

EGLWYS BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING 01/02/2016

PRESENT: Councillors: Ceri Leeder, Austin Roberts, Katherine Himsworth, Wendy Martin, Richard Newsham, Arthur Williams, John Lloyd Williams, Gwyn M Jones.

1. **WELCOME:** The Chair, Ceri Leeder, welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Gwyn Williams, Dawn Williams.

A letter of resignation was read from Cllr. Wendy Martin. She was thanked for all her work, she will be missed. She agreed to stay on the Council until a successor was found.

Cllr. Gwyn M Jones joined the meeting.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None.

4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** minutes of meeting 04/01/16 were found to be correct and signed.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Hen Efail Crossroads - no further development.

Dog roaming in cemetery - Cllr. John Lloyd Williams noted that both fences stood completely separately.

'Outdoor Table Tennis' Table - Cllr. Wendy Martin noted that the table had been installed and that she had purchased some bats and balls. Concerns were expressed that complaints had been voiced locally. It was noted that any complaints should be addressed to the Council Clerk.

Bryn Hir Path Bridge - confirmation was received from the Head of Conwy ERF Department that the bridge had been inspected and categorised as urgent work with an estimated cost of around £20,000 with the hope of confirming funds by 10/02/16. Cllr. Austin Roberts noted that County Officers had been of great assistance with the matter.

It was inquired if residents were able to contribute towards a new bridge if the County's suggestions were not acceptable? Also, it was suggested to bear in mind the possibility of asking the Royal Engineers to erect a temporary bridge if the County were not able to carry out the work in the very near future.

Village Shop/Post Office - a successful public meeting was held on 25/01/16 and some volunteer names were had to establish a Steering Group to look into the possibilities. It was agreed for the Group to look into the possibilities in the first instance prior to considering paying for a feasibility report. It was confirmed that the shop is still for sale.

A letter was received from the Post Office stating that this is a 'Temporary Closure' and they are considering the possibilities to re-establish the service to the local community.

Clerk's computer - Cllr. Austin Roberts to make enquiries with the County.

Road matters -

Ffordd Eglwysbach – the drains from Berllan Bach to Bodnant Gardens have been cleared;

Ffordd Tŷ Gwyn – the hole by Tŷ Gwyn has been filled;

Ffordd Penrhyd – the holes have been filled and the ditching work will be done in the near future;

Ffordd Cae Forys – cones have been placed temporarily at the location and the work of creating a concrete channel will be done in the spring;

Ffordd Pennant – the sweeping work has been done and the holes have been filled.

'Superfast Broadband' feeder box at Graig - the matter has been forwarded onto Openreach.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

0/42377 - Cwrt y Porthmyn, Tal y Cafn LL28 5RR - discharge of section 106 planning obligation relating to planning permission code ref 0/26357 (erection of dwelling – outline application).

The Community Council object in the strongest possible way to the discharge of section 106 . This discharge will lift a restriction which was imposed for the good of the local and the wider community. The applicants clearly understood, on agreeing to it, that there would be far ranging implications for the future of the inhabitation of the building, its eventual re-sale, and any further development on adjacent land. Also, the landscape and planting work should be enforced according to the original agreement.

Notice of Appeal - Helmydd, Trofarth LL22 8BN - create a new entrance without planning consent.

It was agreed to send representation to the Welsh Gov. Planning Inspectorate objecting the appeal.

County's Decision on Planning Applications: None.

7. **SPECIFIC MATTERS TO DECIDE:**

Public Toilets Cleaner's wages - following enquiries with the County, and in accordance with their guidance, it was agreed not to raise the wages. County to install equipment storage unit in the ladies toilets.

Grass Cutting Tender Advert 2016-18 - agreed with closing date of 29/02/16.

Burial Costs - to discuss next meeting.

'Facebook' page for the Community Council - discussed and agreed to create a page but to be run totally independently to the Community Council.

Youth Councillors - Cllr. Ceri Leeder explained that the hope would be to attract youngster between 15-26 years old to attend meetings for a period of 3 months. They would be able to give opinion on matters under the Chair's guidance, but they would not have a vote. It was agreed that they would have to live in the community and to seek interest via bulletin/word of mouth in the first instance prior to asking secondary schools, colleges, and young farmers clubs.

Payments - Concrete Sports (outside table tennis) - £1,500.00 (paid)

Mrs Sue Hayward, Cleaning of Public Toilets - £98.00

Mrs Einir Jones – Clerk's wages and costs for January - £150.99

H.M. Revenue & Customs (Tax on clerk's wages for January) - £31.50

Aberconwy Village Hall - hire of back room - £33.00

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Re-imburement for cleaning of Public Toilets - £1,274.00 [CBSC];
- Local Elections - will be held next at May 2017. The Ward will stay the same until 2020.
- October Playscheme Payment, Menter Iaith Conwy - £72.50.

9. **ANY OTHER MATTER:**

Fence opposite the shop - has collapsed in two places.

Fence opposite the school - no need for County to place a wire netting on the new fence.

Road Matters - it was noted that the following needs attention:

Ffordd Cae Forys – eroded concrete channels and debris need clearing between Graig to Toppan Mawr;

Ffordd Pennant – tree between Croesonen and Wern Bach in danger of falling taking a good part of the road with it as it is rooted under the road.

Shop Noticeboard - on sale for a cost of between £50 - £100. It was agreed not to purchase it.

10. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 07/03/2016 at 7:30 p.m.