

# EGLWYSBACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MEETING 3 JULY 2018

**Present:** Councillors John Emlyn Jones (JEJ) (Chairman), Ceri Leeder (CL), John Lloyd Williams (JLIW), Phyllis Purchase (PP), Gwenan Roberts (GR), Cyng. Austin Roberts (AR), Arthur Williams (AW).

Katherine Himsworth (KH) (interim clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Gwilym Williams (GW)

**ABSENT:** Cath Williams (CW).

### 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CL declared an interest in item 5.

### 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June were confirmed (proposed by JLIW, seconded by PP) and signed.

### 3 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Para 3a. Erection of the new notice-board. JEJ and CL met with Emrys Plas; the new notice board will be erected within a few days. Noted that Mark Skelley had expressed interest in the old notice-board; agreed to give it to him while explaining the possible safety issues.

(ii) para 4. Cleaning the toilets. CL had contacted Sue Hayward as agreed.

(iii) para 6. Path by the quarry. AR described the background and the complicated questions relating to ownership of the land. Agreed that:

(a) AR should arrange a meeting with Vicky Curry to reach a conclusion on what exactly belonged to whom; and (b) thereafter, try to reach an agreement with the owners of Bryn Awel.

(iv) Para 8. Internal audit. Marion Pryor had made enquiries; the Council may pay a gratuity to the former clerk.

(v) para 9. External audit. No need to change anything this year, but agreed to reconsider next time as necessary.

(vi) Para 10 (b). Planning application 0/45201. Draft comments had been circulated. There was no objection and a letter had been sent to the Planning Department.

(vii) Para 13.

- Rubber mats in the playing field. Temporary repair work will be undertaken in the coming weeks;
- road matters. A decision on the Hen Felin road will be taken shortly. Ffordd Eglwysbach is inspected every three months and any essential repair work is carried out. Heol Ffynnon Asa is inspected every nine months and any essential work carried out; drainage workers are in the process of photographing every drain in the area and will give an update shortly. Bodnant Uchaf - the work was completed on 27 June.
- Pile of grass in the cemetery – has been cleared.
- Gate on the track up to Llety – AR to raise the matter with Dai Plas.

#### **4. LETTER FROM ROY KENRICK ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY**

Roy Kenrick was welcomed. He added to his letter to the Council:

- a) the cemetery had always been a public cemetery; in the opinion of the Church a public authority should pay for its upkeep;
- b) the income from burials now came solely from the new cemetery; the Church had not received any income for years;
- c) the cost to the Church of cutting the grass was £700 - £800 a year;

CL left the room while the Council discussed and came to a decision.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the whole community was responsible for the cemetery. It was agreed to make a contribution of £700 a year to the Church for five years.

#### **5 NEW SHOP AT THE BEE: REQUEST FOR GRANT**

Mark Skelley from the Bee was welcomed to introduce his plans for his new shop. The shop will begin by offering basic goods and then respond to the wishes of its customers. Hopefully the shop would open within a month, about the time of the end of the school term. The shop would cost more than he had anticipated. Mark would therefore welcome any financial assistance.

Mark's plans were welcomed and it was decided to make a grant of £750 to him on condition that the grant was justified and authorised in accordance with any Welsh Government guidelines.

#### **6 PLANNING 0/45223 The Old Shooting Ground Trofarth**

Variation of condition no 1 of planning Consent 0/38774 (Change of use of land from former shooting ground to chalet park (for the siting of 10 no timber chalets) together with alterations and extension to the former club house to managers dwelling and the erection of a maintenance building to allow for extension of commencement date

AR declared that he was a member of the County Planning Committee and would not take part in the discussion.

*No comment.*

## **7 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current balances:

Savings account	£2,070.46
General	£6,443.54
Burial	£3,118.20

Cheques were signed for:

Sue Hayward - cleaning the toilets £98.00

Emrys Davies - emptying the cemetery trailer £50  
- clearing/tidying the grass compost £300

John Emlyn Jones - post, anti-virus, computer mouse, and cable £47.42

WD Williams - grass-cutting £345

Eglwys St Martin – cemetery £700 (from the burial account)

JEJ reported that every member of the Council had the right to receive £150 a year for his/her work on the Council. But, because the Eglwysbach precept was under £30k, it was possible for the meeting to decide that no-one should receive the payment.

It was decided that for the current year the payment should not be taken.

## **8 SUBSCRIPTION TO ONE VOICE WALES**

JEJ reported that a cheque for £129 representing an annual membership subscription had been sent to One Voice Wales to enable them to give advice on maintenance of the cemetery and a grant to the Bee.

## **9 COOPTION OF A NEW MEMBER**

Nobody had expressed an interest by the closing date. Decided to readvertise and ask for expressions of interest (to be sent to the Clerk) within six weeks.

## **10 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK**

Agreed to advertise in the NWWN, Y Pentan, Yr Odyn and Facebook.

## **11 EVENING FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Agreed to continue with meetings on Tuesdays, while taking note that GR would be a little late.

## **12 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) a letter from CCBC inviting the Council to submit sites to be included in the new Local Development Plan;
- b) an invitation to an event at Bangor University to discuss new research on rural poverty:
- c) a notice of temporary closure to traffic of Ffordd Efail Uchaf, Llanrwst;
- d) an application for temporary traffic control on Eglwysbach Path 02 to Trem y Llan, 10.09.2018 to 11.09.2018.

## **13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) it was noted that the 'Ffordd Ty Gwyn' sign at Graig had been destroyed by a hedge-cutting machine. Plans were in place to repair or replace it. AR had also arranged that the bus stop should be marked so as to stop people parking their cars there;
- b) problems with BT and Open Reach were discussed, including the cost of fibre broad band connection;
- c) road matters. The following were raised:
  - Big holes in Ffordd Maenan;
  - tar on Ffordd Bodnant and Ffordd Pennant had melted in the heat;
- d) it would be necessary for the Council to discuss its asset register in the next meeting.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**04/09/2018**

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