



Minutes of Meeting 03-12-19

- Present** Councillors John Emlyn Jones (Chair), John Lloyd Williams, Ceri Leeder, Wendy Williams, Phyllis Purchase, Geraint Owen, Austin Roberts, Gwilym Williams, Arthur Williams and Delyth Wynne (Clerk)
Simon Billington and 2 members of the public
- Apologies** Councillor Gwenan Roberts.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting and Simon Billington from the Open Spaces Section, CCBC.

Simon gave a comprehensive report of the use of glyphosate and the background to its use and the other options available. Simon explained that Denbighshire Count Council use a combination of palm oil and water and he also discussed the use of vinegar as used by Trafford Council. Weedkiller is only used in 30 mile an hour zones along the back of the kerb line. The weeds outside of the 30 mile an hour zone is not treated as the verges are cut. Glyphosate is used sparingly – 6% glyphosate is used. Pre-mixed product and drop system costs 4 times more than for other Authorities who do not use these methods.

The Chairman asked about the use of vinegar. Simon said that he could not give a definitive answer but said that CCBC wanted to work with communities and could look into alternatives and the use of vinegar. The Chairman asked whether roads within the village could choose to dispose of the weeds themselves saving the use of glyphosate. Simon said that this was a possibility. It was decided that Simon would e-mail the Clerk a month before the works were due to be completed so that residents could make a decision.

2. APOLOGIES

See above.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- Planning – Cllr Wendy is related to Mr Gwyn Jones;
- Eglwys Bach Football Team – Cllr Gwilym's wife is a member of the team.

Cllrs Wendy and Gwilym to sign a declaration of interest form.



4. **MINUTES** – To confirm, approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting (05/11/19).

The 05/11/19 minutes were confirmed correct by Cllr Ceri and seconded by Cllr Phyllis.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Bank Mandate:**
Councillors Ceri and Geraint to visit HSBC Bank Llandudno with a copy of their passports and driving licences to complete the mandate.
- **Chwarel y Nant Path:**
The Chair needs legal advice to fill in the form. Cllr Austin to ask CCBC for legal advice.
- **Toilets:**
The payment received from CCBC on the 29 May 2019.
- **Christmas Dinner:**
The Councillors thanked the Clerk for organising. The Clerk to thank the Bee.
- **'20' sign by the school:**
The sign is red but is supposed to be black. The sign by the bridge should be red.
- **Toilet Sign:**
Cllr Austin had requested one form CCBC.
- **Lamp post No 4 in Heol Ffynnon Asa has moved:**
The Clerk to contact Len Jackson, CCBC again.
- **Grids at the side of the road full of stones:**
Cllr Austin has spoken to Emlyn, CCBC.
- **Water on Bodnant Road:**
Cllr Austin has spoken to CCBC.
- **Complaints about dog fouling behind the hall:**
Signs have been placed behind the hall. Wil will fix a spring to the gate.
- **Discussion regarding the lowering of the flag:**
Cllr Ceri has placed the policy on Facebook and placed a copy in the hall.
- **The noticeboard requires work:**
Cllr Ceri has given the key to Russell and asked for an estimate.
- **Bryn Hir Road pipe is blocked:**
Cllr Austin has discussed with CCBC and will discuss again at the audit next week.



- **Gyffylog Road:**

A reply was received from CCBC to say that there was no finance available to make a passable area. Cllr Austin to ask Mr Trefor Davies, Henthryd Farm if he would assist with making a passable area. Cllr Austin to ask CCBC for hardcore.

- **Climate Breakdown:**

CCBC announced a climate emergency in May. Cllr Ceri asked for information about what CCBC are doing. Cllr Ceri said that Andrew Wilkinson, from ERF was willing to attend a meeting to discuss the matter further. The Clerk to write to Andrew Wilkinson asking for a comprehensive list of what the council is doing. The matter to be discussed at the January meeting. If the Councillors want further clarification the Clerk to ask Andrew Wilkinson to attend the February meeting.

- **Playground costs for Eglwys Bach – Revenue/Capital:**

The Chair and Cllr Ceri have met with Haf Jones, from the Rural Service to discuss the Council services at Eglwys Bach.

Toilet costs - £ 2,328.25 - not a problem at present because our costs are low.

Playground Costs - £ 5,830 - note the report that we have received. Glad to know there is no high risk at all. The Council would not close the playing field unless it was dangerous. One idea was to conduct an audit with the village children and see what they want.

Cllr Geraint proposed to cut grass in the Playground more often - about 6 times = £ 300.

6. PLANNING

- 0/46867 - Mr & Mrs Gwyn Jones
Proposed extensions and internal alterations
LLecyn, Trofarth, Abergele LL22 8BW

Cllr Austin did not take part in the discussion.
The Councillors agreed that they had 'no comment'.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Current - £6,128.60

Burial - £13.20

Deposit - £2,075.02

Cheques:

Current:

- Sue Hayward (Cleaning of Toilets) - £98.00
- Delyth Wynne (Clerk) - £200.00
- HMRC - £50.00

Burial:

- John Williams (Sexton) - £100.00



The Clerk to move £500 to the burial account from the current account.
Cllr John to bring the burial costs information to the next meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

E-Mail: Welsh Government – Request for information – Allotments:

The Clerk to reply that we do not have any allotments.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Bodnant Road entering the A470 – a large amount of leaves on the road and is dangerous. The Clerk to contact CCBC;
- An e-mail has been received about Bryn Fran Road (culvert), Llindir/Gyffyllog Roads – large hole, Croesengan Ucha Road, Rhandir Road, Waenfechan Road, Bodnant Uchaf Road. The Clerk to contact CCBC.
- Clwt Cottages – water on the road - Cllr Phyllis has contacted CCBC.
- Clwt Cottages – new electric pole has been erected by the proposed tennis court.
- Heol Ffynnon Asa – 2 large potholes – Cllr Phyllips has contacted CCBC.
- Salt Bunkers – the Clerk to contact CCBC to ask them to check the quantity.
- Maes Llan – a mess was left following the tarmacing works.
- The old Police House cannot cut their hedge because of the tree planted by the interpretation sign.
- Gwyn Williams – a list of burial costs to be placed in the hall.
- The Clerk to order a skip (Cllr Austin to receive a copy of the e-mail). A Saturday in the new year.
- LEDs are working in Heol Ffynnon Asa.

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

07/01/20
04/02/20
03/03/20
07/04/20
05/05/20
02/06/20
07/07/20
01/09/20
06/10/20
03/11/20
01/12/20

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

