

# **Bryn Surgery**

12 Sep 09

## **Holes need seeing to in Maesteg Road and Bryngurnos Street.**

Problem been reported to Gary he will be dealing with it. Also gave him Pauls map with the problems highlighted on and he will be coming up the Bryn to investigate.

## **20mph signs by school**

Been reported to Phil John, awaiting a reply.

## **Old Railway line – John Hill (water holding on road)**

Been reported to David Jenkins, going up to see the problem on Tuesday, will report back.

## **Weight restriction on Station Terr.**

Spoke to John Flower, he informed me that they were not going ahead with that at present as the forestry where not going to use the road for their lorries.

## **Car park toilet side of Community Centre.**

They are going to look at the area and do a costing. It is going to be looked at by Wendy's group as well as it links in with the plans for the development of the old tip.

## **Wendy from the environmental department re project.**

Contacted the office, she only works from Wednesday's left a message for her to contact me, if she does not phone by Thursday I will phone her.

## **Road Sweepers**

I contacted Clive Rogers to bring the small sweeper up the Bryn to give it all a good clean.

## **Land outside the school – clean up.**

Had a word with Gary to see what he can do for me.

## **Flip chart.**

I have asked a friend of mine to see if you knows of any spare ones.

## **Raffles**

Remind me to bring some up. Marian

## **Notice Board**

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10 Oct 09

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## **Bus services to Bryn**

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## **LDP proposals**

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R Davies outlined the proposal he had put forward and which BRAG supported. David agreed to ensure this was not overlooked when new proposals were accepted.

## **PACT**

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Problems with drugs and needles in Bryn were outlined to Shaun who agreed to follow this up.

Shaun outlined a recent problem where conmen in the area were conning old people out of money. All present to publicise this risk and to remind old people to always challenge callers for identity and ask them to call back at a time when others can be with them.

## **Wagons turning**

Wagons turning next to the community centre were causing damage and were a potential safety risk. David is to investigate.

## **Iceland deposits by NPT council**

David reported that the substantial deposits made by NPT into Icelandic banks are to be refunded in full back to the council.

## **Council ground used for Parking**

Details were passed to David for investigation and progressing.

## **Bryn Sign Posts**

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**Grass cutting and litter collection**

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David reported that he did have funds available to help support recreational developments such as those proposed by BRAG especially if they provided facilities such as changing rooms for mountain bike riders. Proposals to be drawn up by BRAG.

**Actions from last surgery**

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The locations of these problems were explained and David will progress. Also the grass cutting and the emptying of bins was also explained and will again be followed up by David.

**20mph signs by school**

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**Road Sweepers**

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**Email Address**

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# Bryn Surgery

14 Nov 09

Surgery taken with Councillor Marian Lewis  
Chaired by Graham Rolands  
Minutes by Paul Bulmer

## **Actions from last minutes**

### **Tidy up and maintenance in the village**

At the meeting in September, Councillor Marian Lewis was given a map of Bryn showing all the areas requiring maintenance.

Over the last two months many of these jobs have now been done. The grass cutting and general tidy up is most noticeable. The grass cutting along the old railway line has made a massive improvement. The bins have also been emptied. Having returned the village to this creditable standard plans must be made to keep it to this standard in the future. Those present expressed their appreciation of the work done.

It was noted that there were some items still required finishing off. Marian will visit Bryn on Monday and drive round with Graham to see what else needs to be done. Others present were invited to join them.

Some items noted was a sign post that had been knocked down while grass cutting that needs to be replaced. A tree that had blown over required removing and a replacement planting. Also the wind braces on the remaining trees require repair.

### **Fly tipping opposite Royal Oak**

David reported that this had been recovered and will be forensically examined to identify the owners who will then be prosecuted. He would also arrange for boulders to be placed there to restrict access from the road.

Access control to this area has now been provided through the placing of large pipes, made into flower pots, across the entrance to the site.

Still awaiting an update on the fly tipping from councillor David Williams.

### **Right of way by the river through Bryn**

David will follow this up with officers who specialise in this to ensure that this right of way remains open.

All the land owners of the right of way alongside the river are to be notified of their responsibility to maintain this right of way and keep it clear for pedestrians. The footpath signs are to be replaced.

### **Bus services to Bryn**

David had been made aware that the bus service through Bryn had been reduced from twice an hour to just once an hour. He had confronted the service provider and been told that since the route was not subsidised by the council the operator needed to operate the route without making a loss. This could not be done with current levels of use so had to be reduced.

A petition has been raised by the village.

A community bus is being considered for Bryn.

Marian was asked what role central government can play in providing this service. Marian is to obtain a written reply to this.

## **LDP proposals**

David updated those present on information he had been given for to cascade. He is to provide an electronic copy to BRAG for wider circulation.

BRAG has received a hard copy of this from Marian but would still like an electronic copy.

He acknowledged the views expressed by Bryn in opposition of affordable housing and also the support for sheltered accommodation for old age.

Marian confirmed these view had been acknowledge when she spoke at the village meeting on the 12/11/09. All present endorsed the views Marian had presented.

David had stated that the consultation period had been extended a further 6 weeks from Fri 9/10/09.

This is not the case but further input will be submitted to the LDP team when consultation is resumed early in 2010.

David was aware that extra time for additional proposals had also been agreed to and that time must also be allowed for feedback on these additional proposals.

