

# **Eglwys Bach Community Council- Minutes of meeting 07/11/16**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Austin Roberts (Chairman), Gwilym Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Ceri Leeder, Katherine Himsworth John Emlyn Jones(reporter)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: Gwyn Williams, Gwyn Morris Jones

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** NONE

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Minutes of the previous meeting (03/10/16) was found correct and signed.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Tŷ Gwyn Corner** - Cllr. Austin Roberts informed the meeting that he has had a word with officers of the County Council. The officers' opinion was, that if there was some encroachment, it was only about 1 meter at most. The officers did not regard this enough of an issue to involve expensive legal costs to deal with the matter. The officers were happy if there was enough land for a machine to cut the grass verge.

***Resolved:** Ask Cllr. Austin Roberts to make further enquiries with the County Council's land agent.*

**Y Berllan sign** - Nothing further to report.

**Flag Pole** - Cllr. Austin Roberts has been trying to get further information from officers of the County Council and some individuals. The opinion is that the pole needs to be removed, shortened a little and replaced deeper in the ground.

***Resolved:** To ask the Cllr. Austin Roberts to proceed with the matter and Cllr. Gwilym Williams offered to help.*

**Fence on the river bank opposite the school**- The Chairman informed the meeting that according to one of the officers of the County Council, there is some ambiguity regarding the ownership of the land in question. The temporary fence was erected by the County because of safety concerns for the school pupils. The erection of a permanent fence could weaken the riverbank. It is understood that officers of the County Council are meeting on 08/11/16 to discuss the matter.

**Post of Clerk** - An interview was held on 01/11/16 with the one person who had shown an interest in the post. As she had already accepted a post with a town council in Denbighshire, she was not free to accept this post. It was understood that another person may be interested in the post.

***Resolved:** To invite this person to the next meeting of the council as an observer and have an informal talk with her after the meeting.*

**Planning Applications** - Two applications for changes to Bodnant Hall (Listed Building)

***Resolved:** The Council has no comment to make on the applications.*

**Payments-** Sue Hayward (cleaning toilets October ) £122.50

W D Williams (cutting the grass in the Council's cemetery in September) £330

Aberconwy Hall (room hire) £22

C F Slater (fire works) £700

SADS UK (defibrillator case and signage) £335

The British Legion (wreath) £45. The Chairman will, on behalf of the Council, lay the wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

**Bank Mandate:** Members present completed their details on the new bank mandate. Cllr. Austin Roberts agreed to take the mandate to the members not present to complete.

**Bonfire Night-** The Fire Works' night was held on November 5th as this was the evening Mr Slater was free. It was arranged for The Bee to provide the food. £250 in grant aid was received from the Police. The Community Support Officer has been to the school to give a talk to the pupils regarding the dangers of deliberate fire raising. A good crowd attended the evening and the collection amounted to £363.50. The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped with the arrangements.

**Resolved:** *Make further enquiries regarding insurance for the evening*

*Cllr. Ceri Leeder to enquire about a contribution from The Bee*

*Look into the possibility of asking some of the villagers to form a small committee to arrange the fire works next year.*

**The Defibrillator** Cllr. Ceri Leeder informed the meeting that she has arranged training for using the defibrillator on Wednesday November 9th. The training will be held in the Hall and provided by Achub Calon y Dyffryn. It has been arranged for a member of the Stroke Association to give a short talk on recognizing the symptoms when a person has had a stroke. Also, a letter will be read from a person in the village whose life has been saved by one of the First Responders. Another training session will be held in the future - possibly during the day.

**Resolved:** *To pay for the box and signage (see above)*

*To pay for the cost of training and hire of the hall*

*Cllr. John Lloyd Williams to contact the secretary of the Hall Committee regarding the exact location for the box and light.*

**Ambulance Response Times.** Cllr John Lloyd Williams raised the matter of a parent from the village who had to wait for two hours before an ambulance arrived from Blaenau Ffestiniog to attend to her young child.

**Resolved:** *To write to the Welsh Ambulance Service noting the Council's concerns that an ambulance had taken so long to respond in a situation that could have developed into something very serious.*

**Concerns about flooding.** Cllr. Katherine Himsworth raised the concerns of some of the residents of Heol Ffynnon Asa and Heol Carrog regarding the possibility of flooding in particular because of the gate placed under the new bridge to stop animals from straying. Concerns were also raised that it seemed that the riverbank was in danger of erosion in places by the bridge.

**Resolved:** *Cllr Katherine Himsworth agreed to have a word with the farmer whose land is adjacent to the bridge to ask about the type of purpose-built gates that might be available to do the job.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Summer Play Scheme.** A letter from Gareth Stacey from Conwy Voluntary Services Council was read offering to arrange a play scheme for summer 2017 at a cost of no more than £1,218.10.

**Resolved:** *Enquire with Menter Iaith Conwy if they are arranging a scheme as this year.*

**20mph speed limit.** An e-mail was read and a map shown informing the Council of the County Council's intention to provide 20mph speed restriction signs by Ysgol Eglwys Bach.

**Resolved:** *The Council has no objection to this.*

**Eglwys Bach Environmental Day.** An e-mail from Philip Vipond, Conwy CBC Environment Officer thanking the Council for its co-operation on the Environmental Day in August.

**Date of next meeting-** December 5th 2016 at 7:30

The meeting closed at 9:20