



Minutes of Meeting 07-09-21– 7.30pm

(Skype Meeting)

Present Councillors Gwilym Williams (Chair), Wendy Williams, John Emlyn Jones, Arthur Williams, Geraint Owen, Austin Roberts, Gwyn Jones and Delyth Wynne (Clerk)

Apologies Ceri Leeder, John Lloyd Williams and Gwenan Roberts

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Noted above.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Eglwys Bach Ladies Football Team – Cllr Gwilym.

4. MINUTES – To confirm, approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting (06/07/21).

The 06/07/21 minutes were confirmed correct by Cllr John Emlyn and seconded by Cllr Wendy.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- **Playing field:**

- Rubber mats promised for the playground area, on 23/08/21 by Dave Dudley, Playground Inspector. Not yet done 31/08/21. This was after a resident requested a risk assessment on the rubber mats. Cllr Ceri to follow up with Dave Dudley.
- To maintain the bike track, more bags of stone will be needed (which Dan will store at his home) and some shovels etc for volunteers to help him periodically rake the track, especially in the early days. Cllr Ceri to obtain costing for stone and equipment. Cllr Ceri to discuss with Dave Dudley whether there a risk assessment for the new ramp and new signage to say that using the ramp is 'at your own risk'. The Councillors thanked Dan for his commitment to the project. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Dan from the Council.
- Councillors discussed the need for more bins in the playing field. There has been a large amount of litter there recently. It was felt that no more bins were needed but signage for current bin that asks users of the park to take their rubbish with them if bin is full.



- Dog fouling signage needed. Clerk to write to CCBC to obtain further signs
- Picnic bench has been fitted onto a concrete block. Cllr Ceri has paid £20.00 to the fitter for this work and will need to be re-inbursed.
- Invoices received by Carwyn Evans for the ramp – see Finance section below.

- **Village Toilets:**

Councillors Ceri and John Emlyn have met with Kelly Owen and Gemma Barton-Price, Toilet Inspector, CCBC. CCBC are happy to pay for someone to clean the toilets twice a day for half an hour, an hour a day at £9.80 an hour. Toilets would be open 7.00am-5.30pm, 7 days a week. CCBC would make sure the toilets were to standard. The Clerk to ask if advertisement available to use by CCBC. Councillors considered:

- what is the Council's role as an employer to this person?
- could the toilets' opening times change? open at 9.00am? close later in the Summer, maybe 7.00pm?
- Are they open every day of the year?

- **Council Cemetery:**

- A letter was received from Mrs E Williams regarding the standard of the cemetery and grass cutting. The Clerk to respond to Mrs Williams to say that the grass is cut regularly and that a wild area is also kept there.
- There was discussion about how often the grass needs to be cut. The new agreement is only one cut less. Cllr Wendy says the grass was cut without being picked up in the last two rows.
- Dog Fouling in the Cemetery – the Clerk received a response from CCBC to his query:

“We can of course erect some no fouling signs at the cemetery, with regards to the control of dogs in cemeteries the current Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order states that dogs must be on a lead in such locations so we will ensure that we also erect some dogs must be on a lead signs also.

Unfortunately I am unable to assist with the provision of a bin, this is a matter dealt with by our Environment Roads and Facility Department as such I have forwarded your request on to them and requested they come back to you direct regarding this matter.”

The Clerk to seek permission from the Church to erects signs asking visitors to close the gate and also to order signs.

- **Village Flag:**

Request from Paul Williams who would like permission to 'bind' the flag during the winter months to the pole, to try and preserve it's life as it is now torn. It will still be lowered for deaths and funerals. The Councillors discussed the issue and decided that the flag would be



binded or taken down during the winter months, when the clocks are turned. The flag still to be flown at half mast for funerals and flown for any special occasions. Cllr Austin to discuss with Paul.

- **Village Information Board:**

A resident has asked if the Village Information Board in the 'picnic area' could be renovated as it is in need of attention. It is thought that CCBC originally erected the board.

The Clerk to discuss with CCBC's Rural Team regarding the map. Cllr Wendy to clean the board and report back on the state of the wooden frame.

- **Fence by river:**

One of the fencing panels dividing the river from the layby down by the school, has been pushed down. Cllr John Emllyn shared pictures with the Councillors. Cllr Austin to discuss with Emyr, ERF Department, CCBC tomorrow about resurrecting the panel and tidying the layby.

