BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the monthly meeting (January) held remotely on Tuesday February 7th 2023.

2023/26.

1. Present. Cllr J Tierney (Chair) Cllr Mrs A Loch, Cllr Mrs A Morgan, Cllr M Carter, Cllr D E Jones, Cllr W Lawrence, Sean O' Connor Clerk, plus guest, Mr E Bowie, resident of Treffynnon.

2. Apologies. None.

3. The clerk confirmed that the minutes of the November 22 meeting had been properly proposed and seconded, and added to the BCC website.

4. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2023. He introduced and extended a warm welcome to our new community councillor Mr William Lawrence. Cllr Lawrence responded, and stated he was delighted to be invited to apply for the position, and advised that he would endeavour to serve the community in any way he can. The clerk advised that details of the available training plus a copy of the code of conduct would be forwarded to Cllr Lawrence shortly.

5. Cllr Carter advised that he may declare a personal interest in items 16 & 17 depending on the content.

Before continuing with the agenda, the Chairman proposed that we deal with a letter received from O Harries a resident of Treffynnon, and signed and  supported by other local residents. It was regarding the  local pathway asking the council to reconsider their decision made at the October 22 meeting (8/11/22), which was that the community council have no further involvement, and the matter be left to the local residents. A copy of the letter had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting and the clerk read the letter at the meeting. The matter was again discussed at length, and the Chairman asked whether or not the letter contained any new or additional information. Cllr Jones suggested that as the letter was supported by the majority of the village residents, that we consider their request and  attempt to reinstate the pathway. A first move would be to attempt to get the relevant property owners to agree to this, and this could unite the village.

Mr Bowie a resident of Treffynnon, and one of the property owners attended the meeting, and was invited to speak by the Chairman.

He stated that he was at a loss why this matter was being discussed again, and could see no benefit to anybody, in complying to the request. He stated that there was no proof that the content of the letter was true,  that it was a neighbourly dispute, and much of this was heresay. He went on  to say that the letter writer had approached the local residents to sign and support her letter. After another discussion Cllr Carter proposed that Brawdy Community Council should uphold it's decision made in November, and the matter be left to the villagers to resolve, as it was a neighbourly dispute. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A Loch. In a vote it  was supported by the majority, with Cllr J Tierney, Cllr Mrs A Morgan and Cllr W Lawrence voting in favour, and Cllr D E Jones registering an abstention. The clerk would reply to the letter writer accordingly.

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

6a. The invoice for the installation  and reconnection of the electricity supply at the converted kiosk at Trefgarn Owen amounting to £150 was received. It was proposed by Cllr  Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that this be paid. The clerk advised that all that remained  to complete the project was the purchase of a first aid kit. Cllr Carter offered to acquire this, and send the invoice to the clerk for reimbursement. Once this has been completed the clerk would claim the 80% from the Enhancing Pembs Scheme.

6b. It was confirmed that the defibrillator training for Penycwm project had been arranged for Tuesday 28 th February at 6pm at Points-Castle. The Chairman would add these details to our community information page.

6c. Cllr Carter confirmed that the repairs to the bench at Trefgarn Owen had been completed. Cllr Carter would also arrange for Rhys Nicholas to replace the damaged notice board at Llandeloy with the one currently at Trefgarn Owen.

6d. Due to illness, the project regarding the local footpaths and bridle-ways had been delayed. Cllr Tierney and Cllr Loch would arrange to meet, and continue with this project shortly.

Correspondence.

Pembs County Council.

7.Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 22/0896/PA. Erection of timber pre-fabricated single storey granny annexe at White Owl Barn Llandeloy Haverfordwest.

The plans and drawings were featured on the shared screen and were discussed by councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Lawrence that we support this case. This was unanimously agreed, and the clerk would respond accordingly.

8. The clerk advised that application no. 22/0454/PA re Caelibar Cart-tws Bach Treffynnon had been declined. Cllr Carter advised that some of the details had been changed prior to the planning meeting.

9. Confirmation of approval of Planning Application. Ref No. 22/0686/PA. Single storey extension at Davidsons Llandeloy. Received & Filed.

10. Details of the combined

Soup initiative venture between Haverfordwest Town Council and PCC was proving a success and was to be continued. The clerk would forward details to the Chairman for inclusion on or community information page.

11. The clerk advised of 'Operation Nightingale' which was a scheme to assist with the release of patients from hospital, to ease pressure on the NHS. Details had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

12. County Councillors monthly update.

Cllr Carter advised that the settlement funds from the Welsh government  to PCC, was £9 million more than expected. This now left a deficit of £18 million. He advised that budget  discussions were ongoing, with a decision needed by 2/3/23, by which time a balanced budget must be agreed. He advised that some tough decisions needed to be taken to agree a figure, which would also see a loss in services.

He also advised that the multi storey car park scheme in Haverfordwest was continuing. The demolition has started, but when the rebuild tender figure was released an incorrect figure was quoted. This was to be discussed again by the cabinet, and once a firm quote had been received and agreed, this would be released in a more transparent manner.

Other Correspondence.

13. Keep Warm, Keep Well in Pembrokeshire. This was a new campaign across Pembs to support local people during the cost of living crisis. The relevant website address was provided.

14. Training dates for Feb & March had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk would send them to Cllr Lawrence.

15. Unfortunately nobody was able to attend the area OVW meeting in January. The next meeting was due in April.

16. The situation regarding Solva Surgery was discussed. The existing doctor, who also owns the building and the practice wishes to retire. Meetings have taken place, with further meetings arranged. A poster advertising the meetings has been sent via Solva CC and has been featured on our community information page. It was agreed that we proceed with the £100 donation to the surgery, which was agreed at our previous meeting.

17. A letter was received from Bev Phillips from the National Trust, offering to meet to discuss the Newgale Coastal Adaptation project. This was received and filed.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

18. The clerk reported up to date bank account balances as at 7/2/23 as: Current A/c

£273.33. Deposit A/c. £2480.29. Election A/c. £4054.25.

19. The monthly bank statement was featured on the shared screen, which confirmed the monthly transactions, and the above  balances.

20. The clerk's salary payments for December and January were for the standard 16 hours, and featured on the bank statement.

21. The clerk confirmed receipt of the last precept payment of the financial year amounting to £2205.

22. The clerk confirmed that our precept request for 23/24 amounting to £5750 had been submitted to PCC.

23. The Clerk confirmed that the annual  donation cheques had been sent out during January as agreed.

23. The clerk advised that we had received an unqualified report for our annual audit.

24. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Loch and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Morgan that we transfer the sum of £200, to cover the payments agreed at this meeting

25. The date time and venue for our next monthly meeting was set for Thursday March 9th, remotely at 7.30 pm.

At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr Jones advised that during the recent wet weather there was 6 to 9 inches of water on the road at Castell Cwcw Farm and also outside Hollybush Farm. Cllr Carter advised that these areas had been attended to in March 2021, but agreed to report it again, as it obviously needed urgent attention.

Cllr Tierney advised that he had placed details on the Brawdy information page regarding the energy support grant scheme, and the offer from the Water board to register a claim following the recent lack of water.

Cllr Tierney advised that our community information board now had over 600 users. Cllr Carter had been added as an admin officer, and it was agreed that this matter be discussed further at our next meeting, on how it can be better used and developed.

The clerk had forwarded details of two garden parties at Buckingham Palace later this year. A draw was to take place, and the Chairman asked anyone that was interested in applying, to contact the clerk prior to the deadline date of 13/2/23.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.