

## St Florence Community Council

### **Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm, St Florence Village Hall.**

(Available in Welsh upon request to the Clerk)

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

**Also Present:** Mr R Hancock

**Apologises:** County Councillor Kidney

- 1. Public Participation (limited to 15 minutes)** Mr Hancock addressed the council regarding his concerns that he had been questioned on his reasons for leaving the council some months earlier. He had heard some rumours regarding the reasons, the council informed Mr Hancock that they cannot discuss hearsay. It is suggested that the clerk write to Mr Roberts asking if he should wish to make a statement.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012** Cllr Treherne requests the minutes in paragraphs to make easier reading, the clerk will do this in future. Cllr Buckmaster informs the council that we must comply with The Practitioners Guide 2011, Cllr Evans informs him this is not a guide the council has adopted. Cllr Eardley suggested that cash books be adopted for a clearer picture of the finances, Cllr Treherne 2<sup>nd</sup> this. The clerk will work with Cllr Eardley to set this up. Councillors take a vote on the minutes 6 for, 2 against Chair Cllr Griffiths signs and dates the minutes as a true record.
- 3. Declarations of Interests** Councillor Buckmaster informs the council he will declare in Interest when the matter concerned arises.
- 4. Matters Arising**
  - a) **Review of Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.** The council currently follows guidelines from The Ombudsman the Code of Conduct for members of the local authority in Wales. All Councillors have a copy of this. The Clerk handed out copies of the Standing Orders for councillors to look over they would be discussed at a future meeting.
  - b) **Precept.** After lengthy discussions regarding the Precept and the projected outgoings for the next financial year, a vote was taken 1 councillor abstained, all other councillors in favour of freezing the precept at last year's figure of £14,322.00. The Clerk will inform Head of Revenue Services at Pembrokeshire County Council.

- c) **Accounts Review.** The clerk informs councillors that the unaccounted for balance of 1161.10 had been located in an unused and now dormant account, the auditors have been made aware of this. Cllr Treherne enquired if the money could be used for the benefit of the youth in the village as this is originally what the account was for. She was advised it could. She will canvass young people on what they would like to see or do in the village.
- d) **Cleaning of the War Memorial.** Cllr Buckmaster reminds the council of the importance and significance of this memorial and the up keep of it. Cllr Morgan advises that his water facility is available for use, Cllr Treherne will send a risk assessment to the Clerk to enable her team to clean the memorial.
- e) **Plans for works and repairs of the Village Hall inc Renewable Energy** Cllr Buckmaster declares a prejudicial interest and leaves the room. The plan for works in the future put forward by the caretaker is looked at and the council agree multiple works that add up to £400.00 should be agreed by the hall committee before being undertaken. Councillor Buckmaster is asked to re-enter the room. The prospect of solar panels and wind turbines at the village hall were discussed at length, it was suggested that County Councillor Kidney is asked if he is aware of any grants available at the next meeting he attends. Also insulating the walls and roof could be an option to reduce heating bills. A feasibility study would be required, also it would be subject to planning. It was decided to keep this issue on the agenda for further discussion. During this discussion Mr Roberts enters the room and speaks to Mr Hancock, they both leave the room.
- f) **Consultation on the local Government Bill** After all councillors looking at copies, it was found only one item in the bill was applicable to St Florence Community Council, the clerk will feed this back. Mr Hancock re-enters the room.
- g) **Emergency Contingency Plan** It was decided that having a look at Pembrokeshire County Councils Plan would be required to assess what was needed then to adapt that to a community the size of St Florence. A possibility of meeting with the Emergency Planner Officer may be appropriate. This item will carry over to next meeting.

## 5. Finance

- a) The clerk reads out the bank balances of the latest statements received

Current Account	£4936.55 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2012
Village Hall Account	£2016.96 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2012
Tracker Account	£0.00 closed on 30th November 2012

As discussed earlier a bank reconciliation would be brought to meetings once this has been developed and brought up to date with assistance from Cllr Eardley.

b) Invoices Payable

Dyfed Alarms	£576.00
Clerks Expenses	£56.84
	£29.17
JBH Supplies	£47.27
D.Griffiths	£48.30 (for receipts for JRJ framing and Morris Bros)

A long ranging discussion took place and it was decided that the invoices be passed for payment.

**6. Planning**

**12/0857/PA** Change of use from commercial to residential at Lillimoor Farm. After a brief discussion the clerk was asked to comment on this as there being a history of change of usage at this address.

**12/0785/PA** Erection of 3 geodesic domes at Manor House Wildlife and Leisure Park. Cllr Eardley and Buckmaster declare an Interest. No objection from the council.

**7. County Councillors Report.** Apologies from County Councillor Kidney had been received so no report this month.

**8. Correspondence** An email was received from Pembrokeshire South East Energy Group which was read out by the chair. The Urdd Gobaith Cymru and Samaritans sent letters appealing for funds, both were noted.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013