BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting (September) of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on

Monday October 10th 2022.

2022/24.

1. Present. Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs A Morgan, Cllr Mrs A Loch, Cllr M Carter, Cllr D E Jones & Sean O'Connor Clerk. Mr Edward Bowie attended the meeting as a member of the public, and indicated an interest in items 7&14 on the agenda.

2. Apologies. None.

3. Before the meeting started the Chairman read out a tribute to Cllr Mrs Gill Lawrence who recently passed away. Cllr Lawrence had served BCC for over 22 years, and had served as Chairman and Vice Chairman on many occasions. At the end of the tribute he asked the members to observe a 1 minute silence in her memory, which was observed by all.

4. The clerk confirmed that the minutes of the previous meeting (July 22) had been properly proposed and seconded, and had been added to the BCC website.

5. There were no declarations of interest declared for this meeting.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the July 22 meeting.

6a. Cllr Carter provided an update on the defibrillator project at Trefgarn Owen. There was an initial problem with the siting of the case, but it has now been positioned on the back wall opposite the door. The carpenter had been engaged to fit the plywood, and once completed, the electrician would finish off the installation. Once done the final parts including the notice board, book swap, and first aid kit could be added.

Cllr Carter would manage the project and obtain invoices, which could be settled promptly, and then reclaimed via the grant Scheme from PCC.

6b. The clerk confirmed that the solar caddy cabinet had finally been delivered for Penycwm. Once installed the clerk would contact ‘Save a life Cymru’, to arrange the delivery of the defibrillator. Cllr Mrs A Morgan confirmed her permission to site the defibrillator on her land next to the notice board.

6c. The clerk confirmed that he would send a paper copy of the councillors annual allowance claim directly to Cllr Mrs A Morgan for completion and return.

6d. Cllr Loch advised that she was now in a position to attend to the cutting and clearing  of the Llanreithan Churchyard grounds. Cllr Carter would contact the owners for permission, and Cllr Tierney offered to assist.

6e. As agreed at the previous meeting Cllr Tierney had placed details of our footpaths and route signage on our community information page. He confirmed that he had received a tremendous response from the local residents, pledging their support. Cllrs Loch and Tierney agreed to meet and discuss the priorities, and work out an order of preference, before reporting back to PCC.

CORRESPONDENCE.

7. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 22/0454/PA. Temporary siting of 2 residential caravans for 2 years at 1 Cart-tws Bach Treffynnon.

Cllr Carter advised that he had been in touch with the planning department at PCC, and confirmed that this application had been withdrawn. Mr Bowie was advised accordingly.

8. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 22/0476/PA. Steel framed building for storage and distribution with ancillary office (in retrospect) at Bail 4 Castle Villa Llandeloy Haverfordwest. Cllr Carter featured the drawings and photographs of this case on the shared screen, and Cllr Tierney read out the details as there was some concern over the exact location. After a short discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Jones that we support this application.

This was unanimously agreed, and the clerk would respond accordingly.

9. The clerk advised of a training session arranged by the monitoring officer at PCC on the code of conduct, which was due to take place remotely on 26/10. The clerk would send full details to all councillors, and anyone that wished to attend could enroll.

10. Country Councillors monthly update.

Cllr Carter advised of an issue at Planning at PCC, where applications are not being sent to councils, as well as councils not receiving advice of approved and completed applications. The clerk confirmed that this was relevant in our case. Cllr Carter offered to contact PCC to see what the issue is. He also advised that the Overview and scrutiny services committee have been looking at some of the services PCC provide. He advised that at present there are no enforcement officers in place to monitor fly-tipping, dog fouling and littering. There was to be a questionnaire for all county councillors to complete to offer their views and suggestions as to how they saw the enforcement service going forward, with possibly more information of alleged offences from the public. An area close to ours at Newgale beach requires the enforcement of dog bans to maintain the blue flag status. Previously external contractors were used to complete environmental crime enforcement, and had proved unpopular with the public. He also advised that a recent announcement in the annual remuneration package has seen a pay rise granted to county councillors.

