BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting (October) of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Tuesday November 8th 2022.

2022/25.

1. Present. Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs A Loch, Cllr Mrs A Morgan, Cllr M Carter, Cllr D E Jones, Sean O'Connor Clerk and guest Mr Edward Bowie.

2. Apologies. None

3. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting, including a guest Mr Edward Bowie, who was interested in item 5a on the agenda.The clerk confirmed that the minutes of the previous meeting (September 2022) had been correctly proposed and seconded and that they had been added to our website.

4. The Chairman asked each councillor in turn, and there were no declarations of Interest made.

5. Matters arising from the September 22 meeting.

5a. Pathway at Treffynnon. Following the discussion at the  last meeting the clerk read out a response from Mr Jim Dunckley from PCC regarding the pathway at Treffynnon. He confirmed that the strip of land is unregistered land, and that the owners of the adjacent property would have to fence off the area, and enclose the land unchallenged for a period of 12 years, to be able to claim the land. A lengthy discussion took place, as to whether the community council should get further involved in this matter. It was stated that if we did get involved it could prove costly and time consuming. Cllr Jones suggested that the area should be restored to its previous position, and be available for the villagers to use. The Chairman asked for councillors to vote on the matter. The vote was either; (a) We leave the matter for the local residents to sort themselves, and don't have any further involvement, or (b) We pursue the option of registering the land for the community. Cllr Loch, Cllr Carter and Cllr Tierney voted for option (a) and Cllr Jones voted for option (b). Cllr Morgan abstained. Therefore the option (a) was carried by 3 votes to 1. Cllr Jones asked that it be minuted that by proceeding with this option it  may come back to hinder us in the future. At this point Mr Bowie left the meeting.

5b. Defibrillator project at Trefgarn Owen. Cllr Carter provided an update with this project, and advised that the shelving and casing  and some signage is now  in place. The clerk advised  that we had to include bilingual signage as  part of our application. Cllr Carter agreed to attend to this, and also chase the electrician to complete the work.

5c. Defibrillator project at Penycwm. Cllr Carter confirmed that this was all now in place, with the concrete padding and the caddy cabinet installed. The clerk had contacted Save a Life Cymru, who had confirmed that the defibrillator was to be issued shortly. Cllr Morgan was thanked for giving permission to site the defibrillator on her property and Debbie Kimsey thanked for agreeing to be the guardian for the defibrillator. Cllr Carter also advised that the wooden bench at Trefgarn Owen needed attention, and it was agreed that we contact Mr Rhys Nicholas to attend to this.

5d. Cllr Loch advised that there was an issue with the access to the entry to Llanreithan Churchyard. Cllr Carter agreed to visit the property and speak to the residents and report back to the next meeting.

5e. Cllrs Tierney and Loch have agreed to meet up to discuss the priorities with the local footpaths, bridle paths  and the signage. All the details have now been obtained, including a copy of the definitive map. They will report back to the next meeting.

5f. The clerk confirmed that an up to date copy of the code of conduct had been issued to all councillors.

5g. Following the last meeting Cllr Carter had contacted PCC regarding the tip at Rudbaxton. As expected, in their reply they confirm that all enquiries be sent to Natural Resources Wales. The Chairman confirmed that all councillors were  now fully aware of the procedure.

5h. Following the discussion at the last meeting,  Cllr Carter had contacted Dorian Williams at PCC regarding the safety of the hedge - bank at Treffynnon. He had visited the site and in his reply, he advised that in his opinion the hedge-bank was safe,  and he did not consider it as in issue.

5i. The clerk advised that he would contact the electoral department at PCC regarding the procedure to fill the vacancy for a community councillor. Once known he would forward the notices for inclusion in the village notice boards and on our community information page.

Correspondence.

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6. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 22/0454/PA. Temporary siting of 2 residential caravans for 2 years at 1 Cart-tws Bach Treffynnon Haverfordwest. A proposal and a seconder had been received to support this application prior to the meeting. The clerk had responded accordingly and this decision was ratified at the meeting.

7. Planning Application Consultation Ref No 22/0476/PA. Steel framed building for storage and distribution with ancillary office. A proposal and seconder had been received to support this application prior to the meeting. The clerk had responded accordingly and this decision was ratified at the meeting.

8. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 22/0584/PA. Construct detached recreational stables at Caelibar Cart-tws Bach Treffynnon Haverfordwest. Cllr Carter showed the application, plans and drawings on the shared screen, and the case was discussed at length. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Loch, and unanimously agreed that we support this case.The clerk would reply accordingly.

9. Confirmation of approval of Planning application Ref No. 22/0395/PA. Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian at Treiva Llandeloy Haverfordwest. Received and filed.

10. County councillors monthly update. Cllr Carter advised that budget seminars within PCC had taken place. There was a projected shortfall of £26 million. To cover this deficit in full, would need an increase in council tax of 30%to 40%, which is not viable, and would not be supported.  He advised that the shortfall would have to be made up by a possible council tax increase of 5%, together with a reduction in most public services, with some fairly hard decisions to be made between now and the end of the financial Year.

PEMBS COAST NATIONAL PARK.

11. Planning Application Consultation Ref No. NP/22/0632/FUL. Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and replacement with new two storey single family dwelling with integral garage at The Cabin Newgale. The plans and drawings were viewed on the shared screen, and discussed by councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Morgan and seconded by Cllr Carter that we support this case. This was unanimously agreed, and the clerk would reply accordingly.

Other Correspondence

12. The clerk had forwarded details of training sessions available from OVW for November prior to the meeting.

13. A letter had been received regarding the Cycle Tour of Pembrokeshire for 2023, advising that it was to go ahead on Saturday.

 13/5/23. This was acknowledged by the clerk.

14. Cllr Jones advised of overhanging branches near Middle Mill. Cllr Carter offered to contact PCC regarding this matter.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

15. The clerk advised of up to date bank account balances as at 8/11/22 as: £ 28.87, Deposit account £ 2312.94, Election account £ 4276.07. These figures were confirmed on the shared screen.

16. Up to date bank statements for the month of October were shown on the shared screen and confirmed the above balances.

17. The clerk's salary and income tax payments for the standard 16 hours for October were included on the bank statement.

18. Payments made to Rhys Nicholas, for work done at Trefgarn Owen £220 and Penycwm £120 were included on the statement. These payments were ratified at the meeting.

19. The increase in clerk's salary rates for  2022/23 had been agreed by OVW. The new rates for the BCC clerk had seen an increase from £11.67 to £12.67 per hour. These figures were confirmed on the shared screen, and were to be backdated to 1/4/22. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Morgan and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch that we apply this increase. The clerk would contact our accountant to arrange the back dated payment to be included in the November pay. He would also prepare a new contract of employment to include the new hourly rate, to be ratified at the next meeting.

20. There were no other payments or transfers to be actioned at this meeting.

21. The date time and venue for the next monthly meeting was  provisionally set for Monday December 5th remotely at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm.