

## **EGLWYS BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING 04/04/2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Ceri Leeder, Austin Roberts, Katherine Himsworth, Gwyn M Jones, Gwyn Williams  
John Lloyd Williams.

1. **WELCOME:** The Chair, Cllr. Ceri Leeder, welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Richard Newsham, Dawn Williams.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** in addition to the minutes of meeting 07/03/16 – Village Shop/Post Office - Cllr. Katherine Himsworth noted that she had said “it was not possible to envisage a viable business model on the basis of which a feasibility study could be commissioned”.

The remainder of the minutes were found to be correct and signed.

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

Cllr. Gwyn M Jones joined the meeting.

Bryn Hir Path Bridge - the bridge and bench are in place. A complaint was received regarding the location of the bench as it was too near to a gate and too far out which would cause inconvenience with hedge cutting. Conwy Council have no funds to rectify the situation. Cllr. Austin Roberts noted that he intended to meet the farmer the following morning to discuss possible options and to try and resolve the situation. Also, Cllr. Roberts agreed to mention to the farmer that the outlet of the stream from Ffordd Llety was completed blocked.

It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the County, especially to Mr Gwyn Parry for all his work.

Also, it was agreed to write to Mr Richard Williams, Henblas to thank him for his co-operation with the contractors. Cllr. Austin Roberts noted that Mr Williams was eager to have something under the bridge to stop sheep from going there. Again, Conwy Council have no funds, therefore Cllr. Roberts agreed to have discussions with Mr Williams. Also, he agreed to discuss the possibility of having access to the location in order to rectify the fish pond which has disappeared from the river.

It was discussed and agreed for Cllrs. Katherine Himsworth and Ceri Leeder to plant wild flowers on the patch of soil near the bridge.

Concerns were raised about the trees on the left before the bridge; the water running onto the path from the open ditch opposite the bench as well as the tree stump left in the river. Cllr. Austin Roberts explained that the County will look at the river bank, will improve the path on the opposite side but they did not recommend removing the stump as it would die naturally.

Cllr. Roberts explained that he was in discussions with the County regarding obtaining appropriate signs for the location as it is a footbridge and not for the use of horses/vehicles.

Post Office - no information regarding P.O. inspection of the Hall. Cllr. Ceri Leeder to complete a questionnaire ‘Public Consultation – Re-opening of Serive’ by 25/04/16.

Clerk’s computer - Clerk still looking for further prices.

Road Matters -

Ffordd Ty’n Bryn – the holes have been filled;

Ffordd Eglwys Bach – cones have been placed at the location temporarily and concrete channels will be created in the spring;

B5113 - the hole has been filled.

‘1-6 Y Berllan’ sign - Conwy Council still investigating the matter.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** None.

County's Decision on Planning Applications: None.

7. **SPECIFIC MATTERS TO DECIDE:**

Co-option of New Councillor - 1 application received. It was agreed to co-opt Mr John Emlyn Jones, Erw Las, Glan Aber.

Advert for Youth Representatives - a revised advert was circulated, which in accordance with guidance, included a wording that the young people did not have to live in the community but could work here. This caused considerable dissatisfaction as it was felt that this is a Community Council for the residents of Eglwys Bach community. It was discussed and agreed that this wording should be deleted. It was also noted the possibility that meetings could be conducted through the medium of Welsh in the future.

Community Skip for domestic use - a price of £185 + VAT was received from County. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a date and advertise accordingly.

On-street disabled parking bay - 30 Maes Llan - discussed and agreed to obtain confirmation if the parking bay was for the house resident only. Also, was there a legal requirement for Conwy Council to inform the residents of Maes Llan of the application.

Estimated Budget 2016-17 - approved and signed.

Review Council Documents - Risk Assessment - approved and agreed to review quarterly.

Standing Order - approved and signed.

Financial Regulations - approved and signed.

Code of Conduct - the code approved by CCBC was adopted.

Nominate Internal Auditor - Ms Marion Pryor was proposed and seconded to carry out the work.

Payments - Mrs Sue Hayward, Cleaning of Public Toilets - £98.00

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

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

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter of thanks for donation from Merched y Wawr, Eglwys Bach;
- Notices of National Assembly for Wales and Police Commissioner Elections – 05/05/16.

9. **ANY OTHER MATTER:**

Burial Costs - it was agreed to display the revised costs on the noticeboard and to place a note on the website for people to contact Cllr. John Lloyd Williams for further information.

One Voice Wales - an interest in joining was noted as they represent the voice of communities very well. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain further information by next meeting.

Weed-killer on pavements - complaints were received that weed-killer was sprayed last year on village pavements using a sprayer on the back of a quad-bike which travelled at high speed. Some of the liquid disembarked in gardens. Clerk to contact County in order to avoid a similar situation again this year.

Increase in time of emptying wheelie bins - concern was raised with the Community Council regarding Conwy Council's intention of increasing the emptying time from a fortnight to every 3 weeks if not 4 weeks. Cllr. Austin Roberts noted that Conwy Council was responding to recycling targets set by the Welsh Assembly and not a way to save money. He also explained that some people with problems will be exempted and adequate provision will be made for larger families/with babies. Cllr. Roberts agreed to pass the comments onto Conwy Council and to ask if all the items that are placed in the recycle bins do get recycled.

Street lamp by Tŷ'r Efail - not working. Clerk to contact the County.

Plaque and wording on bench - Cllr. Austin Roberts was thanked for the appropriate wording he had written. A request was made to re-think the English verse with an English poet - Cllr. Roberts agreed to this but noted that the poet had to be local; the piece should be 4 lines like the Welsh verse and the Community Council to agree on it finally. He also noted that he had received details of a company that could do the plaque at a reasonable price.

10. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 03/05/2016 – AGM with Electors at 7:00p.m.  
with an ordinary meeting of the Community Council at 7:30p.m.