BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Monday 27th April 2023.

1. Present. Cllr Mrs A Loch, Cllr D E Jones, Cllr M Carter, Cllr W Lawrence and Sean O'Connor Clerk.

2. Apologies.

Cllr J Tierney & Cllr Mrs A.Morgan.

In the absence of the chairman Cllr Loch chaired the meeting.

3. There were no declarations of Interest at this meeting.

4. The clerk confirmed that the minutes of the March 2023 meeting had been properly proposed and seconded and added to the BCC website.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the minutes of the March 2023 meeting.

5a. Previously Cllr Carter advised that the matter of the water on the road at Castell Cwcw had been rectified by PCC, by providing signage, as this was their only option. Cllr D E Jones disagreed with this, and after a short discussion Cllr Carter agreed to forward details of the PCC decision to Cllr Jones, who would contact PCC directly. Cllr Jones was also unhappy with the PCC decision regarding not providing suitable signage regarding large Lorries using the B4330 and damaging the hedges on more than one occasion. Again Cllr Carter agreed to forward the contact details to Cllr Jones, who would deal directly with them. Cllr Jones was thanked for his offers to deal with these matters.

5b. Cllr Carter had forwarded photographs of the newly erected notice board at Llandeloy. The key had been given to local resident Emma Robertson, who would look after it on behalf of BCC. Cllr Carter would forward invoices relating to this matter to the clerk for payment. This was unanimously agreed.

5c. The clerk had forwarded a request for community councillors to provide their bank details, in order that their annual payments can be made, as agreed at the last meeting. The clerk had checked with OVW, and advised that Cllr Lawrence was entitled to 25% of the amounts due , as he had served for one quarter of the year.

5d. Following the last meeting, Cllr Carter advised that there was no legal requirement in place for horse owners to clean up after their horses. However if this occurred on a major road it could be an offence, if it was dangerous to other road users. Cllr Carter offered to put a notice on our community information page regarding this, and advise that although it was not always possible, to clean up,  it was polite and courteous to do so.

5e. Councillors were asked to consider any future community projects. Cllr Carter advised that the amount of money in this post was now significantly decreased. It was agreed that although there was nothing urgent and imminent, a defibrillator project at Llandeloy may be the next project. The clerk was advised to keep an eye on any offers that may become available.

Correspondence.

Pembs County Council.

6. Notification of approval of Planning permission. Ref 22/1037/PA . Construction of detached recreational stables at Caelibar Cart-tws Bach Treffynnon Haverfordwest. Received and filed.

7 . Notification of approval of Planning permission. Ref No 22/1064/PA . Variation of condition 1 of Planning application 14/1156/PA. Erection of two dwellings at Caelibar Cart-tws Bach Treffynnon Haverfordwest. Received and filed.

8. Notification of approval of Planning permission. Ref No. 22/0896/PA. Erection of a single storey granny annexe at Treiva Llandeloy Haverfordwest. Received and filed.

9. County Councillors monthly update.

Cllr Carter advised that a full council meeting was scheduled for 10 th May, and the annual council meeting on 11th May. At this annual meeting the new chairman would be installed and a new vice- chairman elected as well as chairs of Planning, licensing and other committees. There is an ongoing proposal of a vote of no confidence in the leader, but this cannot be changed at these meetings. This can only be done as part of the constitution at an EGM, and this has been arranged for May 17th.

There is also a motion in place for the council to reverse their decision regarding level two toilet facilities. At present if there is not an alternative funding stream in place by November 2023 they will be closed. The proposal is to extend this for 18 months, and will be discussed at this meeting, and if successful, would give councillors more time to consider alternative funding. Although none of these toilet facilities are in our area, the facilities at Solva will be affected. It was suggested that the new tourist tax could be a possibility to fund this project.

Other Correspondence.

10. The clerk confirmed that the training dates and topics had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Lawrence had enrolled and attended a course, and he confirmed that it had proved useful. He suggested that a planning course would be the next best option, and once he had selected a suitable date he would inform the clerk accordingly.

11. The clerk advised that OVW were launching a new model of the standing orders for town and community councils. This should be available during May.

12. The clerk advised that our annual Insurance renewal invitation had been received from Zurich. The quote was for £279.17 which was exactly the same as last year. However they were offering a cheaper quote for any council with a precept if less than £30k per anum. We have applied for this and are awaiting a response.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

13. The clerk advised of up to date bank account balances as at 27/4/23 as Current account £ 118.39, Deposit account £ 3641.89, and Election Deposit account £ 4060.80.

14. The clerk had forwarded details of the monthly bank statement prior to the meeting. This was featured on the shared screen and confirmed the above balances, and shows the financial entries for April.

15. The clerk confirmed that the salary and income tax payments for April were for the standard 16 hours only.

16. The clerk confirmed receipt of our first precept payment for the financial year amounting to £ 1918.00.

17. The clerk submitted a claim for reimbursement of expenses for the period January to April 2023 amounting to £67.51. This included receipts. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Loch that this be paid.

18.It was unanimously agreed that we approach Solva CC again this year for use of the memorial hall to conduct our AGM. Cllr Carter provided the clerk with the contact details at Solva, and a date in the week of 22/5 or first week on June would be most acceptable. Once known the clerk would contact all councillors.

The clerk advised of an invitation from the Dyfed Lieutenancy to attend a celebration coronation service at St Davids cathedral on Sunday 7th May. Cllr Loch expressed an interest, and she would reply before the closing date of 3/5/23.

The vice-chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.