**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 9th November 2021 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. BJ Harries, (Chairman) Barrie Griffiths and Gerwyn Williams,

**Apologies:** Cllrs Gerallt Miles, Michelle Bateman PCC, Peter James and TC Griffiths

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 12th October 2021 were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters reported:** The Clerk reported that Mr Emrys Llewellyn PCC had responded to the email regarding the blocked drain near St Dogwells Church, and that the necessary work has now been carried out.

A sample mug for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee was brought to the meeting, and it was agreed by Councillors present to order the number required for all children in Wolfscastle School, their siblings and all Primary School pupils living within the Wolfscastle Community Council area.

The Clerk reported that he had met Mr Tom Bevan with regards to installing a ‘feeder pillar’ adjacent to the Christmas Tree on the Village Green. Tom was prepared to carry out the work, and is now waiting for a response from PCC with regards to permission to connect to the nearby Street Light.

**Planning:** The following Planning Application Consultation was received, and had already been forwarded to Councillors for comments:

21/0661.PA – Extension to Farmhouse, Conversion of Outbuildings to Residential Units with Two Access Points, at Sealyham Home Farm, Wolfscastle. There were no adverse comments to this proposal from the Councillors.

**Vacancy for Clerk:** There had been one response to the advert to fill the Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, but when the interested person saw the Job Description, decided not to put her name forward. It is now hoped that the vacancy can be filled by the end of this year.

**Finances:** The Clerk presented an up-to-date Budget report, which was endorsed by the Councillors. In looking forward to 2021 / 2022, it was agreed that in light of our County Councillors suggestion in a previous meeting, that it was necessary to set money aside for Election costs, a sum of money be allocated for additional costs that maybe incurred by the Community Council.

It was agreed to pay Tim Brookes Garden Services the sum of £168:00 (**One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Pounds**) to cover the final cuts for 2021 of the grassed area adjacent to the Car Park.

It was agreed to donate the sum of £50.00 (**Fifty Pounds**) towards the Welsh Sheep Dog Trials which will be held at Rhyndaston Fawr, Hayscastle on August 25-27 2022.

It was agreed by Councillors that being no Festival Week was held this year, to donate the sum of £40.00 (**Forty Pounds**) to Treffgarne Community Hall towards a Christmas Tree for Treffgarne Village.

**Precept for 2022 / 2023:** It was suggested that in light of the possible extra costs in the future it was agreed to increase the precept by approximately 5% to £4975.00 (**Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Five Pounds**) for the year ending 31st March 2023.

**Notice of Road Closure:** Notification had been received and forwarded to Councillors that the Class III Hayscastle Cross to Wolfscastle Road would be closed from Monday, 8th November 2021 for 5 days, to carry out Telecom Cabling Work.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence were presented to the meeting:-

Joint statement by Hywel Dda University Health Board, the Welsh Ambulance Service, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Ceredeigion County Councils with regards to unprecedented demand on health and social care services, which is leading to significant delays in care provision.

The Clerk also reminded Councillors that he had forwarded the following documents for their consideration:

[a] Consultation on inquiry into second homes

[b] Councillor Survey - Role and remuneration of councillors in Wales

**Community Councillors Reports:** The following issues was brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as it is practicable:-

[a] Cllr Gerwyn Williams reported ‘Fly-Tipping’ on the Welsh Hook to Letterston Road. Cllr Williams also noticed that many of the concrete water hydrant posts have been damaged by the contractors that carry out hedge trimming over the years. The appropriate authorities need to be notified of this issue, in case of emergencies in the future.

[b] Cllr Barrie Griffiths had reported a Street Light not functioning in Treffgarne. Cllr Griffiths also mentioned that the gutters on Treffgarne Hill need clearing of debris etc.

[c] Cllr BJ Harries reported that there is a drain on the corner passed Sealyham Farm that has been damaged, also a number of ‘potholes’ that need filling in on the Sealyham Road. Cllr Harries also reported excess muddy water running down the road from Bank Farm and flooding the road at its lowest point. Cllr Harries also asked had there been any response to the issues raised with regards to works carried out at Sealyham and Brynhyfryd Farms.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 14th December 2021 at 8:00p.m. at Treffgarne Community Hall.

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