



### Minutes of Meeting 03-03-20 – 7.30pm

**Present** Councillors John Emlyn Jones (Chair), John Lloyd Williams, Ceri Leeder, Wendy Williams, Phyllis Purchase, Geraint Owen, Gwenan Roberts, Gwilym Williams, Arthur Williams, Austin Roberts and Delyth Wynne (Clerk)

**Apologies** None

#### 1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting and also 10 residents from Heol Ffynnon Asa.

The residents had concerns regarding the river, flood gates and recent flooding. Points discussed:

- Pinch point by the bridge and the gates;
- Gates not being maintained and gates in the river which are impeding flow. Construction of gates is poor;
- Could Community Council get somebody to look at what can be done to alleviate problem;
- Suggestion of culverts on the corners;
- On opposite bank (Dei Plas) – fences in the water. What assistance or suggestions can be found;
- Video of flood damage and river flow shown;
- Tenant Farmer or Bodnant Estate responsibility.

Cllr Austin reported that a new law was in place the all brooks, rivers etc that are free flowing. Cllr Austin said he would ask James Feest to have a look and see if there is a transgression. If there is, he can contact the landowner. Cllr Austin to ask Bryn Shiland regarding the pipes.

Cllr Austin read out an e-mail from Bryn Shiland:

In response to your questions below:

1. The stock gate was installed as part of an agreement with Henblas Farm in order to construct the footbridge during 2015. The gate post construction of Bryn Hir Footbridge is owned by Henblas.
2. The original flood alleviation scheme was proposed in 2012. However, the scheme was not progressed as the solution had one refusal to support the scheme. CCBC can explore the possibilities of resurrecting this scheme with WG during the next opportunity to confirm any revision to the proposed forward works programme. Is this something that you would like CCBC to explore?
3. We will look into possible lifting solutions for the gate but the responsibility for doing so will be the gate owner.



Please feel free to get in touch if you require any further information.

Cllr Austin has approached Mr Williams and asked regarding the gates. He is willing to look at a plan for the gates. If he turns this down Cllr Austin will ask CCBC for a flood defense system.

The Chair thanked Cllr Austin for his assistance and support during the flooding and his liaison with CCBC officers to keep Ty Gwyn Road open.

Cllr Austin to look into the matter further.

## 2. APOLOGIES

See above.

## 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors Wendy, Arthur a John – Eglwysbach Show;  
Councillor Gwilym – Ysgol Eglwys Bach.

## 4. MINUTES – To confirm, approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting (04/02/20).

The 04/02/20 minutes were confirmed correct by Cllr Geraint and seconded by Cllr Phyllis.

Change to minutes - Geraint Wern's hedge not cemetery.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

- **Bank Mandate:**

Cllr Gwenan has received her new driving licence but the address is incorrect therefore cannot go to the bank as yet.

- **Bryn Hir Road pipe:**

Has been done.

- **Trees by Cilgeran:**

Y Clerk has drafted a letter to the residents (Mr a Mrs Quick) to draw their attention to the matter – awaiting a response.

- **Trees in the Public Cemetery:**

The work has been done by Keith Webber.

- **Cemetery hedge:**

Wil Williams has not cut the hedge as yet.

- **X19 Bus Route:**

We have received a response from Llew Jones Company:



We are making significant changes to service in July to coincide with the introduction of IRT by CCBC and extending the X19 to Eglwysbach is one option under consideration.

I will update you as we make decisions on this going forward as making changes to a bus service is never easy.

- **Grass Cutting tender 2020-2022:**

Two tenders were received. Following a discussion Cllr Austin proposed accepting the lowest price. Cllr John seconded the proposal. All Councillors agreed. The Clerk to respond to the two applicants.

Green Sub-Committee has met and would like one or two areas of the village in a more natural state. Cllr Ceri has met with Bodnant's head gardener who is willing to provide assistance, seeds etc. Councillors were happy. Cllr Ceri to discuss with Wil.

- **Eglwys Bach and Area Agricultural and Horticultural Society – contribution:**

Cllr Geraint proposed £1,000 and Cllr Austin seconded the proposal. All Councillors agreed. Councillors Wendy, John and Arthur did not take part in the discussion.

- **Chwarael y Nant path:**

Cllr Austin will be assisted by the CCBC's legal department to fill in the form on the 11th of March.

