

November 2023 - Minutes of Meeting **Cyngor Cymuned Eglwysrw Community Council**

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Hen Ysgol Eglwysrw on Tuesday the 7th November 2023 at 8pm

Cllr Lon Davies (Chair) welcomed representatives from Wales & West Housing Association to address the meeting with regard to concerns voiced about the allocation process. Glenda Bowen and Gareth attended. Glenda explained the application process and how they are scored, giving priority to local needs. Applicants are awarded either a Gold, Silver or Bronze score depending upon their individual circumstances. Gold will qualify for an allocation, Silver will also be considered but a Bronze score will usually not be allocated a home.

WWHA expressed their concern that the anticipated local demand had not yet translated into applications. 17 possible tenants attended the awareness raising event but only 5 applications have been received to date. Councillors expressed disappointment with the low take up rate at this stage. Cllr Enid Cole wondered whether the actual application process was putting people off. Glenda explained that their officers work closely with applicants to ensure the process is facilitated appropriately. She stressed that the help and support is available when required and they work closely with Pembrokeshire County Council . Cty Cllr John Davies suggested a further drive to raise awareness as the houses are nearing completion and another event should be organised early in the new year (possibly a coffee morning). Cllr Davies agreed to contact WWHA before January to discuss further awareness raising within the local community. The houses are due for completion by April therefore time is of the essence.

Gareth from WWHA addressed some of the site maintenance issues that have been previously raised. The fire alarm has been sorted and should not activate accidentally in the future. It was noted by Cty Cllr John Davies that residents in the immediate vicinity of the site have commented favourably on the general site management with noise and disruption kept to a minimum.

Cllr Lon Davies thanked Glenda and Gareth for attending the meeting and clarifying the issues raised.

71 PRESENT

Cllrs – Mrs Lon Davies (Chair) Mrs Enid Cole, Mr Ieuan Davies, Mr Arwel Evans, Sion Lewis Morgan
Mrs Sian Wyn Jones, Mr Robin Philipps, County Cllr John Davies, Mrs Nia Siggins (Clerk).

72. APOLOGIES

Cllr Gareth Johnson (Vice – Chair)

73. CHAIR'S OPENING COMMENTS

The Chair Cllr Lon Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting .

74. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 3rd 2023

After pre-circulation of the minutes and consideration of their accuracy, they were noted and signed as a correct record. It was a unanimous decision of all present.

75. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS

- a. The Clerk has registered with HMRC for self assessment and has been provided.
- b. The address for the bank statements has been changed to the Clerks home address. Cllr Arwel Evans will provide photo id to complete the procedure We await further progress to begin internet banking. **Action Cllr Arwel Evans**
- c. Cllr Sian Jones has planted over 100 daffodil bulbs in the Eglwyswrw planter which will give a lovely display in the spring. She will carry on with the weeding and maintenance in January. All present thanked Cllr Jones for her hard work and dedication.
- d. Cllr Gareth Johnson sent an update regarding the noticeboard. After considering the options the councillors agreed that the best option would be to source a more durable plastic low maintenance noticeboard. This might be more cost effective in the long term. **-Action Cllr Gareth Johnson**
- e. Planning issues at Mirianog and Pwll y Clai –No further updates Cty Cllr John Davies will keep members informed if any information is forthcoming. – **Action Cty Cllr John Davies**
- f. Church Floodlights. – No further update . Cllr Johnson to contact Owain Smart . **Action Cllr Gareth Johnson.**
- g. Wales and West Housing Association – a positive response was received from WWHA and Jones Bros . Representatives addressed the meeting (as detailed previously). No further responses are required.
- h. Cllr Arwel Evans attended the Community Boundary Consultation meeting on October the 23rd. He encouraged councillors to read the documentation that has been circulated with a view to further comments to be received by December 17th. He noted that there seem to be an encouragement towards the general “tidying up “ of the boundaries along linear lines.
- i. Cty Cllr John Davies reported from the meeting held in Crosswell with regards to a 30 mph limit. It was a very conciliatory meeting with support for the imposition of a 30 mph limit. Cty Cllr Davies also reported that the confusion with regards the new 20mph signage on the B4332 in Eglwyswrw had been resolved
- j. It was reported that a new traffic mirror near the former Post Office Eglwyswrw kindly donated by Cllr Gareth Johnson and erected by Cllr John Davies was now in place.

76. Matters for Decision

- a. Eglwyswrw Donations for the November Round
- Cerflun Twm Carnabwth – this was not granted as the statue is not within the boundaries of Eglwyswrw Community and will not directly benefit the Community.
 - Eglwyswrw Christmas Tree - £100 granted to support the purchase of the Christmas tree.
 - Eisteddfod Brynberian - £100 was granted to Canolfan Llwynihirion in support of Brynberian Eisteddfod.
 - Cerebral Palsy Cymru - £50 was granted to support this national organisation that also provides support to local families affected by Cerebral Palsy

77. Development Control

No applications received this month.

78. Correspondence for Information

Letters circulated to members by e-mail prior to the meeting

- Response Received from Ryan Parry Development Project Manager W& WHA
- Notification of Community Boundary Consultation and procedures received from Carys Vaughan . To respond to the consultation consultations@boundaries.wales

79. Finance

Acc balance net of all payments £9,377-24

80 . County Councillors Report

Cty Cllr John Davies urged members to consider three current areas of the existing boundary and respond to the consultation process. When considering boundary changes or unification to look carefully at natural boundaries such as rivers etc. Areas to consider further would be Pontyglasier/ Rhos Glynmaen and Brynberian/ Llwynihirion area.

Cty Cllr Davies will circulate a draft map prior to the next meeting for discussion by members. This needs to be done soon as the deadline for the consultation is December 17th. **Action Cty Cllr John Davies**

The date for the imposition of 4 hour maximum stay of free parking in the car park adjacent to the old Post Office is to be consulted upon in February.

Cty Cllr Davies also noted that the interceptor drain on the B4329 between Tafarn Bwlch and Pennanty Brynberian had now been connected and the problem rectified.

81. Date of next monthly meeting

December 5th 2023 at Yr Hen Ysgol Eglwysrw at 8pm

Meeting ended at 9-45 pm.

Signed : Nia Siggins Dated November 11th 2023

Clerk to Eglwysrw Community Council

ACTION LOG

MINUTE

75 (b) Photo Id to be provided to HSBC	Cllr Arwel Evans
75 (d) Price up plastic noticeboard for future	Cllr Gareth Johnson
75 (e) Planning updates at Mirianog and Pwll y Clai	Cty Cllr John Davies
75 (f) Contact Owain Smith re church lighting	Cllr Gareth Johnson

80. Circulation of map prior to boundary consultation

Cty Cllr John Davies