

St Florence Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7.30pm, Village Hall St Florence.

(Available in Welsh upon request to the Clerk)

Present : Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Evans, Cllr Adams, Cllr Treherne, Cllr Eardley, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Philips and Cllr Buckmaster.

Also Present: County Councillor Kidney.

Public Participation (limited to 15 minutes) : None

The minutes of the previous meeting on 6th November were reviewed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Morgan this was seconded by Cllr Treherne. Cllr Evans declared an interest in a matter in Finances. An email had been received from a member of the community expressing concerns of a number of large potholes on Eastern Lane, Cllr Kidney informed the council that he would be visiting the village with Mr Rob Thomas of highways in the coming week and would ensure that amongst other areas, Eastern Lane area would be looked at. Cllr Griffiths will also attend that visit. A consultation on The Gambling Act 2005 is taking place and Cllrs were asked to express a view, this will be looked at by Cllr Phillips. An increase in the monthly oil direct debit has come into effect this month raising it to 135.00. Cllrs discussed this and agreed that to heat a building the size of the Village Hall that was a reasonable amount. Unfortunately the timer in the hall does not allow the heating to come on and off more than 4 times a day so this can lead to the heating not always being utilised fully. In the past groups hiring the hall have left the thermostat turned up after they leave the hall therefore using more heat than is needed so it may become necessary to limit access to the thermostat. Insulation in the roof and walls may be an option. During the next meeting they will look into the possibility of renewable energy sources, the Clerk was asked to Agenda this for next meeting. The disabled toilet and bottom corridor is very damp as there is no heating in that end of the building resulting in the skirting boards rotting. All councillors were in favour of having a radiator fixed and the clerk was asked to tender for the work after the Christmas period. After a brief discussion at last month's meeting regarding Emergency Contingency Planning Cllr Griffiths had put together a rough plan of how an Emergency Plan should look. All Councillors will look over this for the next meeting, Cllr Buckmaster pointed out that to build a plan we would need to work closely with the emergency services. It was suggested that in the New Year a public meeting is held with all local groups including the emergency services, all councillors were in favour of this. The Bank Balances were read out by the clerk, the Village Hall account contains 1656.81 as of 14/11/12 and the Community Account 2984.05 as of 13/11/12, the Tracker Account which is to be closed contains 3158.70 as of 30/11/12 that balance will be transferred to the Community account by the next meeting. Invoice payable were Clerks wages and expenses, Andrew Brace window cleaning, Michael Evans Landscapes and Mrs H Pickergill Booking Clerk. There is an outstanding invoice for St Florence Cricket Club for the final contract payment which the clerk is awaiting confirmation on the amount so will carry over to the next meeting. Payment was proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Adams, all councillors were in favour. Cllr Buckmaster requested that the bank balances be printed in the minutes and Cllr Treherne seconded, all councillors were in favour. A cheque for 70.00 was received from the Village Association for payment of work carried out by the [Previous caretaker who left on XXXX \(date\)](#) caretaker on the cupboards in the bar area, the clerk will email thanks to them. No Planning was received. Cllr Kidney reported to the council that he requested the dog wardens to patrol the village area on a more regular basis as requested

last meeting, they will do this. As mentioned earlier in the meeting Mr Rob Thomas of Highways will be present in the village next week, he will look at areas of concern with County Councillor Kidney and Chair of St Florence Council, Cllr Griffiths. The stones in the ford have not yet been fixed due to the high levels of rain. County Councillor Kidney was thanked for his report. Correspondence was received from Pembrokeshire Housing, their annual report. A consultation on Local Government Democracy Wales Bill was received, this will be distributed to councillors in preparation for the next meeting.

- Omission from the minutes of meeting dated 9th October 2012. The minutes of this meeting should also have stated that Mr B Buckmaster has been appointed Caretaker of St Florence Village Hall, he was the only candidate to be put forward. [Further Omission that BB requested in October's meeting that the bank balances be inserted clearly and that a bank reconciliation be presented at each meeting](#)

[Further, it is unhelpful liust cheques in the manner above Hiding cheques paid without amounts at the bottom of the main body of text is unacceptable. Please follow guidance set out in Governance and Accountability for local councils guide 2011](#)

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2013.

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