

EGLWYS BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING 05/01/2015

PRESENT: Councillors: Arthur Williams, Ceri Leeder, Katherine Himsworth, Richard Newsham, Austin Roberts, Dawn Williams, John Lloyd Williams.

1. **WELCOME:** The Chair, Arthur Williams, welcomed all to the meeting wishing a Happy New Year to all.
In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr. Austin Roberts took the minutes and best wishes were expressed to the Clerk.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Gwyn Williams, Mike Rayner. Mrs Einir Jones (Clerk).
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** the following correction was read to minutes 06/10/14 + 03/11/14 + 01/12/14 –
Local Bus Service:
 - There was some discussion of local bus service at the October meeting.
 - The minutes were agreed at the November meeting, subject to one amendment being made.
 - Unfortunately, that amendment was not correctly recorded in either the November or December minutes.
 - The amendment should have read:
“Cllr. KH pointed out that in saying Bodnant Welsh Food had no involvement in the bus route arrangements, she had referred only to the 19 and X19 bus, not the 25 bus. This was agreed”.
 - This puts the record straight.

Otherwise, the minutes of meeting 01/12/14 were found to be correct and signed.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Public Footpath no. 7 (Nant Quarry) - Cllr. Ceri Leeder agreed to contact Cllr. Rebecca Jackson regarding the transfer of maps, information etc to the Council.

Fireworks 2014 - Cllr. Dawn Williams agreed to apply for the ‘Arson Grant’ as soon as possible.

School Transport - the matter was discussed and Cllr. Katherine Himsworth noted that changes will be seen to the arrangements if the two Counties join in the future.

Local Bus Service - proposed changes to bus service 25 – an e-mail from Mrs Haf Jones was read stating good response from local residents to the public consultation held on 02/12/14. The County are looking into the possibility of providing a service passed Bodnant Gardens; no changes will be implemented prior to Spring 2015; a similar consultation will be held once a new timetable is for consideration.

Telephone lines along Bryn Hir Path - an e-mail from Openreach/B.T. was read stating the need to obtain permission from landowners to re-locate new poles.

Community Council Logo - the matter was discussed and Cllr. Ceri Leeder agreed to contact the school, but it was noted that it could take some time. The matter was left with Cllr. Leeder.

One-way Traffic System Ffordd Penrhyd - Cllr. Richard Newsham declared that he had spoken to a Highway Officers who noted that Bodnant are authorised to proceed with the work on site.

Road Matters -

Pavement near no.1 Glanaber - the re-surfacing work to be done before Christmas;

Ffordd Llyn Syberl – the Road Cleaning Section were reminded of the necessary work;

Road near Meddiant Uchaf – the holes to be filled in the near future;

19 + 21 Maes Llan - the Highways Department to look into the matter;

Ffordd Gyffylog - the holes to be filled in the near future;

Ditch between Bodlondeb and Rhandir, Trofarth - work on ditch to be done in the new year.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

0/41285 - Pen y Mynydd, Eglwys Bach LL28 5UE - removal of condition 6 of planning permission granted under no. 0/40208 (demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling).

No objection or comments but it was agreed to write to the County pointing out that they hoped there won't be any diminution in the rigour of the standards of Condition 6., now that it lies under the jurisdiction of Building Control rather than under the Planning Office.

County's Decisions on Planning Applications: None.

7. **SPECIFIC MATTERS TO DECIDE:**

Vacant seat on Council - a report was presented on the absence of Cllr. Rebecca Jackson. The seat was declared vacant and it was agreed for the Clerk to proceed with the appropriate process. The Chair commended the Clerk on her work with this difficult and sensitive matter.

Cllr. Richard Newsham proposed that the Clerk should remind members of the Council of their duties if absent from 3 consecutive meetings. The Councillors agreed that this was a good idea.

Precept 2015-16 - a discussion was held and agreed on the whole, to retain the precept as last years - £6,525.00. It was proposed by Cllr. Austin Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Richard Newsham.

Payments - Mrs Sue Hayward, Cleaning of Public Toilets - £122.50
Mrs Eimir Jones – Clerk's wages and costs for December - £144.99
Aberconwy Village Hall - £22.00
Mr Wil Williams, extra grass cutting - £60.00
H.M Revenue & Customs (Tax on Clerk's wages for December) - £30.00 (signed after meeting).

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** the following was received:

- Precept payment - £2,175.00 [CCBC];
- Comments following consultation on Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations [CCBC];
- Register of Electors December 2014 [CCBC]; - distributed to all present and signed accordingly;
- e-mail from Mr Stephen Dixon, Bodnant Estate – old coach park near Clwt has been cleared and will remain so.

9. **ANY OTHER MATTER:**

Plant a Tree to celebrate 100 years of the W.I. - a request was received from the institute to plant a tree on the land near the entrance to Y Berllan/Maes Llan. No objection was received from County as long as consultation took place with the County Tree Officer (Mr Matt Bardsley). Cllr. Ceri Leeder agreed to consult with Mrs Eirwen Kenrick regarding the matter.

Road Matters - Ffordd Llyn Syberl – holes still unfilled and road in need of cleaning;
Ffordd Gyffyllog - holes still unfilled and road in need of cleaning.

Bills from Scottish Power - attention was drawn to the fact that some residents had experienced difficulties with their storage heaters and had received incorrect bills from SP.

10. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 02/02/2015 at 7:30 p.m.