

NEW MOAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held of Wednesday, the 16th day of November 2022 at 20:00 in New Moat Church

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr H Warlow (Chair), Cllr D Howells, Cllr J Bushell, Cllr E Davies, Cllr M Himsworth, and S Harding (Clerk).

Others - Cllr D Howlett as Pembrokeshire County Council representative.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: NONE**
- 2. DECLARATION OF KNOWN INTERESTS - NONE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES dated 31st August 2022– Decision Approved**
- 4. Update on Notice Boards** - The notice boards had been received and distributed . 1. The YFA had agreed to install the board at the front of their building, 2. The notice board in New Moat would be installed following renovation work being undertaken, 3. Penffordd notice board yet to be installed.
Decision - Noted
- 5. Update on Broadband** - Cllr Howlett and Sue had continued to have zoom calls with Broadway Broadband and Pembrokeshire County Council to discuss the installation project. The provider hoped to start connecting some properties in November with a completion by March 23. Cllr Howlett informed the group that BT was now offering full fibre in Llys-y-fran and some people had joined. **Decision - Sue to circulate a copy of the transcript of the meeting s and maps for information**
- 6. PRECEPT 2023/2024- Decision - As the Community Council still had a credit balance in the bank it was agreed to keep the amount the same as other years at £1000**
- 7. Annual Community Meal** - Sue had received quotes ranging from £15 - 27.95(was 33.95 before discount) per person. Donations have been sort from Broadway Broadband, Velero and MHPA. **Decision - Agreed to hold the Community meal on the 7th January charging £5 per head. Sue to contact the caterer for numbers and circulate list. Previous Clerk to be invited as guest of honour**
- 8. Second Home Premium/Enhancing Pembrokeshire** - Grants are available under 5 criteria 1. Raising overall standards of achievement, 2. Healthy Communities (appropriate housing/social care), 3. Increase productivity and address regeneration issues, 4. Safeguarding our environment, 5. Self sustained and vibrant communities. Sue gave examples of some projects which have received grants and noted that as New Moat area had not applied for any grants the annual figure of £1,400 had accumulated to £7,900 currently being available this year. **Decision - Sue to promote to local organisations such as the YFC and church's to highlight the grant process.**
- 9. Save Withybush Hospital Campaign** - Discussion took place on recent experiences of medical care in the area. **Decision - adopt the model suggested by 'Save Withbush' on the Community Council Website**
- 10. WAG Section 6 Biodiversity and Ecosystem resilience duty** - Sue explained that the Community Council is required to produce a report by the end of the year on actions taken to help maintain and enhance biodiversity. Discussion took place on the increased regulations and requirements on small Community Councils which are becoming onerous. **Decision - Sue to produce a basic report from examples given at the meeting.**

11. Boundary Commission for Wales - The changes are for national elections and are not affecting local elections so New Moat area will remain as part of Pembrokeshire Council. **Decision - Respond by 10/1/23 highlighting that we will potentially be dealing with two MP's one representative in Pembrokeshire and one in Caridigion and Preseli; concern that as New Moat will be on the lower boarder there will not be the same ease of local access to representatives. Most residents in the New Moat area undertake work and activities in the south of the proposed divisional boundary.**

12. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - The draft report suggests a maximum amount to be paid to Members being £156 (equivalent to £3 a week) and an additional amount for consumables £52 a year. Sue had received a questionnaire and members completed it during the meeting. **Decision - Members would not be taking any financial payment for being a Cllr as they did it voluntarily. Sue to complete the survey by 1/12/22**

13. Planning Matters -

- a. Llys Coed, New Moat – single story extension & alteration 22/0250/PA – Conditionally approved- **Noted**
- b. Hermons Hook - Retrospective to return farmhouse back to dwelling and annex to family annex/B&B 22/0500/PA - conditionally approved on 9/11 -**Noted**
- c. Land north of Llys-y-fran for rural enterprise dwelling (agriculture) and associated works 22/0449/PA - **Noted**

14. Correspondence received since last meeting -

- a) Electoral Registration Canvass - forms have been sent out to all households. Law in Wales has changed so foreign citizens, 16/17 year olds can vote in Senedd and local elections. Please communicate and encourage households to complete. - **Noted**
- b) Creative Play. - offer to help with projects for playgrounds in the community and another email from a project manager offering help - **Noted**
- c) Police and Crime Commissioner - Offering to distribute regular email updates - **Not required at present**
- d) Welsh Government funded Defib applications - still available and will consider now closer areas- Llys-y-fran - **Sue to promote to YFC as an application had already been made by New Moat Community Council**
- e) Zurich Insurance now offering Community Council Insurance at £196 compared with current £183.86 (renewal in June) - **Sue to compare when insurance due for renewal**
- f) Training for Cllrs in September/October/Nov/Dec from One Voice Wales - **Noted**
- g) Building Resilient spaces for nature conference 27 October
- h) Welsh Government Social Values awards - nominations by 30 Sept
- i) Annual payments made to members return - **Nil return**
- j) CWBR Youth Newsletter from PLANED
- k) Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the life of Queen Elizabeth II at St David's Cathedral.
- l) Working better together zoom meeting with One Voice Wales 5/9/22

J) 'Its for them' campaign by One Voice WALES - REDUCE MOWING OF VERGES TO ALLOW GRASSES AND WILDFLOWERS TO GROW

k) Pembrokeshire County Council -Participation Strategy workshop

L) PCC Green Infrastructures consultation

M) Swansea University invitation to join CEIC which are building inter organisational communities

N) One Voice Wales - Biodiversity conference 27/10

O) Warm welcome community spaces - grants available

p) Welsh Gov Sustainable Farming Scheme - outline proposal circulated 19/10

Q) Welsh Gov Fuel Support Scheme toolkit highlighting schemes available

R) War memorials workshop in Llanelli 8/11

S) Tour Pembrokeshire sat 13/5/23 - looking for Marshalls etc

T) Innovative Practice Conference 8th Dec 22 - One Voice Wales

U) Parish online - Noted

V) Preseli Cares Launch - group meetings on 5 Dec Also 'Start Something good' workshop on 24/11

W) Council Tax consultation on changes to second homes

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Members wished to recognise the passing of a local resident Nan Warlow aged 94 who had been a very active member of the community and will be fondly remembered. Condolences are sent to her family and friends

15. Notification of any other business for discussion at future meetings

a) Planning Applications access - Members requested some training on accessing the planning application portal.

11. Next Meeting Date - 8pm on the 25 Jan 2023 at Llys-y-fran YFC Hall

Meeting Closed at 21.47