

## **EGLWYS BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING 07/04/2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Arthur Williams, Ceri Leeder, Katherine Himsworth, Wendy Martin, Austin Roberts, Dawn Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Gwyn M Jones, Mike Rayner.

1. **WELCOME:** The Chair, Arthur Williams, welcomed all to the meeting and expressed a warm welcome to Cllr. Gwyn M Jones to his first meeting. Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form was completed.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Richard Newsham, Gwyn Williams.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Wendy Martin – item 6 (Tal y Cafn Farm Planning Application and Diversion of Public Footpath at Pen y Bryn Isaf).
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** minutes of meeting 02/03/15 was found to be correct and signed.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Public Footpaths - it was noted that the Clerk has the original maps and a copy will be made of them.

Community Council Logo - Miss Glynwen Davies had assisted with the designing – letter of thanks to be sent.

Plant a Tree to celebrate 100 years of the W.I. - discussed and suggested that the institution should plant the tree without removing the roots of the previous tree and Cllr. Arthur Williams will provide fencing.

Cllr. Austin Roberts joined the meeting.

Village Shop - Cllr. Mike Rayner noted that he had not contacted the owner as he felt that was not appropriate. Cllr. Ceri Leeder noted that she was willing to contact the owner and discuss further with her.

Tŷ Llundain scaffolding - no response from County - Clerk to follow-up the matter again.

Village Water Pump - Cllr. Austin Roberts noted that he and Cllr. John Lloyd Williams had visited the cemetery and had agreed on a suitable location for the pump at the new cemetery, next to the water tap. Cllrs. John Lloyd Williams and Gwyn Williams had agreed to clean the pump and to paint it with anti-rust black paint; Cllr. Roberts will then place the pump on new oak wood (if it's not possible to clean the present wood); clear the ivy off the wall and point the wall; place a slate underneath the pump and build a wall around it. Cllr. Roberts said that the goal was to complete the work by the Show in August, although he would try to have the pump installed by 4 July, when Cymdeithas Hanes are holding a 'history day' in the village The Councillors were thanked for their work.

Kids Club - Cllr. Wendy Martin noted that Ms Eysyllt Tudur will be present at May's meeting.

Rural Fit Club - to commence on 15/04/15 – two session of various activities.

Ffordd Bryn Hir towards Llety - discussed and agreed to try and change the classification to 'bridleway'. Cllr. Mike Rayner agreed to make enquiries with the County.

Timber lorry through village - no further development.

The Park - it was noted that a 'swing basket' has been installed and a word of thanks to be sent to the County.

Road Matters -

Ffordd Llyn Syberi and Ffordd Penrhyd - holes have been filled;

Ffordd Eglwys Bach - the ditch and pipe by 'Glanford' bend has been cleared;

Ffordd Gyffylog - has been cleaned.

Land opposite the shop - new fence required – Clerk to contact the County.

Recycling troliboxes/bins - individuals who experience difficulty with the boxes should contact the County's Recycling Department directly to make appropriate arrangements.

Conwy County's Scrap cars – response received from County that they will publish a tender for sellers soon.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

0/41542 - near Pennant Hall, Ffordd Pennant, Eglwys Bach - erection of eco-pod mobile home (agricultural prior approval) - the following response already sent to County:-

- The application is for permanent duration - (point 7 Grounds for Application). Therefore we feel granting permission will not be a decision to be taken lightly.
- The site is visible from the Public Highway, contrary to the applicant's claims. The so-called 'private road' leading up to Pennant Hall is not private; this has recently been established in correspondence with the County Council.
- This is potentially a very large structure for the storage of woodworking tools, and even for occasional overnight stays. The Community Council would like to ask why such a potentially large structure is required.
- As to the Visual Aspect of this caravan no information is given. Because it is visible from the Public Highway and from Public footpaths (one in the adjoining field), we feel this must be taken into account and approved before granting permission.
- Proliferation of Huts. There are already 3 wooden huts in the vicinity of Pennant, 2 of which provide occasional overnight accommodation i.e. Coed Fron Acre. The Community Council is concerned that this number doesn't detract from the immense aesthetic amenity of this end of the Hiraethlyn Valley.
- 28 Day Limit on overnight stays. There is cause for concern here, because in the past (2010/2011) similar huts (i.e. Coed Fron Acre) did not observe this restriction, and the Planners had to come out and get involved in an enforcement.

We are also concerned about the way in which this application has been sent to us, and presented to the public:-

1. The paper documentation sent to us for consideration was missing most of the relevant pages.
2. On line it proved to be barely legible even when downloaded as a PDF and enlarged on the screen (this was because of writing in felt tip behind the words).
3. The sketch map was very poor and gave no specific grid reference or context. (The grid ref. was to Pennant Hall only).

We would also like to know whether a Public Notice is required at this stage to be displayed at the location.

