

**BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL**

***Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 February 2019 in the Council Chamber, Orchard Street, Brynmawr at 5.30pm.***

***Present: - Councillors Mrs. O.M. Swales (Chair)  
G.D. Jones, B.M. Sutton***

***Allotment Association: - Mr. David Lewis (Secretary).  
Mr. Brian Holley (Treasurer).  
Mr. G. Bennett (Chairman).***

- 1. Apologies: - Councillor J.M. Sutton, H.J. Swales, Mrs. D. Brown.***
  
- 2. It was moved and seconded that Councillor Mrs. O.M. Swales be Chair of the Allotment Committee for the year 2018/2019.  
The Chair then welcomed the Allotment Association members to the meeting.***
  
- 3. It was moved and seconded that Councillor G.D. Jones be Vice-Chair of the Allotment Committee for the year 2018/2019.***
  
- 4. At this point, Mr. Jamie Stanton arrived for the meeting.  
Complaint received regarding the Allotment Users.  
Mr. David Lewis wished to declare an interest and left the Chamber.  
The Asst Town Clerk read out a letter received from Mr. Jamie Stanton of 10 Intermediate Road, Brynmawr regarding complaints against the Allotment Users.  
The letter stated that as residents of the street that back onto the Allotment Gardens they have trouble trying to park their vehicles on a patch of ground which belongs to them and constantly congested by the allotment members with no regard for the people who live there.  
The Clerk then read out a letter from Mr. Jonathan Bury, The Duke of Beaufort's Welsh Estate Agent, informing the Town Council he had visited the site in question and found that a number of cars parked on the location adjacent to the word "drain" on the map (which was enclosed with the letter and given to each member present at the meeting) that this land is leased to the Town Council. As the Town Council rent the land from the Estate they should confirm with those people parking on that land that they are parking to access the Allotment Gardens or perhaps the Town Council has given them permission?  
The Clerk asked Mr. Stanton how many of his cars were parked on the Town Council land. Mr. Stanton replied that he had 3 cars parked there.  
The Clerk also informed the meeting that she had visited the site in question on Tuesday morning and took several photos of the car parking area and the access to the Allotment Gardens and St. Mary's Church in Wales School.***

The photos show that the entrance to both gates is completely blocked, obstructing the access for the emergency services. Mr. Stanton was repairing his car and a No Parking notice erected on the BT lamp post which states “PRIVATE CAR PARK. THIS CAR PARK IS FOR THE USE OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ONLY. VEHICLES PARKED HERE WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL BE CLAMPED”.

The Clerk asked who had erected the illegal sign.

Mr. Stanton replied that he had placed this notice on the lamp post.

The Chair asked Mr. Stanton to take the sign down without delay.

He agreed that he would take the sign down that evening.

Mr. Stanton then left the meeting and the Allotment Meeting continued with the agenda.

Mr. David Lewis then returned to the Chamber.

**5. *Signage for Allotment Gardens.***

The Allotment Association informed Council that the present sign on the entrance gates i.e. “No unauthorised access ” are in a poor condition and needed replacing. They asked Council to consider purchasing 1 new sign.

The Allotment Committee recommends to Full Council to purchase 1 sign (2ft x 2ft) for the access gate.

The wording:- (No unauthorised access – keep gates clear at all times by order of Brynmawr Town Council).

It was also agreed to purchase signs “NO PARKING BEYOND THIS POINT” and “VEHICLES PARKED AT THEIR OWNERS OWN RISK” in order that both accesses are keep clear (18ins x 18ins).

**6. *Allocation of Vacant Plots.***

Mr. David Lewis informed the meeting that a Full Plot will soon become available and there were 2 people on the waiting list.

It was agreed by the Allotment Committee that if a full or half plot became vacant then the person/persons next on the waiting list should be allocated these plots.

**7. *Hire of skip for the Allotment Gardens.***

The Allotment Association asked Council to consider hiring a skip in order that 1 or 2 allotment sheds need to be removed due to disrepair.

It was agreed to seek quote from Thomas Waste Management.

Meeting closed at 18.25 hours.