



FRIENDS OF BORTH Y GEST

NEWS LETTER

July 2015

Dear All,

This newsletter is a belated report on the AGM (minutes attached Welsh and English) of the Friends of Borth y Gest held on 25th June at the Bethel Chapel.

The meeting was well attended; the first part was a presentation by Adele Thackray (from Cadw) on Managing Our Heritage. She stated that she was responsible for approximately 1000 sites within her area of North Wales, from the Neolithic (6000BC) Bronze Age (4500BC) –Iron Age-Roman Period – Slate mines and up to the Pill Boxes of the Second World War. The talk lasted an hour and gave an insight into the rich heritage of this part of the country.

The next part of the meeting was given over to the election of a new chairperson and secretary. Deirdre Burke kindly stated that she would take over the role of being the chairperson and Tom Brooks was elected Secretary. Thanks were given to Simon Kenyon the retiring chair for the work he had done over the past year.

A review of the past year was given

1. The Coffee Mornings held on the last Thursday of each month up to and including April at the Sea View Café were very successful.
2. The Supper and Mince pie Evenings held at the end of last year again were successful and approximately 45 persons attended. Thanks to all who participated in these event and those who gave their time and contributed food etc.
3. The Open Gardens of ByG held this June was blessed by good weather and was well attended. It raised approximately £1000 for the Air Ambulance Service and The Hospice. The teas and cakes also managed to raise £174 for the FoByG funds. Again we need to thank the Open Garden Committee who made the event go with such a success and of course all the people who opened their gardens and those who gave freely of their time.
4. The Coastal Path comes under the jurisdiction of Robin Perkins the Council's Warden and FoByG need to liaise with him on how we can help maintain it. Weeding of the steps on the Coastal Path going into Porthmadog and around the bus shelter has been done by volunteers and also in July strimming of areas around the seats on the path took place plus opening of a number of views of the bay from the path by 3 volunteers. During the afternoon

Simon Kenyon and another volunteer de-weeded the harbour wall which was becoming to look rather messy (refer photos).

5. As reported in the previous Newsletter the Bat Walk was well attended and interesting
6. The Notice Board next to the bus shelter is regularly up dated by FoByG.
7. Flower Tubs and Hanging Baskets at the Car Park Bus Shelter. Slate flower tubs have been supplied by Pauline but at the time of the meeting there were no hanging baskets. This has now been rectified and a watering rota instigated. A new hose pipe has been fitted, one of the light weight expandable type which is easy to use and put away.

Future Activities plus other matters.

1. Two burglaries have taken place in Tan y Foel and it may be the time to resurrect the Neighbourhood watch scheme. Deirdre will be looking for street co-ordinators to re-establish the scheme locally.
2. Car Park. This is owned by the Council and therefore they have the right to bring in charges. The scheme is opposed by Porthmadog Town Council and it will be raised at the next meeting of Gwynedd Council at the end July.
3. Land Development. This should not be an issue since 10 houses are designated for ByG but they are to be in-fill only.
4. There was a general discussion on how best to use the funds of FoByG, Various suggestions were given as follows whether all are feasible is another matter.

Beach BBQ, Afternoon teas in August, re-instate the Thursday Coffee Morning later in the year, a Book Club. Please inform the committee if you can think of any other suggestions.

5. This year there was no Pilot Boat Race beginning and ending in ByG although a race was held but had to be stopped at Criccieth due to strong winds. We hope that next year there will be a Race in which ByG can participate.

Other points raised were

- a. The field at the back of the garage; what is it to be used for? The Council is aware and monitoring the activities.
- b. The status of the footpath behind Glyn Terrace was queried since an access gate has been erected.

Since the meeting Scottish Power has contacted Gwynedd Council regarding work that needs to be carried out all over Gwynedd.

Power lines behind Seaview Terrace have been examined and in the vicinity of the gate to the Children's playing field. Scottish Power was told that the trees concerned were subject to a tree preservation order. They claimed that they knew this and would be contacting the Council. As yet Robin Perkins has not been contacted with regard to Scottish Power's proposals for this area. Refer Pdf attachments

Two committee meetings have been held since the AGM the last being on the 18th August. A newsletter will be written when the minutes become available.

Below are pictures of the view clearing and strimming and the harbour Wall after de-weeding.



Videos of interest

<https://vimeo.com/134145726> Video of train followed by drone going through the Aberglaslyn Pass

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAwc6jQgz3s> Video of Criccieth Lifeboat launched in rough weather

If you require any further information or need to make comments about what is in this newsletter please direct them to a member of the committee.

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That's all for now. If you have other things of interest for future letters please email me at richardedmonds344@gmail.com

Thanking You

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