R Davies outlined the proposal he had put forward and which BRAG supported. David agreed to ensure this was not overlooked when new proposals were accepted.

BRAG have seen the proposal and also recommend the support of this by the village.

## **PACT**

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Done.

Problems with drugs and needles in Bryn were outlined to Shaun who agreed to follow this up.

Still require feedback on this.

## **Wagons turning**

Wagons turning next to the community centre were causing damage and were a potential safety risk. David is to investigate.

Currently no feedback on this but Marian will now pick this up and also request that the damage caused is repaired.

## **Council ground used for Parking**

Details were passed to David for investigation and progressing.

Done.

## **Bryn Sign Posts**

David reported that the Bryn sign posts requested about two years ago will now be erected.

Still being progressed by David.

## **Grass cutting and litter collection**

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### **20mph signs by school**

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### **Old Railway line – John Hill (water holding on road)**

David to now progress.

Still being progressed by David.

### **Road Sweepers**

Work has still not been done to a satisfactory level. Both David and Marian to follow up.

Those present also asked about how work was audited and controlled by the council as many examples of shoddy workmanship were quoted by those present. A written response to how work is audited and controlled to ensure efficient use of taxes was requested.

### **Flip chart.**

David to arrange for one to be provided in the community centre.

Graham reported that he now had the chart and pens and was just waiting for the stand.

### **Notice Board**

David to see if a proper enclosed notice board can be put up outside of the Bryn Community centre.

David had reported at the village meeting that this has been approved and is being progressed. Should be installed soon.

### **Email Address**

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Still awaiting this from David. Marian said she thought it was [i.d.williams@neath-porttalbot.gov.uk](mailto:i.d.williams@neath-porttalbot.gov.uk). Paul to try this.

This concluded the discussion on actions carried forward from past meetings.

### **New actions**

An article from the local paper about the proposed work on the tip was shown to those present. Paul took the cutting and agreed to copy it. He also has copies of other recent articles referencing BRAG.

### **Proposed speed bumps on the main road through Bryn**

The proposed speed bumps through Bryn that had been mentioned by David at the village meeting were discussed by all those present. It was not felt that this was a safe proposal in the location involved. Alternatives were discussed and suggestions made to further reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph. This is still 10mph faster than the safe speed for crossing speed bumps. Rumble strips to make motorists more aware of their speed. Speed cameras to enforce the speed limit, etc. Marian agreed to contact the community police officer to see if initially random speed checks could be carried out at this location.

All present felt that permanent speed cameras at either end of the village were the preferred option.

More signs showing the speed limit were also considered desirable.

A mirror opposite Baldwin Street was considered a major asset in providing safe egress from this street since current visibility is very poor and a speeding vehicle has little chance of stopping.

Marian to discuss all these options with the relevant people.

**Other work**

R Davies raised the issue of the gas pipe beside the bridge next to the poultry farm was not only unsightly but was also potentially dangerous when exposed in the way that it is. Marian to investigate further.

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12<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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Minutes by Julie Moore

## **Fly tipping opposite Royal Oak**

David reported that this had been recovered and will be forensically examined to identify the owners who will then be prosecuted. He would also arrange for boulders to be placed there to restrict access from the road.

**Cllr Williams reported that they traced the registered owner of the car responsible but are still waiting more information.**

## **Right of way by the river through Bryn**

David will follow this up with officers who specialise in this to ensure that this right of way remains open.

**The right's of way officer has visited the area. Cllr Williams will follow it up.**

## **Bus services to Bryn**

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**Cllr William reported that there could possibly be a Community bus service with funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.**

**Alan Jones also contacting Older Persons Commissioner for Wales.**

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**Next Meeting will be in January. Cllr Williams will keep us updated.**

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Shaun outlined a recent problem where conmen in the area were conning old people out of money. All present to publicise this risk and to remind old people to always challenge callers for identity and ask them to call back at a time when others can be with them.

Shaun unable to attend meeting. Still require feedback on these issues

### **Wagons turning**

Wagons turning next to the community centre were causing damage and were a potential safety risk. David is to investigate.

Wagons now stopped and any damage caused has been repaired by Western Logs at No cost to council.

### **Bryn Sign Posts**

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Cllr Williams will follow it up

### **Grass cutting and litter collection**

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David reported that he did have funds available to help support recreational developments such as those proposed by BRAG especially if they provided facilities such as changing rooms for mountain bike riders. Proposals to be drawn up by BRAG.

Most of the Village has been cut and is looking better.

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Holes have been repaired

### **20mph signs by school**

Signs now ready to erect.

Signs still not erected

### **Old Railway line – John Hill (water holding on road)**

David to now progress.

Need to check if the problem has been repaired

### **Road Sweepers**

Work has still not been done to a satisfactory level. David to follow up.

Road sweepers have visited the village but not adequately, some areas need revisiting.

### **Flip chart.**

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### **Proposed speed humps on the main road through Bryn**

Cllr Williams reported that speed humps are proposed for the main road with the existing speed humps on Chapel Terrace being increased.

### **New Actions**

**The Bus stops throughout the village need clearing of grass and weeds as people are unable to access some of them in bad weather.**

**The porter cabin on the Old Bus Depot site and the Old Petrol Station need clearing.**

**Update needed on the Top Road between Ynys-y-Gwas and Port Talbot.**

**Can the kerbs be lowered for easier access to the Property in the turning area at Bryn Varteg.**

**Street lights seem to be on all the time in Penrhiw Street.**