

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th January 2022

1.Attendance- Cllrs. David Thomas (Chairman), Esme Utting, George Hughes, C.Cllr. Michael John.

Apologies- Cllrs Dawn Harries, Ross Harries.

Members of Public- Mrs. Christine Pugh, Mr. Russell Lavis.

Introduction- The Chairman explained that the meeting was originally to have been held on 10th January when it was hoped that the retiring clerk would attend his final meeting. But as he was unwell it was hoped he would have recovered by today's date but unfortunately has not.

2.Declarations of Interest- none were declared.

3.Matters from the public- see under Reports

4.Minutes of Meeting held on 8th November 2021- these were approved-proposed E.Utting, seconded G.Hughes.

5.Matters arising- none that would not be dealt with under Reports.

6.Correspondence

- a.Notification that our application for a defibrillator was under consideration
- b.Hook CC- letter regarding centenary of opening of New Road to Hook
- c.Northmoor Common-see under reports.
- d. Pembs.Public Services Board –consultation on their draft Well being Assessment.

7.Reports- Highways and Rights of Way.

- a.Northmoor Common –Mrs Pugh gave an update of the situation regarding the problems posed by an individual claiming ownership of the Common (and land at Little Milford Woods) and causing obstructions. He had been arrested again and given a PCN to remain outside a 5 mile radius of Freystrop. It was suggested that an appropriately worded notice be put on Freystrop Facebook site advising residents to contact the police on 101 if this individual is aggressive or obstructs walkers etc using the public rights of way.
- b.Lorries still driving spoil to BDS site causing mud on access road and main road.

8.Planning

- a.DKAN Depot. Mrs. Pat Lowe still extremely upset over the planning permission for this depot. She has informed PCC that she is considering contacting the Ombudsman.
- b.BDS site. Further to withdrawal of planning application 21/0201/PA in November 2021 PCC have just received a new application 21/0736/NM. This is a non-material application seeking permission to amend the design of the houses on plots 9,10,13 and 14 from those originally approved under the 1974 planning permission. As this is deemed non-material the PCC will not be consulting our Community Council.
- c.Tally Ho Farm holiday accommodation –this has received approval –We were contacted as a neighbouring CC (to Llangwm) but did not comment.
- d.Local Development Plan 2. Three additional candidate sites have been added and so a further consultation is taking place which runs to 16th March 2022. This is further delaying the whole process and as yet no new timetable has been issued. One of the 3 additional sites is at Troopers Inn-the site is in Rosemarket CC area but may have an impact on Freystrop residents nearby,

9.Village Hall.

- a.PCC have booked hall for County and Community Council Elections on Thursday 5th May 2022.
- b. Charity Commission return submitted for 2020/21 year. Income £11541 inc.£11k WG grant Expenditure £1677.
- c.The additional car parking space is still to be tarmacked but is available to use in the interim. Chairman is awaiting information on the land transfer from BDS to FCC. Eaton- Evans and Morris our solicitors have been advised to expect notification from BDS solicitors in due course. FCC may have to pay our own solicitors and Land Registry fees for the transfer.
- d. Welsh Water direct debit increasing from £4/month to £10/month in February.Their original proposal was to increase it to £13.50.
- e. Income received in December 2021 £598.38 –expenditure £129.23.
- f.Bank balances –current A/C £14608.96 deposit A/C £1602.58.

10.Playing Field/Jubilee Celebrations

- a.Cllr. E.Utting and Mr. Russell Lavis updated Council on the proposals
- b.An application is being made for a Community Outdoors grant to purchase another marquee.

11.Cemetery.

- a.The fly-tipping in the lower cemetery car park has still not been cleared. Further report to go to PCC.

12.Financial Report.

- a.We are still awaiting the External Auditors report for 2019/20.
- b.Last year's Internal Auditor is unavailable to carry out the audit for 2020/21. A former banker Mr. Brian Hearne has agreed to carry out this audit but this is proving difficult due to the non-receipt of the 2019/20 external audit and absence of various papers. Internal Auditor concerned about non-payment of Clerk's PAYE to HMRC which could result in a penalty being imposed on the Community Council.
- c. The Community Council precept for 2022/23 was approved in the sum of £5000 proposer E.Utting seconder G.Hughes.
- d. FCC bank balances –current A/C £5608.81 deposit A/C £13001.91 as at end of Dec.2021.
- e. HSBC have started introducing charges £7 charge shown on Dec.2021 statement.
- f. Payments approved One Voice Wales subscription for 2021/22 £88.00. cheque 100544
Freystrop Church grounds £100 cheque100545
Middle Hill Chapel grounds £100 cheque100546
All proposed G.Hughes seconded E.Utting.

13.OneVoice Wales & PCC Liaison meetings

- a.OVW Newsletter for January-Welsh Govt. requiring T& CCs wishing to obtain a general power of competence to have suitably qualified clerks. Recommended qualification will be Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)
- Welsh Govt. have also put out a consultation on hybrid/multi-location meetings and public participation.
- b. IRPW are considering an increase in Cllr allowances from £150 to £202/year.
- c. HMRC have apparently accepted that the £150/yr. allowance should be tax-free.
- d. PCC Liaison meeting scheduled for 18th Jan. cancelled .Next one is on 2nd March.

14.County Councillors Report.

- a.Former Chief Executive pay off issue-special PCC meeting on 1st February.
- b.H/west High VC School now taken out of special measures.
- c.LDP further delayed (see planning report)
- d. Further Covid grants now available –not believed to be applicable to Village Halls.
- e. PCC have posted information on what is involved in being a councillor-both at County and Community level..

15.Members Requests.

Cllr George Hughes commented on the poor state of road drainage from Lower Freystrop down to Little Milford.

Cllr Esme Utting raised question of replacement Clerk. Chairman said he would prepare advertisement, a job description and application form. to be available shortly.

16.Date of next Meeting 14th February 2022

Close of meeting 8.20pm

These minutes were approved on 14th February 2022

Proposer_____

Seconder _____