- **Green Committee Report (Ceri, Wendy and Gwilym):**

Councillor Ceri reported that:

- the committee met on the 25/02/20. At present the committee has a number of members and a Facebook page – greeneglwysbachgwyrdd;
- the committee has liaised with CCBC (Philip Vipond) over the cutting of paths in green spaces, and leaving wild flowers. But nothing can be done until lockdown is eased;
- the committee has also liaised with the school but again, nothing can happen until lockdown eases.

## 6. PLANNING

- 0/47116 - Mr Daniel Jones

Proposal: Provide a 4m wide x 2m deep retractable canopy above the ice cream kiosk window on the Pavilion buildings south east elevation.

Location: Bodnant Pavilion Tearoom, Bodnant Road, Eglwysbach, Conwy LL28 5RE

No objection.

- 0/47065 – Bodnant Estate

Proposal: Proposed conversion and change of use of existing agricultural building into office/light industrial/commercial use (B1/B2 & B8).

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- **0/47066 – Bodnant Estate**

Proposal: Proposed conversion and change of use of existing agricultural building into office/light industrial/commercial use (B1/B2 & B8) (Listed Building Consent).

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Councillors felt that they didn't want the ethos of the building to be ruined and the plan could be more sensitive to the surroundings. Whilst they welcomed that the building would be preserved, they believed that it was over development of the site. Councillor Ceri to write a further statement to be sent to CCBC planning department.

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Current - £6,263.18

Burial - £839.20

Deposit - £2,076.05

### **Cheques:**

#### **Current:**

- Sue Hayward (Llnau Toiledau) - £98.00
- Delyth Wynne (Clerk) - £200.00
- HMRC - £50.00
- Delyth Wynne (Stamps) - £9.00
- Delyth Wynne (Stationery) - £7.53
- Un Llais Cymru (Membership) - £143.00
- Eglwys Bach and District Agricultural and Horticultural Show - £1,000
- Rowen YFC (Contribution) - £50.00
- Ysgol Eglwys Bach (Contribution) - £200.00
- J R Dowell (Hugh Spencer & Co) (Noticeboard) - £135.00

- **Burial:**

None.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- **E-Mail: Rowen YFC – financial support:**

Cllr John proposed £50.00. Cllr Gwenan seconded his proposal. All Councillors agreed.

- **E-Mail: Eglwys Bach School – financial support:**

Cllr Arthur proposed £200. Cllr Austin seconded his proposal. All Councillors agreed.

- **Letter: CCBC – Delivering services:**

Form has been completed.



- **E-Mail: CCBC – Public Call Box removal/90 day consultation:**

Letter received from BT regarding the formal consultation process regarding their current programme of intended public payphone removals with a list of payphones proposed for removal and usage figures for the last 12 months. One of the public payphones is at Tal-y-Cafn.

It was decided to respond to the consultation by noting that Tal-y-Cafn is:

- on the A470 Trunk Road;
- an accident blackspot;
- an area with no mobile coverage.

- **Letter: Conwy Urdd Office – letter of thanks:**

Noted for information.

- **Letter/E-Mail: Theatr Bara Caws – letter of thanks:**

Noted for information.

- **Invoice/Membership Conwy: One Voice Wales:**

Invoice to be paid.

- **Invitation: Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales - Conwy Village Award 2020:**

Noted for information.

- **E-Mail: Welsh Government - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - statement of payments return for 2018/2019:**

Noted for information.

- **E-Mail: Welsh Audit Office - Consultation on Future Audit Arrangements for Community Councils in Wales:**

The Chair to respond.

- **E-Mail: CCBC - Local Places for Nature:**

Noted for information.

- **Llangollen International Musical Festival - financial contribution:**

It was decided not to give a financial contribution.



- **E-Mail: Dyffryn Conwy Eisteddfod – e-mail of thanks:**

Noted for information.

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Ffordd Cae Forys – large ditch by Bryndaionyn Church;
- Noticeboard had been finished. The cost is £135.00;
- Yr Hen Efail – part of the road has subsided, past Berllan Bach by Llan Farm (railings);
- Ffordd Ty Gwyn – large ditch;
- Ffordd Erw Goch towards Bodnant crossroad – tarmac has risen;
- Lights not working at Caertrefle and Henblas turnings;
- Price of a new flag is £75.00 – the Councillors agreed to order a new one. Cllr Ceri to order;
- The playing field has been fenced off due to flood damage. Has been cleared. The play equipment etc will need to be cleaned before re-opening;
- New fence by school.

#### **10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

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 9.15pm.