

Eglwys Bach Community Council - Minutes of Meeting 02/10/17

PRESENT: Councillors: John Emlyn Jones (Chair for the first part and recorder), Gwilym Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Arthur Williams, Ceri Leeder, Phyllis Purchase, Catherine Williams and Gwyn Morris Jones (later)

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Gwenan Roberts and Austin Roberts

A presentation was given at the start of the meeting showing the different occasions when councillors need to declare an interest.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: NONE

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting (04/09/17) were found correct.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Bodnant Welsh Food Centre Sign- Councillor Austin Roberts has received correspondence from Welsh Government stating that the matter should be referred to Conwy CBC planning department. Cllr. Roberts is going to raise the matter with the Department

2. Defibrillator signs- nothing further to report.

3. Dogs Barking- It was noted that the noise is continuing to cause a nuisance to local residents. It is understood that the regulatory department is not going to do anything unless further complaints are received.

4. Firework Night- A letter was read from the headteacher of the school stating that the Parent Teachers' Association is not able to arrange the evening, partly because of health and safety issues.

5. Cemetery- Cllr. Austin Roberts is going to put salt on the stumps this week. Mr Emrys Davies has not yet been to remove the grass cuttings.

6. Ffordd Bryn Hir Bridge- Part of the work around the bridge has been completed. The work has had to cease because of the weather, the level of water in the river and that the spawning season has started. It is understood that the Conwy CBC is going to re-apply for money in the spring to complete the work. A suitable floodgate is going to be placed on the bridge. Concern was raised that the river will erode the bank behind large boulders below stream.

Resolved: Draw the attention of Conwy CBC to this.

7. Christmas dinner:

Resolved: to ask the chairman to make the arrangements

8. Notice board. The meeting was informed that the price from the Noticeboard Company has risen to over £2000. Councillor Ceri Leeder outlined a talk she and Councillor John Emlyn Jones had had with a member of the joinery department of Bodnant. A sketch of an oak noticeboard which will include a section for the use of the Council and a larger section

for the use of the public was shown to the Council. The councillors were very pleased with the sketch.

Resolved: To go ahead to get a price from Bodnant. The maximum spend for Council would be £1,500.

9. Clerk It is understood that a person has shown interest in taking on the post of clerk.

Resolved: Hold a meeting with the person on either Tuesday the 10th or 17th.

10. Planning applications.

0/44374 Maes Glas, Ffordd Tŷ Uchaf Graig- erection of garage and external wood store.

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

0/44418. Gronwen - Removal of outbuilding, proposed two storey extension, new first floor extension..

Resolved: The council has no objection to the application. We are pleased to see the extensive bat mitigation measures, and the re-establishment of swallow nesting boxes and would like to see spaces dedicated for Swifts and Martins.

0/44430 Helmydd -Construction of new entrance

Resolved: Object to the application as the proposed entrance is near a bend in a road which has fast traveling vehicles along it.

11. External audit: The external audit for the year ending 31/03/17 received from BDO was presented to the councillors. Two recommendations were made in the report.

- i) Additions (laptop and projector) were not included in the annual return
- ii) The Council minutes did not indicate that the accounts had been certified in a full meeting of the council.

The temporary clerk noted his dissatisfaction regarding the correspondence, that was sometimes inaccurate, and communication with the officers of the company.

Resolved: To accept the recommendations.

12. Financial report

Current account £6,637
Burial account £ £2,322
Deposit account £2,069

13. Payments

Sue Hayward (cleaning toilets September) £98
W D Williams (Grass cutting (£330) repairing gate post (£50)) £380

14. Correspondence -

14.1 Application for sponsorship

A letter was read from one of the young boys in the village asking the Council to sponsor him to raise money towards the football club that he and others the village go to.

Resolved: To give the contribution of £20

14.2 E petition

A letter was read from Councillor Mike Priestly (Conwy CBC) asking the councillors to sign an e petition asking the Government to revise their technical advice note 1 (TAN1) regarding 5 year land supply for housing developments.

14.3 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Sir Conwy 2019

A letter was received from Alwyn Roberts Head of Community Delivery of the Eisteddfod inviting councillors to a public meeting to be held at Glasdir on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm

14.4 Salt for extreme weather

A letter was received from Lisa Madden, Business development support officer from Conwy County Borough Council offering one metric ton of bagged salt to the council to be distributed during inclement weather.

Resolved: Not to accept that the offer because the Council does not have anywhere to store the bags or any means of distributing them.

14.5 Defibrillator for Maenan area

A letter was received from one of the residents from Maenan asking for a contribution towards purchasing a defibrillator for Maenan.

Resolved: Not to give a contribution

15 AOB

15.5 Salt Bins

Resolved: to contact Conwy CBC asking them to ensure that the salt bins in the area are filled.

15.2 Safety fence near the Church

Resolved: Contact Conwy CBC asking them to ensure that the fence is painted.

15.3 Bench in memory of Arfon Roberts.

An application was received to place a bench to remember Arfon Roberts on the piece of land near the flagpole.

Resolved:Councillors had no objection but felt it would be better to wait until the new noticeboard is in place and the flagpole has been straightened before deciding on a location.

15.4 Recycling skips near the School

Resolved: Contact Conwy CBC drawing their attention to the fact that the skip for small electrical items is overflowing.

16. Further Correspondence

Members were reminded that the following have been sent to their email addresses

- Welsh health Council consultation to Welsh Governments white paper
- Consultation –main council
- One voice Wales news bulletin is

The meeting closed at 9:15

Date of next meeting- November 6th or 7th at 7:30