

CYNGOR CYMUNED EGLWYSBACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30.PM. ON TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2017 IN THE ABERCONWY HALL, EGLWYSBACH.

Due to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Councillor John Emlyn Jones was elected as chairman of the meeting.

1. WELCOME – The Chair welcomes everyone to the meeting particularly members of the public who were attending the meeting to discuss planning application number 0/44539 erection of means of access at Coed Tyddyn Iolyn, Eglwysbach.
2. IN ATTENDANCE – The Acting Chair Councillor John Emlyn Jones and Councillors Arthur Williams; Catherine Williams; Ceri Leeder; Gwenan Roberts; Gwilym Williams; John Ll. Williams and County Councillor Austin Roberts
3. APOLOGIES – Councillors Gwyn M. Jones and Phyllis Purchase.
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared
5. MINUTES – IT WAS RESOLVED to confirm, approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on the 7th November 2017 in the hall, Eglwysbach.
6. The Chairman suggested that because of the members of the public had attended the meeting to discuss the planning application for Bryn Iolyn woods if members were in agreement that the application would be dealt with first. THIS WAS AGREED.

County Councillor Austin Roberts reminded members that he was a member of the County Planning committee and was declaring a non prejudicial interest and that he would not comment on the application but would listen to members concerns and answer any non prejudicial questions.

Councillor Ceri Leeder gave members a brief history and reminder of the application which was ongoing since 2015 when it was observed that an Eco-survey had not been

carried out, but reminded members this had been carried out in 2017. Members and the public discussed the application and came to the conclusion that they wished to reiterate their objections of 2015 which were:-

1. The unsuitability of the road.
2. There was no opinion as to how the forest management would be carried out.
3. It would be an industrialisation of a rural site.

Members discussed the various objections to the application and IT WAS RESOLVED TO OBJECT for the following reasons:-

1. The woodland was of historical value as an ancient woodland.
2. The removal of the timber would constitute a considerable danger to the public and road users.
3. It would cause considerable damage to the road and gullies as the road was not suitable for this extent of use.
4. The application would spoil the visual amenity from the main road.
5. It could cause damage and a danger through the carrying of detritus and mud onto the main road and who would maintain the road.

Councillor Ceri Leeder who was familiar with the whole application will submit a report for the County Council planning department.

The residents wished to record their thanks to Councillor Ceri Leeder and presented a petition against the application to the Council. They were informed that the County Council only accept individual letters as objections to an application as a petition only counts as one letter of objection.

7. MATTERS ARISING.

12.17/6(i) Bryn Hir Bridge It was reported that the alterations to the bridge were to be modified, particularly the flood gates.

11.17/5(i) Speed of the Broadband. Update. The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply from BT. Councillor Austin Roberts stated he would ask Mr Huw McKee for any suggestions as to how to move forwards.

11.17/5(ii) Bus stops. Update. Councillor Austin Roberts reported that he had been in contact with Iola Jones, Vic Turner and Andrew Davison of the County Council to ask

whether they could suggest any way forward, the policy of the County Council would have to be examined, he suggested that we await a reply from the County Council.

11.17/5(iii) Footpaths. A member had reported that an oak tree had fallen across the river and path, this had been reported to the landowner.

11.17/5(iv) Cleaning the road between Croesangen and Chweffordd and also to Tyn Twll.. To receive an email from the County Council. This had not yet been attended to.

11.17/5(v) X1 bus service. The Clerk reported that he had written to Arriva Wales to ask whether Eglwysbach could be included in the route, particularly with the famous Bodnant gardens being on the route, it would benefit both the Community and the bus company.

8. PLANNING.

11.17/6(i) 0/44639 Tyddyn Iolyn woods. This matter deferred until December. This had been discussed earlier.

11.17/6(ii) 0/44636 A planning statement regarding Bodnant Estate, at the Rookery. IT WAS RESOLVED TO DEFER THIS MATTER.

11.17/6(iii) 0/44593 and 00/44594 Creation of parking area at Wenallt and Derwenfa Eglwysbach. IT WAS RESOLVED NO OBJECTION as long as the County Council were happy with any Archeological evidence that may come to light.

9. FINANCE REPORT – No report had been received.

Reserve Account.....£

Cemetery Account.....£

Current Account.....£

10. PAYMENTS – IT WAS RESOLVED TO PAY all of the items listed below:-

12.17/8(i) Clerk's salary.....£200.00 Cheque No. 201209

12.17/8(ii) Mrs Hayward.....£98.00 Cheque No. 201206

12.17/8(iii) HMRC.....£50.00 Not yet paid.

12.17/8(iv) Aberconwy Hall.....£36.00 Cheque No. 201208

12.17/8(v) Mr J.Ll.Williams Sexton...£100.00 Cheque No. 201207

The Chairman reminded the Clerk that the payment of £870 for the noticeboard was an half payment.

11. CORRESPONDENCE. – None received.

12. ANY OTHER MATTER

12.17/10(i) Appointment of Internal Auditor. IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Mrs Marian Pryer of Hartwell, Eglwysbach as internal auditor.

12.17/10(ii) The Precept. – This was DEFERRED until January.

12.17/10(iii) The defibrillator. It was reported that the defibrillator was in need of repair, the cost involved would make it unviable. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

12.17/10(iv) County Councillor Austin Roberts reported that a ward audit had taken place on the 15th November 2017, matters looked at were

- i. Litter clearance at the school.
- ii. Matting for the play area.
- iii. Unauthorised scaffolding.
- iv. Ownership of the toilets which had been identified as the ERF department.
- v. Replacement of the pedestrian barrier.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2nd January 2018.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.10.pm.

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....
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