BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held at Solva Memorial Hall on Thursday 26th May 2022.

2022/21.

1. Present. Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs A Loch, Cllr M Carter, Cllr Mrs A Morgan, Cllr D E Jones and Sean O’Connor Clerk.

2. Apologies. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence.

3. The new Chairman Cllr J Tierney welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. The clerk confirmed that the minutes of the April 2022 meeting had been properly proposed and seconded prior to the meeting, and had been added to the BCC website. These actions were endorsed at the meeting.

4. The Chairman asked each councillor in turn whether they wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda. There were no declarations.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the April 22 meeting.

5a. Local Elections. The clerk confirmed that there was no community council election required, as the six sitting candidates only, had stood for re-election. There was a county council election however, and the Chairman and all BCC community councillors congratulated Cllr Mark Carter on his re-election to this position. The new Chairman thanked Cllr Carter for his work and help during his two years in office as Chairman of BCC, and praised the way he had modernised our council, with the introduction of Zoom meetings.

The clerk confirmed that we would only have to pay £225 in Election costs, and we await a bill for this from PCC for an uncontested election.

As we had therefore not used the funds earmarked for an election, a discussion took place regarding these surplus funds. It was agreed that as everyone is aware of the surplus, we defer the matter until the November meeting, with a view to reduce our precept request for the next financial year.

5b. Defibrillator project at Trefgarn Owen.

The clerk read out a letter from BT pay phones which confirmed the existing connection. A discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that we move forward with this project. It was proposed by Cllr M Carter and seconded by Mrs A Loch that we contact Welsh Hearts and order the defibrillator, costing £845, and use the existing case we have in place. This was unanimously agreed. Once the purchase is complete Cllr Carter would contact the electrician to arrange connection. Once completed we can then submit a claim for 80% of the cost to PCC under our agreed Enhancing Pembs Grant award.

5c. Defibrillator project at Penycwm.

As in 5b, above, it was felt that we move more swiftly with this project. After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Carter, and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that we purchase the external solar cabinet and case from Welsh Hearts Charity at a cost of £1900.This was unanimously agreed. Once received we can then claim the defibrillator, from Save a Life Cymru, under their community defibrillator Scheme.

A further discussion took place as to where exactly the defibrillator was to be positioned. By kind permission of the landowner Mrs A Morgan it was agreed that it be located next to the existing notice board, with suitable signage placed at the bus stop.

5d.The Clerk advised that he had received a response from Mr Wilfred Bramble the PCC CEO, regarding the internal memo that had been circulating within PCC, regarding eating less meat and dairy products. He advised that he had issued a statement, with copies sent to all county councillors, confirming that this was an internal error, and that he was open and available to speak further, to any councillors or individual that wish to contact him personally regarding this matter.

5e. Cllr Loch advised that she had spoken to the local vicar again regarding our donation to Llanreithan churchyard for the cutting of the grass. It transpired that there was no bank account relevant, and to divert the payment through Llandeloy or Brawdy Church was not possible. It was proposed by Cllr Loch that we forget this donation this year, and she offered to attend to the grass cutting herself. This was unanimously agreed. The clerk would destroy the cheque, and we would look at the position again next year. As Cllr Loch has offered to complete this task, it was suggested that she receive the donation funds herself. She declined the offer.

Correspondence.

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6. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 22/0072/PA. New agricultural building at Castle Villa Farm - Bail 4 Castle Villa Hayscastle Haverfordwest. Cllr Carter produced and shared the details of the application on his lap-top. This was viewed and discussed by councillors and proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr D E Jones that we reply in support of this case. The clerk would respond accordingly.

7. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 22/0077/PA. Extensions and modifications to existing garage at Swn Y Gwynt Llanreithan Mathry Haverfordwest. The Chairman had printed drawings of the plans and presented them to the meeting, for viewing and discussion. It was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that we support this case. This was unanimously agreed and the clerk would reply accordingly.

8. Notification of approval of planning application. Ref No. 21/1263/PA. New silage clamp at Maerdy Penycwm Haverfordwest. Received & Filed.

9. Notification of approval of planning application. Ref No. 21/1147/PA. Davidsons Llandeloy Haverfordwest. Received & Filed.

10. Letter from David Rees landscape architect at PCC. Received & Filed.

11. County councillors monthly update.

Cllr Carter confirmed that he had been re-elected as County Councillor for a further 5 years. He confirmed that there were 25 new councillors, with 3 changes to the cabinet, with two losing their seats at the elections, and one retiring. At the AGM, the leader David Simpson was re-elected. Cllr Carter was elected chairman of the services committee over-viewing scrutiny.  He confirmed that all councillors including the new batch were receiving training.

Other Correspondence.

12. The clerk advised of an offer from OVW of free training places for this year. The clerk would forward the details to all councillors for consideration.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

13. The clerk advised of up to date bank account balances as at 26/5/22 as : Current Account £ 116.87. Deposit Account £ 3920.29,

Election Deposit Account £ 4275. 49. Copies of these balances were issued to councillors.

14. The monthly bank statement had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting, which confirmed the above balances.

15. The clerk’s salary and income tax payments for April appeared on the bank statement. The May payments had not yet been paid.

16. Annual Internal Audit.

The clerk advised that the original audit had been completed, and was with the accountants. The clerk had prepared copies for councillors to view and inspect before the Chairman read out the accounting statement and the annual governance statement. This was all unanimously agreed, and the Chairman and the clerk signed and dated the copy at the meeting under this minute reference number. (22/21/16). Once the original paperwork is available the clerk would arrange collection, and call with the Chairman for a confirmation signature. This would then be sent to the external audit or before the June 30th deadline.

17. The clerk produced an invoice from OVW for £35 for a training session recently undertaken by the Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr D E Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that this be paid.

18. The clerk produced an invoice from Solva Memorial Hall for the hire of the hall amounting to £12.50. It was proposed by Cllr M Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that this be paid.

19. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that the sum of  £2750 be transferred between our accounts to cover the payments agreed at this meeting.

20. The date time and venue was set for our next meeting. It was to be held remotely via Zoom on Monday July 4th at 6.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.