

Eglwys Bach Community Council

Minutes 03/04/2018

A discussion was held by the flag pole before the meeting to discuss the location of the noticeboard and the bench (in memory of Trevor Roberts). See below.

The chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. PRESENT: Councillors: Gwyn Morris Jones (chair), Ceri Leeder, John Lloyd Williams, Gwilym Williams, Arthur Williams, Phyllis Purchase, Gwenan Roberts, Austin Roberts, John Emlyn Jones (reporter).
2. APOLOGIES: Councillor Catherine Williams
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Councillor Gwyn Morris Jones (Planning application 0/44972)
4. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting (06/03/18) were confirmed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- i) Ice on the Rhandir crossroads -this is being dealt with by the County Council.
- ii) Internet speed-It is understood that fast broadband is available for the majority of residents in the village but they need to apply for it. The second phase of providing fast broadband to areas unable to receive it at present will commence shortly.
- iii) The defibrillator - It is understood that the batteries are only 25% of possible capacity. The Council could buy new batteries but there is no assurance that the machine itself will last for many years again.

Resolved: To buy a new defibrillator in place of the old one. Also to continue discussions with the relevant authorities concerning placing a new defibrillator by the bus stop at Graig.

- iii) Ffordd Bryn Hir - It is understood from Mr Emyr Jones from the County Council that the drains under Ffordd Bryn Hir are examined every nine months. If there is a problem then the relevant department will deal with it within 24 hours.

8. PLANNING

Councillor Austin Roberts wished to declare, as he is a member of the County Council's planning committee, he is unable to comment on any planning applications.

0/44972: Removal of condition number four of planning consent /43316 (alterations to existing building to open up kitchen area and improve accessible access to building (listed building consent) to allow works to commence prior to details of lift are provided. Bodnant Hall Ffordd Bodnant. - Mr Michael McLaren.

Councillor Gwyn Morris Jones declared an interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion.

Resolved: No comment

0/44977: Proposed demolition of two timber storage sheds and steel container and the erection of three new timber storage/drying sheds with two ancillary staff welfare portacabins to provide office and staffroom/toilet facilities. The Rookery, Bodnant. -Mr Michael McLaren.

Resolved: No comment

0/45010: convert old stone building in grounds of privately owned village put into small, convenience store.

Resolved: Support the application.

9. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DOCUMENTS

The following documents were reviewed and signed by the Chairman:

- i) Standing Orders
- ii) Financial Regulations
- iii) Code of conduct

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Deposit account £2,069.74

Burial account £2,433.20

Current account £4,771.76

The financial statement for 2017-18 was approved

11. CLERK

It was noted that Ms Katherine Himsforth has said that she would be willing to undertake the work of the clerk (not including the financial aspect) on a temporary basis without pay.

Resolved: the councillors expressed their gratitude to Ms Himsforth and accepted her decision and hoped that she would be able to commence in the May meeting.

12. NOTICE BOARD

Resolved: following this discussion by the flagpole before the meeting, the location for the noticeboard and bench was agreed. Councillor Ceri Leeder agreed to draw up sketches to be sent to 3 local people to tender. It was to be noted that the work has to commence on May 8th and to be completed by May 18th. Closing date for the tenders is April 23rd.

13. GRASS CUTTING TENDER 2018-20

Resolved: To advertise the tender for cutting the grass in the cemetery and other areas. The closing date for the tenders will be April 30th

14. CORRESPONDANCE

i) Miss Megan Williams - Ysgol Eglwys Bach folk dancing group asking for a contribution towards the purchase for folk dancing costumes in order to compete in the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Llanelwedd.

Councillors Gwilym Williams and Gwyn Morris Jones declared an interest as they had children in the folk dancing Group and did not take part in the discussion.

Resolved: To give a contribution of £200.

ii) Conwy ERF department - Closure of Ffordd Cae Penrhyd 22/05/18 to 23/05/18 for the annual Tŷ Gobaith Charity Shoot.

iii) The late Emyr Jones - a letter was received from the Meredith Jones funeral services on the behalf of the family of the late Emyr Jones enclosing a cheque for £135 as a gift in his memory to be used for the maintenance of the cemetery. Councillor John Lloyd Roberts agreed to write to the family to express our thanks.

iv) Review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Conwy - the relevant information was shared as to the proposal which is in the above. The proposal is for the present County ward of Eglwys Bach Maenan and Llanddoged to be split so that:

i) Eglwys Bach join Llangernyw, Pandy Tudur and Gwytherin and

ii) Llanddoged/ Maenan join with Llanrwst.

15. COMMUNITY SKIP

Resolved: To order a community skip for May.

16. OTHER MATTERS - The following matters need to be brought to the attention of the County Council.

i) Potholes on Ffordd Maenan by Y Rhiw

ii) Potholes on the crossroads by Tyn Twll a Rhandir/Ffrith Newydd

iii) Potholes on the road by the crossroads at Cae Dwgan a Waun Fechan

iv) Blocked drains by the Waun Fechan Crossroads causing 2 feet of water

v) The fence on the river bank by the car park opposite the school still not repaired and there is concern for the safety of pupils. Also large potholes in the car park itself.

vi) The barrier by the church still not repaired/replaced.

17. REGISTER OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS - The list of individual member's interests was given to each member to renew.

Date of next meeting: **01/05/18 at 7:00pm (AGM) 7:30 Usual meeting.**