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0/41544 - Tal y Cafn Farm, Ffordd Penrhyd, Tal y Cafn - variation of condition 3b and 12 of planning permission 0/39465 (proposed conversion of existing farm outbuildings to light industrial/commercial use with a central shared facilities) to allow for an extension of time until the Road Traffic order has been approved and the Bat Licence has been granted.

Oppose the variation of condition 3b, in order to ensure that the Health and Safety concerns that the Traffic Dept. has about this development, can be met before work recommences.

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0/41551 - Apiary, Land near to Furnace Farm, Bodnant Estate, Tal y Cafn - erection of heavy duty storage shed.

No objection of comments.

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0/41593 - National Trust, Bodnant Garden, Tal y Cafn - installation of photovoltaic array, construction of the underground electricity connection and associated works.

It was agreed to obtain details regarding proposed fencing prior to submitting further comments.

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Diversion of Public Footpath at Pen y Bryn Isaf - Highways Act 1980 – Section 119 – application to divert part of public footpath no 6.

No objection or comments.

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County's Decisions on Planning Applications:

0/41542 - near Pennant Hall, Ffordd Pennant, Eglwys Bach - erection of eco-pod mobile home.

Prior Approval Required.

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7. **SPECIFIC MATTERS TO DECIDE:**

Complete a Survey on the White Paper - Cllr. Katherine Himsworth noted that she had attended a public meeting organised by Glan Conwy Community Council. She explained that Glan Conwy were opposed to the changes proposed; there seemed in particular to be concern over possible links to the future delegation of services by CCBC as a result of cuts in funding available to CCBC from the Welsh Government. It was discussed and agreed not to complete the survey. Cllr. Himsworth was thanked for attending the meeting on behalf of the Community Council.

Estimated Budget for 2015 - 16 - revised to include that no specific projects were planned for 2015-16, therefore no funding marked as 'ear-marked reserves'. Agreed and signed by the Chair.

Review Community Council Documents 2015 - 16 -

Risk Register - revised to include 'fireworks night'; 'financial situation' and 'failure to attend'.  
Agreed and signed by the Chair.

Standing Orders - revised as follows:

2.5 - delete – agreed to hold the AGM in May;

3.3 - agenda's to be publicised prior to meetings – website and shop;

7.3 - Clerk requires contract of employment.

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

Financial Regulations - revised, agreed and signed by the Chair.

Clerk's wages for 2015 - 16 - the Clerk left the room. It was discussed and agreed to pay an increase of 5% on wages over the year, i.e. £72 per annum/£6 per month.

Nominate an Internal Auditor - it was agreed for the Clerk to ask Ms Marion Pryor again this year.

Community Skip - Clerk to make arrangements for a skip at Maes Llan for either 23/05 or 09/05/2015.

Cllr. Mike Rayner left the meeting.

Payments - Mrs Sue Hayward, Cleaning of Public Toilets - £122.50

Aberconwy Village Hall - £33.00

Mrs Einir Jones – Clerk's wages and costs for March - £149.99

H.M. Revenue & Customs (Tax on Clerk's wages for March) - £30.00.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** the following was received:

- Invitation from Glan Conwy C.C. to a meeting on 31/03/15 to discuss changes to local Government;
- Minutes of Special Town & Community Council Forum Meeting 25/02/15 [ CCBC ];
- Draft Protocol for Delegation or Devolution of Services [ CCBC ];
- Agenda for C&Town Councils Forum Meeting – 15/04/15 – Conwy Business Centre at 6:30 p.m. [ CCBC ];
- Letter of thanks for donation of £600 from Ysgol Eglwys Bach;
- Adopt a Kiosk for £1 [ B.T. ];
- Notice of Variation of Charges at Car Parks [ CCBC ];
- Requirement to register with Pensions Regulator by 30/04/15 – pension must be paid to every employee from 01/04/17 onwards.
- Notice of UK Parliamentary Election for Aberconwy Constituency – 07/05/15 [ CCBC ];
- Bus 25 Services - new timetable from 26/05/15 onwards. Public meeting to be held by County to inform residents of changes [ CCBC ].

9. **ANY OTHER MATTER:**

The Bee Inn - it was agreed to write to congratulate them for winning a Gold Award for the Best Place to Eat at the National Tourist Awards for Wales 2015.

Dog Fouling along Bryn Hir Path - once again, complaints were received about this. It was noted that some residents leave foul bags on the hedges. It was noted that the name of the offender should be passed onto the County if an end is to be seen to this problem.

Road Matters - the following needs attention:

Ffordd Gyffyllog - holes to be filled between Cyffyllog and Capel Nebo junction;

Ffordd Bryn y Frân - work on the fence near Cefn Gwyn still outstanding;

speed signs should show 20m.p.h. - Cllr. Mike Rayner to contact County;

Ffordd Eglwys Bach - yellow lines required near Heol Martin - Cllr. Mike Rayner to contact County.

10. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** AGM - Tuesday 05/05/2015 at 7:00p.m.