

# **Eglwys Bach Community Council - Minutes of Meeting 04/09/17**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Gwyn Morris Jones (chair), John Emlyn Jones (reporter), Gwilym Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Austin Roberts, Arthur Williams, Ceri Leeder, Phyllis Purchase, Gwenan Roberts and Catherine Williams.

## **APOLOGIES:** NONE

Victoria Kelly, the affordable housing facilitator, was welcomed to the meeting. In her presentation to the council she explained that Conway CBC had asked her to conduct a survey in the village to find out the needs for affordable housing. The councillors agreed to distribute leaflets to the residents inviting them to complete a questionnaire. Ms Kelly will return to present the results of the survey.

Mr John Worsley was welcomed to the meeting and he gave a presentation into the problem of the invasive plant, himalayan balsam. It is a specific problem near the bridge by the school and upstream for at least 300m. Mr Worsley and others would like to remove as much as possible of this plant and to destroy the flowers and seed pods before the seeds are distributed. The councillors supported the intention and agreed to advertise and to contact the landowners/ landholders and ask them if they had any objection.

The chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and especially the three new members to their first full meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Councillor Gwyn Morris Jones (Item12- Planning, Waen Fechan, Ffordd Gyffylog).

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

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Bodnant Welsh Food Centre Sign-** Councillor Austin Roberts noted that he had received acknowledgement from Welsh Government but nothing further.

**2. Defibrillator signs-** Councillor Austin Roberts noted that he discussed the location of the signs with Mr Paul Smith. Permission needs to be received from the street works department in order for them to be placed on the lamp posts. A meeting has been arranged with Mr Jackson from that department.

**3. Dogs Barking-** The matter is being dealt with with the regulatory department.

**4. Flag Pole**—Councillor Gwilym Williams has been to inspect the site and work will commence within the next few weeks.

**5. Firework Night-** Nothing further to report.

**6. Junction of Ffordd Eglwys Bach and Heol Martin-** An e-mail message was read from the County Council stating that they had accepted the community council's recommendation.

**7. Brambles on the Cemetery wall-** It was noted that Mr W D Williams has cut and burnt the brambles. Councillor Austin Roberts is going to place salt on the stumps.

**8. Cemetery Hedge:** The temporary clerk was asked to write a letter to the residents of Cilgerran asking them to arrange for the hedge to be trimmed.

**9. Removing the Grass cuttings:** It is understood that Mr Emrys Davies is going to remove the grass cuttings in the cemetery.

**10. Ffordd Bryn Hir Bridge-** The work has started by the bridge. The footpath will be closed for a period during the works. Councillor Austin Roberts said that there was some concern as to whether the work will be completed in the appointed time. Officers from the County Council are considering requesting an extension.

**11. Burial policy:** The policy was discussed following an application that was received during August.

***Resolved: the council is willing to agree to passing two or three plots in the same row provided that:***

- ***There is an application from the deceased's family***
- ***That there is good reason***
- ***It is practical for the grave digger***
- ***That the deceased has a local connection***
- ***A fee of £150 extra will be charged for this***

## **12. Planning applications.**

0/44291 Waen Fechan Ffordd Gyffylog - erection of agricultural building

Councillor Gwyn Morris Jones retired from the meeting during the discussion on the above application. The meeting was then chaired by Councillor John Emlyn Jones.

***Resolved: The Council has no comment to make about this application***

## **13. Financial report**

Current account £6,901  
Burial account £2,722  
Deposit account £2,069

## **14. Payments**

Sue Hayward (cleaning toilets of July and August)£ 220.50  
WD Williams (Grass cutting and brambles)£400  
Neuadd Aberconwy (room hire)£44

Councillors wished to know by the next meeting the opening and closing times of the toilets.

## **15. Christmas dinner:** Leave until the next meeting

**16. Notice board.** Councillor Austin Roberts told the meeting that he had been informed that planning consent was not required for a Community Council notice board. Councillors favoured a blue or red colour notice board.

## **17. Correspondence -**

A letter was received from former Councillor Gwyn Williams thanking the members for the gift of a poem about him composed by Councillor Austin Roberts and handwritten in fine script by Mrs Betty Blythe.

A letter was received from a resident of Heol Carrog noting that the vegetation on part of the Bryn Hir path is overgrown. It is understood that cutting back the vegetation on the path is on the County Council's timetable for September.

## **16 AOB**

**Gate Post by the hall.** Councillor John Lloyd Williams informed the meeting that one of the gateposts has rotted.

***Resolved: To ask Mr W D Williams to replace it.***

The meeting closed at 9:25

Date of next meeting- October 2nd at 7:30