- **Eglwys Bach Ladies Football Team:**

Enquiry from the The Eglwysbach Ladies' Football Team as to whether there is some kind of fund available to put towards the Team's expenses. The Councillors to ask Cllr Ceri to look into grants in the first instance and to obtain further information from the team regarding amount of funding needed and what they would use it for. Cllr Austin to make enquiries also and then refer Mark to funding opportunities. The Clerk to forward the e-mail to Cllr Wendy.

- **Community Skip:**

The Clerk awaiting a reply from CCBC regarding the skip. If no reply is received in the next few days, the Clerk to send another e-mail and copy Cllr Austin into the correspondence.

- **20/21 Audit:**

No update.

6. PLANNING

- **Reference: 0/48693**

Applicant: Mr Tudur Roberts

Proposal: Proposed additional bedroom's, extension to existing dwelling.

Location: Bryn Bach Rhandir Road Trofarth Betws Yn Rhos LL22 8BW

Closing date: 11/08/2021

No comment.

- **Reference: 0/48700**



Applicant: Mr and Mrs Robert Shaw

Proposal: Single storey extension to kitchen/dining space to provide required accommodation to accessibility standards within existing dwelling

Location: Bodlondeb Rhandir Road Eglwysbach Conwy LL22 8BW

Closing date: 13/08/2021

No comment.

- **Reference: 0/48804**

Applicants: Jane and Paul Parry

Development: Certificate of existing use for the use of land attached to The Birches as residential curtilage

Location: The Birches Eglwysbach Road Eglwysbach LL28 5UD

Closing date: 08/09/2021

No comment.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Cllr John Emlyn reported that the HSBC accounts were able to be kept open. Accounts now working. The Community Council has been given £100.00 by HSBC for all the inconvenience. The Clerk thanked Cllr John Emlyn for all his hard work dealing with the matter.

Current - £9,547.88

Burial - £1,138.70

Deposit - £2,078.31

Online payments:

Current:

- Delyth Wynne (Clerk) - £200.00
- Carwyn Evans – £1,852.00 (£500.00 taken off invoice total – already paid – 01/06/21 minutes)
- Iona Edwards, Accountant (PAYE work 20/21 including payslips) - £60.00
- HMRC (July, August, September 2021) - £150.00

Burial:

- Arwel Williams (Cemetery Grass Cutting 19/07/21) - £345.00
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- The Clerk to undertake a VAT rebate at the end of the 2021/22 financial year.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- **E-Mail: CCBC – Creu Conwy – Creating the Spark:**
Noted as information.



- **E-Bost: CCBC - Briefing Note: for Community and Town Councils- Multi-location meetings:**
Noted as information.
- **E-mail: One Voice Wales - Welsh Government Net zero carbon status by 2030: Public sector route map:**
Noted as information.
- **E-mail: CCBC - Help us shape the future in Conwy and join the conversation!:**
Noted as information.
- **E-Mail: Judith Leslie – Thank you: Fixing of Bryn Derw Stile, Ffordd Gyffylog:**
Noted as information.
- **E-Mail: CCBC - Cook and share 2021:**
Noted as information.
- **E-Mail: CCBC - Conwy 2025, show your support....:**
Noted as information.
- **E-Mail: CCBC - Small grant:**
Noted as information.
- **E-Mail: Welsh Government - Draft Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and draft Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021:**
Noted as information.
- **E-Mail: Gareth Jackson – Freedom of Information request:**
The Clerk to reply to request.
- **E-Mail: CCBC - Welsh Government Digital Democracy Grant:**
The Clerk to make claim for the cost of Zoom meetings. £14.39 from October onwards.
- **Letter: Mrs E Williams – Village Cemetery:**
Discussed above.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cartrefi Conwy have just sold one property in the village. What is their policy in relation to these houses? The Clerk to write a letter asking for an explanation of their policy.
- Flooding Scheme – Cllr Austin – CCBC have received a grant to undertake an anti-flooding scheme in Heol Ffynnon Asa. No further update at present.
- Cars parking by Bodnant’s new building and on the corner by the cottage. The Clerk to contact Highways and the contractor R L Davies.
- Ffordd Gyffylog – Pénisarwaun to Gyffylog – holes in the road.
- Ffordd Wanklyn – holes in the road.

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS



05/10/21

02/11/21

07/12/21

The meeting concluded at 9.29pm.