads of trace-contaminated topsoil and its replacement;
- Commencement of works proposed for May 2020, with a 9-month construction period for the four-bedroomed homes.

In response to questions, Mr Forgrave agreed that it was the intention to establish a contractor's compound on the new site. Efforts would be made, as required in planning conditions, to minimise the effect of mud on existing roads. It was agreed that conventions regarding dual language signage should be observed.

In response to a question from Cllr D Kelly, an offer by Gower Homes of the cash sum of £3,000 towards the maintenance and improvement of Council facilities would be paid on occupancy of the first house. This offer would be subsequently confirmed to the Clerk by email. The council expressed its appreciation of this offer.

Mr M Forgrave left the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Projects Meeting held on 5 June 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2019 were approved, with the proviso that Minute 5c be amended by deleting 'Jones Brothers' and inserting 'Jones Lighting'. Proposed by Cllr W Blaze, seconded by Cllr J Savin.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Funding for a Community Agent. Cllr W Blaze reported that Bwlchgwyn Community Council is amenable to the principle of a shared Community Agent being co-ordinated by Brymbo Community Council. Cllr D. Kelly raised the issue of the management of the Agent. Concerns were raised about the consequences of funding being withdrawn in the future, and of how the management of the Agent by the Clerk would generate additional work load. There will also be a funding requirement for the impact of the Agent's work to be monitored.

3.2 WCBC Youth Support Grant 2019/2020. Cllr D Kelly reiterated that the grant offered was only available to a recognised group. It was suggested that Coedpoeth Falcons be approached, with the proviso that available grant my already have been allocated.

3.3. Liability recognition and management relating to MCC assets. Cllr D. Kelly outlined the status of the Gors and Berwig Quarries. Both were subject to an Act of Parliament in 1808 when some 480 acres of waste and common land were allocated to the parish, including the Gors and part of Berwig Quarry. It was agreed that the Council should ascertain legal title through records presumed to be held by Denbighshire Record Office and that this would enable registration with the Land Registry. Concern was also expressed about public safety in the Berwig Quarry.

3.4 New Brighton Kiosk. Cllr J Savin reported that he is seeking a quotation for refurbishment of the kiosk from an identified contractor.

4. Street Lighting. Cllr W Blaze tabled a summary of the 3 quotations, showing comparative costs for component parts of the contract. It was reported that the Lighting Consortium had selected 'Mega' in association with 'Snapfast'. It was agreed that the decision should be taken back to Council for ratification and that the Lighting Committee should meet with the representative from 'Snapfast'. It was agreed that 'Jones Lighting' should be given the required 3 months' notice of termination of the existing contract. Proposed by Cllr J. Belton, seconded by Cllr J Savin.

5. Other Business. Cllr D Austin reported that a wall adjacent to Minera Hall was in a potentially dangerous condition. It was agreed that liability could be established via the Land Registry. The state of repair of 2 concrete stiles originally erected by Wrexham County Borough Council (one near Pen y Nant and one by the bridge leading to New Brighton) was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Edwards would assess the scope for repair and its cost.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.