Cllr Jones asked whether the rubbish taken to the tip at Rudbaxton is inspected. Cllr Carter advised that this tip was managed by an outside firm, and was nothing to do with PCC anymore, and they were not allowed to accept any type of waste without a license. Cllr Carter advised that if an allegation was to be made, it would need to be more specific, and addressed to NRW and not PCC. He offered to ask the question at PCC and report back to the next meeting.

11. A motion had recently been introduced at PCC preventing pets being offered as prizes. It was agreed that as it does not directly apply to us it be received and filed.

PEMBS COAST NATIONAL PARK.

12. The clerk had issued an invite from PCNP to all councillors to attend their stand at the Pembs County Show in August. Cllrs Loch and Carter confirmed that they had attended. It was agreed that there was a major issue regarding payment on entry to the show,  this year, which needs to be rectified before next year’s event .

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

13. The clerk had issued details of the training dates for October from One Voice Wales prior to the meeting.

14. Details of the issue with the alleged pathway at Treffynnon were read out. Since the last meeting Cllr Jones had received comments from some local residents. It was reported that part of the roadway had recently been taken down and a fence and a clothes line erected. He proposed that the area be reversed to what it was two years ago, as it had always been an open area of land , which provided access to a well, which was much used by villagers. This well is now on private land, and was last used in the 1950's. Cllr Loch advised that this alleged pathway was not on the official map, and offered to speak to Sean Tilling at PCC regarding this. Cllr Carter showed the area on the shared screen and it was agreed that the clerk write to Jim Dunckley at PCC for clarification on this matter. Mr Edward Bowie a local resident was granted permission to speak at the meeting. He advised that his neighbours, the residents at Cartref, had erected the fence and clothes line recently, and they maintained that this pathway had always been part of their property. Mr Bowie advised that for the last seven years, since he had lived there, the pathway had been overgrown with thick bramble. A lengthy discussion took place as to what course of action we should take. It was agreed that the clerk write to PCC to establish the facts, and discuss again at the next meeting, when more information would be available. At this point Mr Bowie thanked councillors for their time and left the meeting.

15. The clerk provided details of an electoral registration campaign to try and encourage every eligible voter to register. Cllr Tierney offered to add this item to our Facebook information page.

16. Following the death of Cllr Lawrence, the community council is now one member short. The vacancy has to be advertised, but after a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that this be left for now, and discussed at our next meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

17. The clerk advised that the quarterly Pembs OVW meeting had been postponed, with no new date issued.

18. Following the death of Queen Elizabeth, the clerk confirmed that the community council had carried out all of it’s' requirements in line with Operation London Bridge. Cllr Carter had attended the service at St David's Cathedral on behalf of BCC, and we had also accepted an offer from Solva CC, to offer all Brawdy CC residents the opportunity to sign a book of condolence at Solva Memorial Hall.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

19. The clerk advised of up to date bank account balances as at 10/10/22 as : Current account £ 35.71, Deposit account £ 2842.81, Election account £ 4275.89.

20. The clerk had forwarded bank statements to councillors prior to the meeting, which confirmed the above balances. These were featured on the shared screen.

21. The clerk's salary and income tax payments for both August and September appeared on the statement, and were for the standard 16 hours only, for each month.

22. The clerk confirmed receipt of our precept payment in August amounting to £2205.

23. The clerk confirmed the reimbursement from PCC of £1042.40, regarding the first tranche of our defibrillator project at Trefgarn Owen from PCC.

24. There were no payments or transfers to be made at this meeting.

At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr Jones reported that several residents had complained that the hedge-bank between the junction to the village and the chapel at Treffynnon was unsafe, following the movement of some large stones. It was confirmed that the hedge is privately owned. Cllr Carter offered to visit the site and take photographs, and refer the matter to Dorian Williams at PCC.

It was proposed that we purchase some coloured hi-Viz vests, suitably labelled 'Brawdy Community Volunteer'. The cost was approximately £55 for 10, vests,  and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Morgan and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that we proceed. These could then be used by any volunteer whilst on any BCC business. Cllr Carter would attend to this.

The time date and venue for our next meeting was provisionally set for Tuesday November 1st remotely at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.