

# St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

## Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held on TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at The Regency Hall, Saundersfoot at 6.30pm. St Mary Out Liberty Community Councillors met face to face in the hall with a live link to any members of the public (or Councillors) that wished to join the meeting remotely.

**2021/11 64** Present: Cllrs D Brace, D Nash, E Nash and L Bolton

Also present: Cllr Jon Preston and The Clerk

Meeting commenced – 18.35

**2021/11 65** **Apologies for Absence** - H Rawson-Humphries

**2021/11 66** **To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below.**

None

**2021/11 67** **Chairman's Report**

Noting to report that is not covered within the Agenda

**2021/11 68** **To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Cllr L Bolton proposed that the Minutes, as presented, be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021; Cllr D Nash seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

**2021/11 69** **Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only**

Cllr L Bolton advised the Council that works have been carried out to at the steps area at Cross Park. The area is now much more astatically acceptable.

The Clerk advised that a response had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the visual impairment caused by traffic cones when turning right into New Hedges when travelling from Tenby. The cones were moved.

**2021/11 70** **Account(s) for Payment and consideration of the bank reconciliation**

09.11.2021	101219	M Priestley Wages November	£183.49
09.11.2021	101220	One Voice Wales Membership	<u>£120.00</u>
			<u>£303.49</u>

Cllr D Nash proposed that the above invoices be paid in full; Cllr Bolton seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

### **Cash Flow October 2021**

Payments made	£ 432.43
Payments received	<u>£ 00.00</u>
	<b><u>£5,248.21 C/F</u></b>

Cllr Bolton proposed that the bank/cashbook reconciliation be signed as a true record of the Councils finances to date; Cllr E Nash seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

**2021/11 71** **Review of the 2021/2022 Budget**

All Councillors confirmed that they had received a copy of the Budget Report – All headings were discussed. A meeting for Councillors to prepare a draft budget for consideration by full Council will be held on 30.11.2021 at 6pm.

- 2021/11 72      Planning Application(s) Received - None**
- 2021/11 73      Licensing Application(s) Received – None**
- 2021/11 74      Consideration of Correspondence Received – Nothing to report**
- 2021/11 75      Reports from Councillors and Representatives**

**County Councillor Jon Preston –**

#### **Footpath extension**

I have put together a case for the paved footpath the runs from the point opposite Lodge Farm and along the boundary wall of White Park to be widened. At present the path has proven to be too narrow to accommodate the large footfall in that area, especially during the holiday season. This problem has been further exasperated by the uncut grass during wet weather. I'm pleased that our clerk has now made arrangements for the short- and long-term grass cutting in that area. I have had preliminary discussions with Cllr. Phil Baker who has agreed help us identify and to support us in securing any available funding source for the path improvements.

#### **By-pass**

The Highways department have agreed to review the current speed restriction on the by-pass. As councillors will be aware, the location is currently a 50 mph Limit. These restrictions are set in accordance with the Welsh Government Guidance so any reduction into the current limit will need to satisfy the set parameters published by Welsh government.

#### **Swallowtree**

Further to a site meeting regarding issues at Swallowtree, Saundersfoot a subsequent request was made for the consideration of double yellow line waiting restrictions in this area to address the problem of parking on the pavement and verges. The Highways officer has visited the site several times and has proposed to install a section of double yellow lines on the eastern side of the road leading to Swallowtree – from a point 20 metres south of the northern access to Swallowtree off the B4316 south then east to the end of the public highway. I have given my support to this proposal so the restrictions will be formally advertised as part of a County wide review in the next few weeks, giving the public a three-week opportunity to comment or formally object. If after that time no objections are received the traffic order will be made and the lines installed. If on the other hand objections are received, we will review the proposal considering any representations received.

#### **New CEO**

I have now had a face to face (virtual) meeting with the new Chief Executive Officer Will Bramble. It was a valuable hour where I was able to feedback some of the ongoing problems we have encountered. Poor communication, delays in response, reduction in services and the frustrations experienced in planning matters are just some of the points I have raised. Mr. Bramble is planning on visiting all Pembrokeshire communities over the coming months, so there may soon be an opportunity for councillors to meet Mr. Bramble.

#### **Welsh Local Government boundary review**

The Welsh Local Authority boundary reviews have been underway over the last four years. As I have reported previously the proposal made for the St. Mary out Liberty community is that it

becomes amalgamated with St. Florence to create a new ward. The main aim of the Local Authority boundary review was to create wards that averaged an electorate of approximately 1500 voters. I wrote to the Welsh Minister Rebecca Evans AS/MS to reiterate my original objection and to draw the ministers' attention to the significant growth that has taken place in the New Hedges area ward due to two large residential developments. Also, that the proposals would create one much larger Manorbier / Penally ward of around 1800 electorate and a smaller St. Florence / St Mary out Liberty ward of around 1200 electorate. Effectively creating two new wards that have a greater variance to the target 1500 voters than the current ward arrangement provides. The minister has responded by saying she is grateful for the highlighting of concerns in respect of the proposal to combine Penally with Manorbier and St. Mary out Liberty with the community of St. Florence and that she had noted the Commission had received representation about this proposal during the review process, as reflected within its Final Recommendations Report. Despite this, the Minister has now confirmed that the proposals for the new ward arrangements have been accepted and will be in place in time for the May 2022 Local Authority elections. It is important to make it clear that these changes whether they are considered unnecessary or welcomed should not have any significant impact on the current running of community councils in the affected wards, apart from the fact that the County councillor elected in May 2022 will represent the communities of St. Florence and St. Mary out Liberty. The Boundary Commission for Wales will now work with Pembrokeshire County council to finalise arrangements for next year's Local Authority elections.

**2021/11 76 To consider updates regarding the Christmas Tree lighting and service**

Cllr Brace advised the Council that:

- Mr Reed will provide the Village Christmas Tree this year
- The tree will arrive on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Cllr E Nash's husband and Cllr D Hash will erect the tree
- The lighting of the tree will take place at 6pm. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available.

**2021/11 77 To consider if St Mary Out Liberty Community Council can offer any assistance to the Village Hall to enable a Broad Band service to be installed.**

The Clerk advised the Council that it had been confirmed by Pembrokeshire County Council that to add a broad band service to the Village Hall would be considered for an Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant.

Cllr Jon Preston and the Clerk to work with members of the Hall Committee to prepare and submit an Expression of Interest application. The closing date for entries is the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

(The Clerk is awaiting contact from the Hall Committee – 12.11.2021)

**2021/11 78 To consider how to address the regular graffiti on the wall of the bus shelter at Cwm Gwennol**

Cllr Jon Preston has offered to paint the wall affected by the graffiti and the situation will be monitored.

Meeting closed 19.36