

EGLWYS BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING 01/06/2015

PRESENT: Councillors: Ceri Leeder, Austin Roberts, Wendy Martin, Dawn Williams, Gwyn Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Mike Rayner.

1. **WELCOME:** The Chair, Ceri Leeder, welcomed all to the meeting and expressed a very warm welcome to Ms Marion Pryor, who presented her Internal Audit report 2014-15. Attention was drawn to the following:
Risk Register - "this should be a dynamic document that reflects the continuous work undertaken to address and mitigate its risks". This can contain 3 risks and it would be realistic to create the document in January when setting the Precept.

Cllr Austin Roberts joined the meeting.

Reserves - "comfortably lie within the general accepted range".

Cllr Dawn Williams joined the meeting.

Ms Pryor noted that the Council has taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous internal audit reports. She was thanked for her work and left the meeting.

The Audit Report was agreed to be correct and the Annual Return was completed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Katherine Himsworth, Richard Newsham, Arthur Williams.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Wendy Martin – item 6 (planning applications - Bont Newydd Barn).
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** minutes of meeting 05/05/15 were found to be correct and signed.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Village Shop - Cllr. Ceri Leeder expressed that she was in discussion with Conwy's Rural Development Officer regarding the matter. The closure of the shop and post office would leave a huge gap in the village.

Village Water Pump - the work has commenced.

Rural Fit Club - very popular and successful with the requirements for 3 classes.

Ffordd Bryn Hir towards Llety - "footpath for pedestrians only" signs at appropriate locations. No further developments.

Land opposite the shop - no response from the County – Clerk to follow-up the matter.

Speeding near Glan Aber - PCSO to attend the village and carry out speed checks.

A470 - confirmation was received from Mr Wil Roberts, Conwy Council and Edwina Hart A.M., that the 60m.p.h. limit will be kept on the A470 but regular monitoring of the situation will take place due to the new development at Dolgarrog. A proposed 40m.p.h. speed limit is in place for Tal y Cafn Bridge and a 30m.p.h. towards the village to join the existing one.

It was agreed for the Clerk to forward the Community Council's concerns onto Guto Bebb M.P. and Janet Finch-Saunders A.M.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

0/41726 - Bont Newydd Barn, Ty Gwyn Road, Eglwys Bach LL28 5RN - proposed change of use from redundant Grade II Listed outbuilding to Light Industrial/commercial building (Listed Building Consent).

In response to the above planning application, the Community Council is concerned about the following:

External appearance:- We are uneasy about the appearance of 2 new windows in the gable ends. They breach the original fabric.

We feel the south facing aspect needs a more creative solution to maintain the present appearance. The present solution looks like 2 'double' doors and distorts the original proportions.

Trees:- *It is proposed that 20 trees will be felled to ground level, and many others pollarded. Our concern is that the wooded, rural character of the site will be impaired, and replaced with something of a more suburban or industrial nature. This concern is compounded by the car park presence which is brought close to the existing country road. Some of the trees, seem to be being felled with a gusto which we question. It is important that the new character of this building is softened by mature planting and allowed to subside back into the rural landscape.*

Reconstruction:- *Because the barn is listed we trust to the guidance of the planners to privilege certain types of construction....lime plaster, slate, wood, local stone; the vernacular and natural, rather than the imported and exotic, albeit expressed in a contemporary idiom.*

Road Access:- *Consideration should also be given to the road access, as at present a 'give way' system is in place and this should not be compromised.*

Redundant:- *The building is not redundant as specified in the application, and is in use by the farm Ty Gwyn.*

County's Decisions on Planning Applications: None.

7. **SPECIFIC MATTERS TO DECIDE:**

'Good Neighbours Net' - *a letter of intention was read regarding the possibility of building-up a local community support scheme, which would include a bank of local people who are prepared to help with tasks as a one-off or short term support. Support to letter of intention was noted.*

Register of Members' Interests - *was completed by all present.*

Payments - *Mrs Sue Hayward, Cleaning of Public Toilets - £98.00*

Mrs Einir Jones – Clerk's wages and costs for May - £150.99

H.M.Revenue & Customs (Tax on Clerk's wages for May) - £31.50

Mr Wil Williams, grass cutting - £315.00

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

9. **ANY OTHER MATTER:**

Community Skip - *proved popular again, being full by 9:30. Unfortunately, some local businesses turned up with trailers which contained building material/rubble. To be noted in future that it's for household use only.*

Water mains - *many bursts have been experienced lately - Clerk to enquiry with Welsh Water.*

Road Matters - *the following in need of attention:*

Bodnant Road - *water collecting opposite Clwt Cottage;*

Hen Efail - *holes in need of filling*

Afon Carrog - *debris collecting down the river behind Y Berllan and clogging-up by the first bridge along Bryn Hir Path. The matter to be passed onto Cllr. Katherine Himsforth as officer of the flood defence group.*

Public Toilets - *complaints were received that the paving outside the ladies toilets need fixing and vehicles were parking outside causing obstruction. Clerk to contact the County Council regarding both matters.*

Village noticeboard – *complaints were received that vehicles were obstructing the noticeboard. Clerk to place appropriate notice.*

10. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 06/07/2015 at 7:30p.m.