# BRAWDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brawdy Community Council held remotely on Tuesday 31st October 2023.

2023/33.

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

2. Apologies. Cllr Mrs A Morgan.

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

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

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

5a. Cllr Carter advised that he had not heard anything further from PCC regarding the outstanding drainage work at Castell Cwcw, between Llandeloy and Castle Villa.

5b. Cllr Carter advised that in a response from Gavin Pritchard at PCC, he advised that they did not consider it necessary to install signage on the B4330, to alter the route of large vehicles, as the frequency was insufficient. The signs would only be advisory, and would generally get ignored. Cllr Jones offered to contact Mr Pritchard to discuss this matter further.

5c. Cllr Tierney confirmed that he would attend to the installation of the seating at the Bus Shelter at Trefgarn Owen this week. He would report back to the next meeting, and would forward a claim for reimbursement, for all materials purchased, directly to the clerk.

5d. Cllr Loch advised that there had not been any progress regarding the signage of the pathways and bridleways. She had contacted Sean Tilling at PCC, but had not had a response.

She offered to chase this up, as now was a good time to carry out this action, as the growth had receded. She would also include the signage of the Roman Road on the outskirts of our parish in her discussion with Mr Tully.

5e. Planning Training survey details included in item 12 below.

5f. Cllr Tierney advised that he had tried to contact Megan Pratt at PCNP, regarding the "70 free trees” without success. He will chase this up, to ascertain what type of tree is available.

Once known he will contact other councillors, and include it on our community information page, as to where to plant them.

Correspondence.

PEMBS COUNTY COUNCIL.

6. Notification received of refusal of planning application for Ref no. 23/0348/PA. Demolition of single storey extension and replacement with proposed two storey side extension at Swn Y Gwynt Llanreithan Mathry. The clerk confirmed that we had replied in support of this application, and some councillors were surprised to see that it had been refused. It was generally agreed that a new application would be received in the future addressing any requirements.

7. Details of the community review and boundary changes for Pembs meeting, had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting. This included a seven-page document, and a consultation period which will run for 8 weeks until mid-December.

8. Cllr Carter advised that during October he had been contacted by local residents regarding water gathering on the road at Rhyd-Y Gele. He had immediately contacted PCC, and the matter was dealt with promptly.

9. The clerk had submitted details of the PCC polling station review, which was to run from, 9/10/23 to 1/12/23. A general discussion took place regarding our local polling station at Trefgarn Owen, and what was its' current condition, and whether or not it was safe. This had been discussed previously, and the possibility of a portacabin considered. Cllr Carter agreed to raise the matter again at County Hall, and the clerk was instructed to write to Julian Harries to ascertain the current condition of the schoolroom, and their plans for its' future use.

10. County Councillors monthly update.

County councillor Carter advised there had been a long full council meeting in October, when the possibility of installing a new bridge at the Riverside in Haverfordwest was discussed. Although 90% of the cost was covered by grant funding, there was still an amount for PCC to pay. A final decision on the tender was yet to be made.

Cllr Carter also advised that a lengthy planning meeting took place, when only five of the eight applications were completed due to the meeting becoming inquorate as it had less than the required number of Councillors present.

Following a recent error with the rent increase of 7.2%, where the residents were not advised in time, a loss of three months’ rent, of nearly £300k was imminent. An outside agency was employed to deal with these advice letters, and instead of giving 2 months’ notice, some residents only received a couple of days. The council are looking into this matter further, as this is not acceptable. The annual budget season was drawing closer, and advice awaited from the Welsh Govt of the amount to be received. There is likely to be a deficit, which is likely to see an increase in council tax, as well as a cut in public services, and a possible amendment to the second home owner council tax payments. He also informed the meeting that there had not been a suitable tender yet received for completion of the multi-storey car park in Haverfordwest. This situation is currently being monitored.

Cllr Carter was asked what was the current situation regarding the refusal of the planning Application at Castle Villa. He advised that the Welsh inspectorate had turned down the appeal. The only way forward is for the applicants to re-apply, addressing the issues and reasons that the case was declined.

Cllr Carter advised that both he and Cllr Tierney had recently attended a meeting regarding the proposed Deep Space programme at Brawdy.

PEMBS COAST NATIONAL PARK.

11. Following the recently completed survey regarding planning training, two sessions had been arranged. The first was an online session on 7/11, with a personal session arranged at Pembroke Dock on 15/11. Anyone interested in attending should enrol online.

Other Correspondence.

12. The clerk had forwarded details of the available training dates and sessions for November and December from OVW.

13. The clerk had forwarded details of an invite from the Police and Crime commissioner to attend the Dyfed Powys Police HQ in Carmarthen. Cllr Lawrence advised that he was going to attend.

14. The clerk had received details of a survey regarding a review of democratic health in town and community councils, which had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. This was received and filed.

15. The clerk confirmed details of the rearranged OVW annual meeting, which would now take place remotely on 8/11/23.

Report of Responsible Finance Officer.

16. The clerk advised of up-to-date bank account balances as at 31/10/23 as: Current Account £36.22, Deposit Account £2424.69, Election Account £4079.02.

These balances were confirmed on the shared screen.

17.. The monthly bank statement had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. This was also featured on the shared screen.

18. The clerks' salary for the month of October was for the standard 16 hours, and featured on the bank statement.

19. There were no outgoings this month, therefore no need to transfer funds.

20. The clerk confirmed that we had received an unqualified report for our annual audit. This report was now available to the public, with a notice featured on our website and also our community information page.

21. The next monthly meeting was provisionally set for Monday 27/11, remotely at 7.30 pm.

At the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr Jones asked whether it would be possible for PCC to attend to an area of flooding in bad weather, due to a burst pipe at an area between Llochmeyler and Trenichol bridge. Cllr Carter would raise the matter with County Hall.

Cllr Carter advised that he had received a request from a local resident of Trefgarn Owen regarding completion of clearance of the land area in the village. This had been passed on to County Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.