BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Monday September 25th 2023.

2023/32.

1. Present. Cllr J Tierney, Cllr M Carter, Cllr D E Jones, Cllr W Lawrence and Sean O'Connor, Clerk.

2. Apologies.

Cllr Mrs A Morgan and Cllr Mrs A Loch.

3. The clerk confirmed that the minutes of the July 2023 meeting had been properly proposed and seconded prior to this meeting, and added to the BCC website.

4. There were no declarations of interest for any item on the agenda.

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

5a. Cllr Jones confirmed that the job to improve the water gathering on the road, by the addition of a soak-away at Hollybush had been completed. It was agreed that an excellent job had been completed. Cllr Jones was thanked for organising this project, and also for allowing the use of his land to complete the job. It was also agreed that the clerk write to Gavin Pritchard at PCC, thanking him for his part in this project. Included in the letter, it was agreed that the clerk remind him of the outstanding work required at Castle Cwcw, between Llandeloy and Castle Villa. Cllr Carter, advised that the most recent contact he had, was that PCC would provide signage, but he would also raise this outstanding case with PCC.

5b. Cllr Carter advised that he had raised the matter of the redirection of large vehicles off the B4330, at County Hall, but had not heard anything as yet. He offered to chase this matter up at County Hall.

5c. Cllr Carter advised that we were struggling to get anybody to complete the job of inserting the seating at the bus stop at Trefgarn Owen. Cllr Tierney had visited the site, and he kindly offered to complete the job himself. He would liaise with Cllr Carter regarding materials. Cllr Tierney also advised, that there was a damaged window within the bus stop. He would take photographs of the damage and forward them to Cllr Carter.

5d. As Cllr Loch was not present, the matter of the footpaths and bridleways was left until the next monthly meeting.

5e. Cllr Carter advised that he had been in touch with the planning department at PCC regarding the “Deep space satellite " project at Brawdy. They had no further information, and Cllr Carter would monitor the situation, and report back as necessary.

Correspondence.

Pembs County Council.

6. Planning Application Consultation. Ref No. 23/9348/PA. Demolition of single storey extension and replacement with 2 storey extension at Swn Y Gwynt Llanreithan Mathry. Due to the timescale between meetings, this case was forwarded to councillors for consideration prior to the meeting. Replies had been received, proposing and seconding support of this case. The clerk had therefore replied to PCC planning dept.  accordingly. These actions were endorsed at the meeting.

7. The clerk had forwarded details of a planning meeting at PCC, regarding the application at Tegfan Trefgarn Owen (23/0305/PA)

on 24/8. As we had already replied in support of this application, it was agreed that we did not need to add anything further. Since that meeting the clerk confirmed that confirmation of approval of this case had been received from PCC.

8. The clerk advised that we had received notification of an installation of a service pipe in Llandeloy close to the hall and the church. It would take only 1 day to complete, on 21/9. Details of this had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting, and there were no objections.

9. Details of the new LDP plan (LDP2) had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. This advised of a new Consultation period. As some councillors had not received this information, the clerk agreed to send it out again.

10. County Councillors monthly report.

Cty Cllr Carter confirmed that the new enforcement company, Envirocrime were now in operation, to manage the littering, dog fouling etc. They were employed on a cost neutral operation basis by PCC, with payment based on their success ratio.

He also advised that budget discussions had started, including council tax, and second home payments and premiums. There was a suggestion being discussed regarding the 182 day rule for letting properties, allowing some exemptions or concessions based on the number of days involved. The empty home levy eligibility may also be reduced depending on whether the property is inhabited at any time. The details were still unclear, and Cllr Carter would find out more information, and report back to the next meeting.

He also advised that PCNP had offered a grant of £111, 000 for 2 years, which will go towards keeping specific  public toilets open. A general discussion took place, and councillors were in agreement that no toilets should be closed, in our area. We are a blue flag tourist site, and closure of these essential facilities does not send a good message to potential visitors. There was also disapproval aired, regarding the recent implementation of the 20 mph speed limit in many of our areas.

Pembs Coast National Park.

11. The clerk had forwarded details of a planning training survey to councillors prior to the meeting. As some councillors had not received this, it would be sent again. Councillors were encouraged to complete the survey.

12. PCNP 70 th anniversary.

To celebrate their 70 th anniversary PCNP were offering also councils the chance to plant 70 new trees in their area. It was agreed that we participate, and the clerk was instructed to contact PCNP, and take them up on their offer. The Chairman would also put these details on our community information page.

Other Correspondence.

13. The training subjects and dates for October from OVW had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. Any councillor interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

14. The clerk had forwarded details of the annual ombudsman’s' report (22/23) to councillors prior to the meeting.

15. The clerk had received an invitation for councillors to the Pembs County Show to attend the ATEB stand. This had been forwarded to councillors prior to the show.

16. The clerk advised that the OVW annual conference had to be cancelled due to lack of attendance. They were hoping to arrange an online version later in the year.

17. The clerk had forwarded details of the Hywel Dda new hospital site further consultation, prior to the meeting. The choice of possible sites had now been reduced to two options, with the Whitland site removed.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

18. The clerk reported up to date bank account balances as at 25/9/23 as: Current Account £39.30, Deposit Account £2922.11 and Election Account £ 4075. 27.

19. The monthly bank statements for August and September were viewed on the shared screen, and confirmed the above balances.

20. The clerks' salary payments and income tax payments for August and September were for the standard 16 hours only. The payments for August were included on the monthly bank statement, with the September payments due later in the week.

21. The clerk confirmed receipt of the second precept payment from PCC amounting to £1916.00.

22. The clerk submitted a claim for reimbursement of expenses for the period May to September 2023. This amounted to £88.70, and included receipts. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Lawrence that this be paid.

23. It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Carter that the sum of £80 be transferred to our current account to cover the payments agreed at this meeting.

24. The date, time and venue for our next meeting was provisionally agreed for Monday 30 th October, remotely at 7.30pm.

A short discussion took place regarding the plans for future meetings. Cllr Carter advised that we had to offer online/virtual meetings, so that local residents could attend if they desired. As the condition of the schoolroom at Trefgarn Owen was declining, it was agreed that, with no apparent alternative, we should stick with virtual meetings for the immediate future.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8 45pm.