

# **Eglwys Bach Community Council - Minutes of Meeting**

## **03/04/17**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Austin Roberts (Chair), John Emlyn Jones (recorder), Gwilym Williams, Gwyn Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Ceri Leeder and Arthur Williams. A member or the public was present during the presentation (see below)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: Katherine Himsworth, Gwyn Morris Jones.

The Chairman welcomed Sonya Thompson from the Welsh Ambulance Service. She was here to give a presentation to the council following the concerns raised in a meeting in November with regard to the delay in ambulance response in a particular case in the village. During her presentation Ms Thompson gave an overview of the changes in the Ambulance Service since October 2016. She offered to be of assistance to re-establish the First Responders in the village if there was a call for it. Also for any concerns in the future she invited the council to contact her directly. She also shared her e-mail address with the member of the public present in the meeting and asked him to contact her.

The Chairman thanked her for her presentation.  
The member of the public left the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** NONE

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** The minutes of the previous meetings were found correct.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Ffordd Bryn Hir Bridge--** Money has not been earmarked at present, but it is hoped that the work will start soon.

**Bodnant Welsh Food Centre Sign--** The Chairman has taken a photograph and sent it to Mr Skates of the Welsh Government.

**The Defibrillator-** Nothing further to add.

**Dogs Barking-** Officers from the Regulatory Services of the County Council are giving the matter their attention.

**Parking on the grass near the flag pole-** The chairman informed the meeting that Mr Elwyn Williams of the County Council is looking into the matter.

**A Letter from the Headteacher of Ysgol Eglwys Bach -** It was noted that the Council has received a letter from Mrs Daly, the Headteacher of the school noting her sincere thanks to the council for the contribution of £1,000 towards the refurbishment of the school toilets. The letter stated that, in consequence of the council's contribution, work will start during the Easter Holidays.

## **Planning Applications-**

0/43805 Demolition of the existing iron shed, erection of holiday accommodation comprising of 11-12 bed spaces, and a 3 bedroom self catering lodge. Some time was taken to discuss the plans.

***Resolved: To oppose the application on the following grounds (summary):***

- ***The North American redwood cabins do not conform to the local character***
- ***The Council has concerns regarding the visual impact of the development.***
- ***It appears that the layout of the site is over-full.***
- ***Concerns were raised regarding the fact that the A470 at this point narrows and curves as it approaches the crossroads.***

0/43810 Tŷ Nain - extension.

***Resolved- No objection***

## **Payments-**

Sue Hayward (cleaning toilets - March)) £98

J E Jones £9.99 (projector cable)

Emrys Davies £50 (burial account) emptying the cemetery trailer.

**Financial Report** - A financial report as follows was received.

Current Account: £3824.73

Burial Account: £2892.20

Deposit Account: £2069.12

**Estimated Budget 2017-18** A draft statement was prepared noting the estimated budget for the following year.

***Resolved: To include - £90 for a new flag and £800 for a new new noticeboard outside the Village Hall. (because of health and safety concerns).***

**The Council's documents.** The Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations documents were reviewed and signed.

***Resolved: Review the Risk Assessment until the next meeting.***

**Appointment of Internal Auditor.** It was agreed to appoint Marion Pryor as the council's internal auditor.

**Community skip** - It was agreed to arrange for a community skip to come to the village on may 13th.

**Highway Matters-** It was noted that the work on Croesengan Hill between Chweffordd and Tyn Twll has not been completed.

**Fence by the school.** Concerns were raised that work has not been done in 15 months to mend the fence on the river bank by the school. The Chairman informed the meeting that he was told by an officer of the County Council that a wall is going to be erected to stop erosion.

***Resolved: To contact the officers of the Count Council asking them to arrange for work to be done immediately and the area tidied up.***

**Cemetery** - Concerns were raised that those responsible for excavating and backfilling graves leave surplus soil on the graves rather than removing it. This causes difficulty for the person cutting the grass as well as the fact that the grave is supposed to be level in a lawn cemetery. Councillor John Lloyd Williams stated that he had repaired the cemetery door and has painted it. The Chairman thanked him for his work.

***Resolved: To send a letter to the person responsible drawing his attention to the matter.***

**Firework Night** The Council are not going to arrange the evening this year but will make a financial contribution to a group in the village who are willing to arrange it. The group will need to apply to the Police for a grant before the end of July.

**Retirement** - Councillor Gwyn Williams informed the meeting that he is not going to put his name forward to be re-elected to the Council in May.

The Chairman thanked him for his work and contribution for the past 41 years to the community as a member of the Hiraethog Rural District Council and Eglwys Bach Community Council. All the councillors supported the Chairman's words.

**Date of next meeting-** To be arranged after the election on May 4th.

The meeting closed at 9:35