

Eglwys Bach Community Council- Minutes of meeting 05/12/16

PRESENT: Councillors: Austin Roberts (Cadeirydd), Gwilym Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Ceri Leeder, Gwyn Williams, Gwyn Morris Jones, Arthur Williams. Dawn Williams, John Emlyn Jones (cofnodwr).
Mrs Siân Haley (observer)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Katherine Himsworth

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: NONE

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of the previous meeting (07/11/16) was found correct and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Tŷ Gwyn Corner -It was noted that the land had been registered with the Land Registry in 2005

Y Berllan sign - Nothing further to report.

Flag Pole - There has not been time as yet to do the work.

Fence on the river bank opposite the school- The Chairman informed the meeting that he has had a word with the appropriate officer from the County Council. It is understood that a meeting has been held and following that, it has been decided that the bank needs to be reinforced as there evidence of erosion by the river. There may be some money available this financial year to do the work but there is no certainty of that. The fence is holding at the moment and the officers are monitoring the situation on a regular basis.

Planning Applications -

0/43426 Plas Iwrwg - Conversion of barn to holiday letting units

The Council's principle concern with this conversion, is the significance of the cruck construction in the barn. It may not be of a great age, but it is part of the rural, vernacular tradition in North Wales, part of the farming heritage,

Other concerns are with the amount of traffic generated on these very narrow country lanes.

0/43421 Display of signs - Tal y Cafn Hotel.

Our concerns are with the nature of the A470 in the vicinity of the Tal y Cafn Hotel. Driving south, the road narrows, it bends and it meets a crossing. The illuminated sign at night could be a distraction to drivers.

Resolved: Cllr. Ceri Leeder agreed to voice the concerns of the Council to the planning department.

Payments- Sue Hayward (cleaning toilets November) £98.00

Arfon Parry (Concil's website) £23.40

Achub Calon y Dyffryn (Defibrillator Training) £20

J Lloyd Williams (payment as Sexton) £100

Bank Mandate: The mandate has been presented to the bank in Llanrwst. Three of the councillors need to present the appropriate identification documents before the mandate comes into effect.

The Defibrillator - The box for the defibrillator has arrived, and Cllr, Gwyn Morris Jones agreed to make the necessary arrangements for it to be fixed. Further training is to be arranged during the day in the New Year, mainly for employees of The Bee. It is understood that The Bee is going to fund the training.

Resolved: *To pay £10 a year to the Hall Committee as a contribution to the electricity used by the box/defibrillator.*

That the defibrillator's battery is checked each month before or after each meeting of the Council.

Ffordd Bryn Hir Bridge - A number of residents have raised concerns regarding the placing of a gate under the bridge to stop farm animals from roaming and therefore preventing the flow of the river at certain times but by now the gate has been raised. The gabions have also moved. The Chairman has met recently with officers of the County Council and they are not happy that a gate has been placed there. The officers have also been monitoring the situation and will continue to do so on a weekly basis. The Chairman has also understood from the officers that there is no money available during this financial year to do any further work. An engineer from the County Council will visit the site during the next few days and contact the Chairman about the way forward. The members did not accept a suggestion from the Chairman, that the Community Council pay a local contractor to create a hollow in the river bed and therefore doing away with the need for a gate to prevent the animals from roaming. It was also noted that work needs to be done to divert the water flowing from Llety.

Resolved: *That the Chairman keeps in contact with the officers of the County Council over the matter.*

CORRESPONDENCE

Community and Town Councils Forum. A letter was read informing the members of a meeting of the Community and Town Councils Forum on January 26th at 6pm. The Chairman encouraged the members to attend.

LDBCW - Electoral Review: Policy and Practice: The meeting was informed of the review and the website to gain further information. <http://ldbc.gov.wales/reviews/electoralreviews>

AOB

Secondary School Pupils left on the Side of the Road

Concerns were raised that a school bus driver had refused some secondary school pupils from alighting the bus because they had forgotten their bus pas. The pupils were left by the side of the road.

Resolved: *The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the appropriate officer within the County Council.*

Bodnant Welsh Food Centre Sign

Concerns were raised that the illuminated sign for the Bodnant Welsh Food Centre could cause a distraction for drivers on the A470.

Resolved: *The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the appropriate officer within the County Council.*

Drain by Capel Nebo

The meeting was informed that there was a blocked drain by Capel Nebo. The Chairman informed the meeting that the matter was being dealt with together with a similar problem by Bryn Derw.

Grit Bins

Resolved: The question whether the grit bins in the area had been filled ready for any adverse weather.

Resolved: *The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the appropriate officer within the County Council.*

Council's Christmas Dinner

Resolved: *To hold the annual dinner at the end of January.*

Chairman'r Fund

Resolved: *re-establish the Chairman's Fund (£100) for the Chairman to donate to a charity of his choice.*

Ysgol Eglwys Bach Toilets

It was noted that Ysgol Eglwys Bach are collecting money to refurbish the toilets, but as they have received money from the Council in the past for other projects they were not happy to ask for a contribution towards this.

Public Toilet Lights

It was noted that there was a problem with the lights in the public toilets - perhaps the timer needs adjusting.

Date of next meeting- Tuesday January 3rd 2017 at 7:30

The meeting closed at 9:15