

Minute No. 252

Cyngor Cymuned Aberchwiler – Aberwheeler Community Council

On Tuesday, 22nd September, 2015 at 7.00pm in Waen Chapel School Room.

Absence: Community Councillors Ian Parry, Phil Gallagher and County Councillor Merfyn Parry.

Present: Community Councillors Dewi Edwards (Chair) J. A. Jones, A. Roberts, Mrs. M. Doolan, Mrs. G. Jones, The Clerk H. Williams.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as correct.

Matters Arising

(AR) Gave an update on the order for the two seated Toddlers swing to be installed in the Aberwheeler Playing Field. Creative Play unable to supply but he has placed an order with Playdale in Cumbria. Cost £1,900 plus VAT.

(MD) Mr. Eric Doolan will replace the cover for the “slide” with wood, and will only charge for the cost of the material.

(AR) Read a letter that had been sent to Dr. James Davies, MP, from a resident in Aberwheeler. He asked the Clerk to include this letter in the Minutes:-

Dear James,

I am contacting you regarding problems a lifelong friend of mine is having in getting accommodation to suit his needs.

My friend Graham “Pal” Davies is 71 years young and has recently been diagnosed with cancer of the spine which has greatly affected his mobility, and resulted in his spending considerable periods of time initially in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, thereafter in Denbigh Infirmary and Corwen.

Graham has lived and worked in the local area all his life, and is widely known as a real character. Having been discharged from Hospital Graham has returned to his first floor flat in St Asaph though he clearly struggles with having to use stairs to reach it. There are obviously concerns that he may fall and injure himself resulting in further health issues. He has asked to be rehoused in a Bungalow which would better suit his needs, but has so far been unsuccessful. I am told also that his local Councillor is unable to help.

Graham has said that he has refused some properties that were offered to him and his reasons seem reasonable. Those offered were in places that were either remote or in places where he doesn't know people. His preference would be to live near to friends that can help him when required. He would ideally like to have a Bungalow in either, Trefnant, Bodfari, Aberwheeler or St. Asaph.

I myself live in Aberwheeler and am aware that one Bungalow has recently been vacated, but it seems that Graham will not be offered this either, which in light of his current circumstances and been a local person baffles me.

Living near to the Bungalows I have witnessed at least 2 being unoccupied for several weeks after the new tenant has been given the keys while work has been carried, (I presume at that persons expense)

It also appears that none of the new tenants have mobility problems so I fail to see how they can be more of a priority than Graham.

In summary my friend seems to be getting nowhere in his application as his health deteriorates, whereas it would appear that others can sell their own houses and become a priority.

Personally I am appalled at the way the process seems to work, and if I were cynical person I could begin to wonder whether recent allocations have been above board.

I look forward to your comments.

Kind regards,

DCC.

(DE) Asked to Clerk to write to Tim Towers at Denbighshire County Council, offering a small donation towards a footpath from Aberwheeler playing field to Geinas. Also concern about the condition of the B5429 Waen hill in very bad state.

A.O.B

Invite the Chairperson of Bodfari Community Council Ian Priestly, The Clerk Helen Roberts and Community Councillor Alan Williams to our next meeting.

(GJ) Asked for the garden of Mrs. Flo Williams, 12 Porth y Waun, as it was very untidy and she is a Social services client to be attended too as the grass in the back and front very long.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 27th October, 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....dated.....
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