

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council held their Ordinary Monthly Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 16th March 2015 in the Memorial Hall.

Members Present: J Williams, R Davies, M Harries, K Codd, B Morgan, B Johnson, J Gwilt

In attendance: H Smith (Clerk/Treasurer) T Richards (Councillor)

Apologies:

B Homer.

Minutes:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Monday 16th February were accepted as a true record. Proposed B Johnson, seconded B Morgan. All agreed. The Chairman J Williams signed the minutes.

Clerk's report on matters arising from last meeting:

- 1) The hedge has now been trimmed back at Springfield.
- 2) Clerk to contact Emrys as it looks like PCC cut back the tree.
- 3) Milgi was at the Commons at the weekend.
- 4) Clerk had sent out letter to the Fun Day Committee asking for copies of relevant insurances etc.
- 5) The passing place had been done and the play equipment mended and put back. Clerk to chase on the blocked drain.

Declarations of Interest

Brian Morgan declared a prejudicial interest in a planning matter and left the room when it was being discussed.

Planning

14/1050/PA – no objections.

14/1044/PA – no objections.

PCC's Report

The council tax increase will be 5% not 4.5% as previously thought. PCC had hoped to share a NMO with the Fire Authority but this won't happen now.

Secondary education review – Cllr Tom Richards explained what the proposed changes were. At St Davids because of the small number of 6th form pupils it is difficult to provide an adequate curriculum. PCC funds GCSE, Welsh Assembly funds the 6th form on a pro rata basis. To keep the 6th form going funds have been transferred from GCSE to 6th form. When this came out there was a slight change of heart in St Davids. This is also happening in Fishguard.

PCC are trying to get 50% match funding from the Welsh Assembly for 21st century schools. There would be a new school on STP and TM site, but PCC don't own the TM land.

The consultation on reducing school crossing has been cancelled.

There is a new Community Play Park Policy. PCC owns 65 play areas and provides support for 29 others with £500 a year for those they support. This was done with the proviso that communities held up their end of the responsibilities, I.e. inspections etc.

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However this was not being done so the proposal is that there will be a fund of £14,500 a year for communities to bid for that money for repairs etc, with PCC undertaking all inspections to minimise risk. LCC didn't receive the £500 anyway and PCC inspects and repairs.

Finance

£70 quote from Emrys John to moved the rubbish/tree on the Commons. Proposed B Morgan, seconded J Gwilt. R Davies to contact Emrys.

Two bills for November and December for the toilets. Proposed J Gwilt, seconded J Williams.

Correspondence

- 1) PCC letter re civic amenity consultation – contents noted.
- 2) Pembrokeshire Community Energy event – contents noted.
- 3) Secondary school consultation – covered by Cllr T Richards earlier in meeting.
- 4) Letter from Cruse requesting a donation.

Any other business

PCSO Jude Parr came in to talk to the Council about the mural as she now has funding of £900. She asked for any ideas for the mural and would also be speaking to the youth club for ideas from them. The children would help with the mural in the Easter holidays.

Ian Schofield in the Rectory had said there was a lot of dog mess on the Commons. He is happy to pick up the other people's dog mess but would like the CC to buy the bags. Clerk to contact dog warden to come and look around 5-6pm at the Commons.

Items for next agenda

- 1) Letterston toilets
- 2) Ramps for play area at Commons/£14,500 grant.

Meeting closed 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 20 April 2015.