

EGLWYSBACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 5 JUNE 2018

PRESENT: Cyng. John Emlyn Jones (JEJ) (Chair), Ceri Leeder (CL), John Lloyd Williams (JLIW), Gwilym Williams (GW), Phyllis Purchase (PP), Gwenan Roberts (GR), Katherine Himsworth (KH) (temporary clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cyng. Austin Roberts, Arthur Williams (AW).

ABSENT: Cyng. Cath Williams (CW).

The Clerk was asked to write to CW because of her absence for three monthsh.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The meetings of the meeting on 1 May 2018 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) tender for erection of the notice board. Only one tender had been received, from Emrys Plas, for £900. This was accepted. KH to inform Emrys.

b) defibrillator. A new defibrillator had been bought. The Ambulance Service had taken away the old defibrillator.

c) election of new member. Nobody had asked for an election. It was decided to move forward to cooption and to invite expressions of interest (to be sent to the Clerk) by 28 June. CL to put the advert on Facebook.

4 CLEANING OF THE TOILETS

A letter from Sue Hayward had been received describing the problems that there had been during May. Agreed that CL would ask Sue to contact JEJ promptly if similar problems were to arise in the future.

5 CONWY VILLAGES PRIZE

The Eglwysbach application was submitted to CPRW on 4 June, in a printed booklet describing everything that goes in in the village. CL was thanked for all her work on this.

6 FOOTPATH BY THE QUARRY (PART OF THE HIRAETHLYN TRAIL)

Juatta Lorenz-Kubis was welcomed to discuss the situation. The problem arose two years ago but nothing had happened since to confirm the correct route of the path round the quarry. The Ramblers had changed the route of the path but this had not been accepted by a local landowner. Agreed that the situation should be discussed with AR and then CCBC's Footpaty Officer should be invited to a meeting on site. Jutta also offered to come to that meeting.

7 EGLWYSBACH EISTEDDFOD APPEAL COMMITTEE

Catrin Williams was welcomed to report on how the work of the Committee in raising money for the Eisteddfod was progressing. There would be a treasure hunt on 8 June and then a stand at the Show. The third meeting of the Committee would be on 12 June.

A number of suggestions were made, including competitions and dancing in the Show. Catrin was thanked for her work.

8 INTERNAL AUDIT

Marion Pryor was welcomed to present her report. She confirmed that the Council had conformed to all the requirements, while suggesting that the Council should review its assets and how they were valued. She said that the external auditors would this year consider the effectiveness of the internal audit.

The question of paying a gratuity to the former clerk was raised. Marion agreed to make enquiries about this and let the Chair know.

Marion was thanked for her work.

9 EXTERNAL AUDIT

The external audit form was presented and certified. It was agreed that GW should sign the form as Vice-Chair as well as the Chair as he had acted as finance officer during the period without a clerk.

10 PLANNING MATTERS

a) 045143 Proposed two storey side extension and internal alterations

No objection.

b) 0/45201 Variation of condition nos 4,6,7,10.13 & 14 of planning approval 0/43805 (Demolition of the existing iron shed, erection of holiday accommodation comprising of 9 no. en-suite bed spaces, and a 3 no. bedroom self catering lodge together with associated landscaping and treatment plant, and an external chiller and washroom for the public house)

A number of questions were raised, particularly around the fact that the applicant had not commissioned an archaeological report before beginning work. Agreed that CL should have more time to study the application and send a draft response to the clerk. The clerk will then circulate the draft comments to all Councillors before 21 June.

11 FINANCE

Three cheques were signed:

£122.50 to Sue Hayward (for cleaning the toilets)

£29.90 to J E Jones (printing and binding the Conwy Villages Prize entry by CyD Printers)

£675 to W D Williams (grass-cutting in April and May)

12 CORRESPONDENCE

Agreed that JEJ and GW should attend the Proclamation Ceremony for the Eisteddfod on 7 July. KH to let the organisers know.

13 AOB

GR asked whether it would be possible to change the evening for Council meetings; agreed to discuss this in the next meeting.

The matter of deterioration of the rubber mats in the playing field was raised. Agreed to ask the Council to repair them.

Condition of the road from Hen Efail to Maenan. It was noted that the condition of the road was poor and concrete had been spilled on to it and had hardened. Agreed to contact CCBC.

The matter of the pile of grass against the hedge in the cemetery was raised, which was causing problems for neighbours. Agreed that JLIW should ask Dei Plas to clear the pile within a fortnight. If he did not do that, JLIW should find someone else to do the work. Also agreed that JLIW should ask W D Williams to put the grass cuttings in the future into the trailer in the cemetery. Agreed that the trailer should be emptied more regularly – perhaps every two months.

It was decided to invite Cate Holland to present an invoice to the Council for the items used in collecting litter around the village.

The possibility that an outline planning application for a number of new houses in the village might be received in the next few days was raised. CL agreed that, if this happened, she would circulate the application to everybody for them to consider before the next meeting.

It was also agreed that AR should be asked to have a word with Dei Plas about the gate on the track leading from Ffordd Bryn Hir towards Llety.

Other road matters:

- JEJ reported that CCBC had responded quickly and mended cracks in the road between Glan Aber and Brymbo after someone had fallen there. It was agreed to ask them to examine the road for any other subsidence and pot-holes as a number of walkers used the road daily;
- agreed to ask CCBC also to repair the holes in Heol Ffynnon Asa;
- agreed to ask CCBC to repair the place in the road between Bodnant Ucha' and Topan Fawr where there had been a cone for a whole year.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3 July 2018.

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