

## **Eglwys Bach Community Council - Minutes of Meeting 09/05/17**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Austin Roberts, John Emlyn Jones (recorder), Gwilym Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Ceri Leeder, Gwyn Morris Jones and Arthur Williams.

**APOLOGIES:** NONE

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** NONE

The members had completed the acceptance of office and declaration of interest forms before the meeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Councillors Gwyn Morris Jones was elected as Chairman and John Emlyn Jones as vice chair.

**ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES:** Councillor Arthur Williams was elected to represent the Community Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol Eglwys Bach and John Emlyn Jones to represent the Council on the Village Hall Committee.

In taking the chair, Councillor Gwyn Morris Jones thanked Councillor Austin Roberts for all his hard work as chair of the Community Council and as County Councillor for the past year.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** Copies of the code of conduct were distributed to all the councillors and were adopted as a code of practice for the Council.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** The minutes of the previous meeting (03/04/17) were found correct.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Ffordd Bryn Hir Bridge--** It is understood that Conwy CBC have made an application to the Welsh Government for a grant to undertake work by the bridge as well as other projects in the County. Councillor Austin Roberts noted that he had emphasised the need for the work to be completed before September.

**Bodnant Welsh Food Centre Sign--** Nothing further to report.

**The Defibrillator-** Councillor John Lloyd Williams agreed to seek permission from the Secretary of Village Hall Committee to place a sign on the Hall and Councillor Austin Roberts agreed to enquire about placing signs on road sign poles.

**Dogs Barking-** It is understood that officers from the County Council have visited the village.

**Parking on the grass near the flag pole-** Councillor Austin Roberts noted that Mr Elwyn Williams suggests that we have a word with the officers of Cartrefi Conwy.

**A Letter from the Headteacher of Ysgol Eglwys Bach -** Councillor Gwyn Morris Jones (as Chair of Ysgol Eglwys Bach Governing Body) expressed his appreciation to the Council for the contribution towards the refurbishment of the school toilets.

**Highway Matters-** Councillor Austin Roberts noted that he had been assured that the work on Croesengan Hill between Chweffordd and Tyn Twll will be completed before the autumn.

**Fence by the school-** It is understood that only part of the river bank is County Council property so discussions are being held with the owner of the rest of the land. Councillor Austin Roberts has asked to be supplied with copies of the minutes of the committee where the matter is discussed so that he can inform the Community Council.

**Firework Night-** The Chair agreed to have a word with the School's PTA to see if they were interested in arranging the evening.

### **Planning Applications-**

*0/43932 Helmydd*

***Resolved: To write to Conwy CBC stating that the Council has the same concerns as in July 2014 namely:***

- ***the visibility of the entrance, and it's exit onto a road where traffic can be travelling fast***
- ***an entrance at the side of the property onto a minor road before joining a busier road would be a better option***
- ***concerns were raised regarding the loss of habitat with the removal of a hedge***

### **Payments-**

Sue Hayward (cleaning toilets - April) £98  
Aberconwy Hall (hire of room) £33  
W D Williams (cemetery grass cutting) £330

**Flag-** Councillor Ceri Leeder agreed to arrange the purchase of a new flag.

**Risk Assessment-** The present risk assessment was discussed.

***Resolved: To note the following items to include on the list:***

- ***lack of attendance at meetings***
- ***changes to Local Government***
- ***community skip***
- ***flag pole***
- ***notice board***
- ***table tennis table***
- ***the playing field***
- ***public toilets***

**Clerk's contract-** An example of a contract of employment for a clerk has been received from One Voice Wales. The chairman, vice chair and Councillor Austin Roberts agreed to have a look at it.

**One Voice Wales** - Councillors John Lloyd Williams and John Emlyn Jones agreed to represent the Council on the regional committee of One Voice Wales.

## **Correspondence**

A letter was received from a resident in Heol Carrog expressing concern that cars parked opposite Bryn Garrog are causing drivers not to be able to see clearly when approaching the junction with Heol Martin.

***Resolved: Councillor Austin Roberts agreed to contact officers from the County Council enquiring into the possibility of having yellow lines by the junction of Heol Martin and Ffordd Eglwys Bach.***

A letter was received from a resident in Maes Llan expressing concern that the notice board by the Village Hall is difficult to use mainly because of the weight of the door and that it opens upwards.

***Resolved: To look into the possibility purchasing a new notice board to be erected by the flag pole. Councillors Austin Roberts to enquire regarding planning permission and John Emlyn Jones to enquire into the cost of a new notice board.***

**Brambles on the Cemetery wall-** A resident from Heol Martin whose land adjoins with the cemetery has raised a concern about the brambles on the wall.

***Resolved: Councillor Austin Roberts agreed to look into the matter and have a word with Mr W D Williams and ask him either to spray the brambles with weed killer or to cut them down at their base. Councillors Ceri Leeder and John Emlyn Jones noted their strong objection to using weed killer and only to be used as a last option.***

**Potholes on Ffordd Bodnant** - It was noted that potholes have appeared by the Bodnant Garden Nursery. Councillor Austin Roberts informed the meeting that he had drawn the attention of officers of the County Council to the situation.

**Erection of poles by BT** - The Chairman expressed his concern that he has heard that BT are proposing to erect 19 poles between Waunfechan and Capel Nebo. Councillor Austin Roberts stated that he has had a word with officers from the County Council and they were not aware of any proposal.

**Council Website** It was noted that the Community Council's website does not appear high up on the list when typing Eglwys Bach into Google.

***Resolved: To have a word with the company who hosts the website.***

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

