BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the (June) monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Tuesday 5th July 2022.

2022/22

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

2. Apologies. Cllr Mrs G Lawrence.

Guests. Mr Mark Charlton & Mr Ernie Martin. Residents of Llandeloy.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including our guests.

3. The minutes of the AGM 2022 were accepted as a true record and had been correctly proposed and seconded prior to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that they had been added to the website..

4. The minutes of the May 22 monthly meeting had been properly proposed and seconded as a true record prior to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that they had been added to the website.

5. Cllr M Carter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item number 17 on the agenda. There were no other declarations of interest made.

6. The Chairman read out letters from Llandeloy residents Mark Charlton and Ernie Martin regarding the erecting of wooden fencing around the village green in Llandeloy. The letters included photographs which were shown on the shared screens. The Chairman asked each councillor in turn what their views were on the situation. A lengthy discussion took place, as to whether these actions were legal, and it was assumed that the residents, who had erected the fencing, were in the process of claiming the land. Mr Charlton asked for permission to speak, and he advised that he had searched at the Land Registry, and there was no current registration, and that it is not owned by anyone. He stated that it had always been regarded as a village green by local residents. He confirmed that he had evidence that it had been used as a valued community facility, included being used for village barbecues, and it was used by the local children as a play area regularly. Cllr Carter advised that he had spoken to the residents who had erected the fencing, and they were confident that they were proceeding in the right way with the evidence they have. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that we write to PCC asking them to investigate the current position regarding the ownership of this this parcel of land, and if a registration has been submitted, how could it be challenged. The clerk would attend to this, and also include copies of the letters and photographs. The site had also been visited by the Chairman, and he suggested we also contact the highways department at PCC, and ask them to visit the site to assess whether this  was now a safety hazard. It was agreed that this matter be reviewed again at our next meeting in four weeks time.

The Chairman thanked the guests for attending the meeting and advised that we would be in touch once we had a reply from County Hall.

7. Matters arising from the May 2022 meeting.

7a. The clerk confirmed that the defibrillator for Trefgarn Owen had been ordered and paid for, and we are awaiting delivery. Cllr Carter confirmed that he had been in touch with the electrician, and once the defibrillator is received, the connection can commence.

7b. The clerk confirmed that that the external solar cabinet for the Penycwm defibrillator had been ordered and paid for. There was a 5/6 week wait for delivery. The clerk had received confirmation from Save a Life Cymru that once the cabinet was in place they would release the defibrillator.

7c. The clerk advised that we had not yet received anything from PCC requesting payment for the uncontested community council election. It was agreed that we await a payment request from them before proceeding.

7d. Cllr Loch advised that she was experiencing some difficulty gaining access to the churchyard at Llanreithan to cut the grass as agreed. Clllr Carter offered to contact the residents regarding access, and he would contact Cllr Loch once received.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Pembs County Council.

8. Planning Application Consultation Ref No. 22/0132/PA. Construction of a strength and conditioning facility at Cawdor Barracks Brawdy Haverfordwest. A reply in support of this application had been submitted prior to the meeting. This had been properly proposed and seconded and was ratified at the meeting .

9. Temporary road closure at Class 3 road C3052 Llandeloy to Hayscastle Cross on 28/6. Received & Filed.

10. Notification of approval of Planning application. Ref No. 22/0072/PA. New agricultural building at Castle Villa Hayscastle Haverfordwest. Received & Filed.

11. County councillors monthly update.

Cllr Carter confirmed that all of the new PCC Scrutiny committees have now met. He now chairs the Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Members at this committee were asked what they would like to investigate , and  one of the areas being Enforcement of Environmental crime. There is a  dog fouling ban in place, but a better understanding is needed as to how it can be enforced.

He also advised that the planning committee had met, and had approved a new recycling and waste disposal site at the Robeston Milford Haven. This will see massive savings over the coming years, including transport costs. He also confirmed that the amenity site in St Davids will remain open for at least another two years albeit on reduced hours.

A short discussion took place regarding fly-tipping. It was generally agreed that it was again on the increase. Cllr Tierney offered to include this topic on our community information board, for local residents to be watchful and take photographs if where possible to name and shame the culprits.

12. Pembs Coast National Park.

Planning Application Consultation .Ref No.NP/22/0322/S73 Amended Application to NP/21/0629/FUL. Alter to design, and provision of biodiversity enhancements and materials at Seaholm Newgale Haverfordwest. A reply had been sent in support of this application prior to the meeting, which had been properly proposed and seconded. This was ratified at the meeting.

Other Correspondence.

13. The clerk had forwarded Training dates from OVW for July to councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that we had one free place available when needed.

14. The clerk advised that the quarterly OVW area meeting had taken place on 28/6/22. No prior notice had been received. We usually receive a copy of the agenda, plus the minutes of the previous meeting. The clerk would contact OVW regarding this matter.

15. The clerk advised that a two hour debate at the Senedd had taken place on 28/6/22, regarding retaining the A&E department at Withybush Hospital. He supplied the link to councillors should they wish to view it. The Chairman had watched the debate and advised that the decision is in the hands of the Health board and the Welsh Government. Cllr Carter confirmed this, and advised that although PCC were in full support of retaining this facility, it is totally out of their hands. He also advised that there are 5 sites being considered for the new hospital, between Narberth, Whitland and St Clears.

16. The clerk had forwarded the annual community councillors allowance claim form to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors were asked to decide whether they wished to claim this allowance or not by the next meeting. If they decided not to claim it, they should complete and return the opt out form to the clerk before the next meeting.

17. The clerk had forwarded the details of a virtual meeting to discuss the Newgale Adaptation prior to the meeting. Cllr Carter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter. A new earlier start time had been agreed for this meeting being 9am on 8/7/22.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

18. The clerk reported up to date bank account balances as 5/7/22 as Current Account £69.33. Deposit Account £795.32 Election Account. £4275.53. These were issued to councillors prior to the meeting and were confirmed on the shared screen.

19. The monthly bank statement had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting, and this was featured on the shared screen.

20. The clerks monthly salary and income tax payments for May and June were for the standard 16 hours only and were included on the bank statement.

21. The clerk submitted a claim for 4 additional hours worked for completion of the audit and visits to submit and collect the audit from the accountant. This was proposed by Cllr M Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan.

22. Invoices from our accountants LM Griffiths & Co were presented for payment. The bill for the annual audit was for £300 and the bill for the submission of the clerks income tax to HMRC was for £216. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Morgan and seconded by Cllr M Carter that they be paid.

23. The clerk submitted a claim for reimbursement of expenses for the payment April to July 2022. This included travel costs in visiting the accountants. Receipts were attached to the claim which amounted to £90.98, and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that this be paid.

24. It was proposed by Cllr M Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that the sum of £600 be transferred between our accounts to cover the payments agreed at this meeting.

25. The clerk had delivered audit notices to councillors prior to the meeting for inclusion within the village notice boards, which advertised the availability dates and times to view the audit. A copy was also featured on our website.

26. It was agreed that the next monthly meeting be set for Monday August 1st remotely, starting at 7.30 pm.

At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr DE Jones advised that there was a pathway In Treffynnon that had been fenced off. He was not sure whether it was a right of way, and whether it was registered at Land Registry. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting, and prior to the meeting Cllr Jones and Cllr Loch would meet up to check if it showed as a right of way on the PCC map.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.11 pm.