

St Florence Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th March 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 Eardley, Cllr Philips and Cllr Buckmaster.

Apologises: Cllr Treherne, Cllr Morgan.

Also Present: County Councillor Kidney, Mr T Roberts and Mr J Edwards on behalf of St Florence Cricket Club, Joan Bevans and Brian Neale on behalf of Pembrokeshire Auto Grass Club, Mr Hallet, Mr Hancock, Miss Hughes, Mr Hughes, C. Clemson, Mr Hughes.

1. Public Participation (limited to 15 minutes)

- Chair Cllr Griffiths informs the public present that on advice from Mr L Harding, Monitoring Officer at Pembrokeshire County Council public participation is limited to 15 minutes and is a chance for members of the public to bring items to the council's attention. If the item is not on this meeting's agenda it cannot be discussed in full within this meeting but if the council believe the item appropriate it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. If the item brought forward by the public is on the agenda for the current meeting it can be discussed, with the 15 minute time limit being taken into consideration. The Public are not permitted to speak in any other part of the council meeting and if disruption occurs they shall be asked to leave.
- Mr Hughes asks the council what is being done regarding Lorries continually hitting the side of his property. He advised he did ask Cllr Buckmaster to bring this to the council attention some weeks ago and asks the clerk why the item had not been on to agenda before now. The clerk responded to Mr Hughes that is it the council's policy for members of the community to alert the council to matters in their own words and not for councillors to write letters on their behalf. Cllr Evans informs Mr Hughes that they problem had been passed to Pembrokeshire County Council some months ago and they were aware of the situation and were hoping to remove a corner of the Flemish chimney to alleviate the problem but as the monument is part of Cadw this would take some time. Mr Hughes asked how he could get in touch with Cadw and Cllr Evans told him she believed they have an office in Cardiff and their number would be in the directory. The item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss in full.
- Mr Hallett addressed the council informing them he currently cuts the verges in the village from the shop downwards, he is no longer able to do this. The Clerk will agenda the item for the next meeting.
- Joan Bevan and Brian Neale from Pembrokeshire Auto grass Club introduced themselves and state they wish to clear up a few matters which came apparent after the St Florence Community meeting on 2nd August 2012 to discuss the Auto grass planning application number 12/0271/PA. The inform the council the planning application has been deferred

due to a noise check, they go on to say they cannot do a noise check unless a meeting is held, which they can do under the 28 day rule. They wish to give some feedback to the objections given to the planning application. Cllr Griffiths states that the comments were the results of a public meeting not just the council, Mr Neale and Mrs Bevans accept that. They inform the council that there will only be 6 meetings a year not 8 as is stated in the objections and they have the schedule of race meetings to prove this. The objection that Sat Naps would take cars and trailers down very narrow country lanes would be alleviated by the fact that all correspondence to racers would clearly state to follow the main roads. Noise pollution would be kept at a minimum as they intend to put straw bales along the edges of the field. The cars are fully checked at every meeting and all exhausts must face downwards, the cars are 102 decibels, and there would be a maximum of 8 cars per race. They state it is a small club for local people and there wouldn't be 250 cars in attendance as the objections show. Queuing onto the main road wouldn't be any more of an issue then it is at any other time due to the fact the cars will be entering straight into the middle of field and not waiting by the gates. They wish to make the council aware that National Autograss Sports Association Ltd sent in a letter of support to accompany the planning and that the group itself raises and donates a large amount of money for local and national charities and individuals. Their junior drivers start at age 12 and one member won the National Championships and received a letter from Simon Hart MP of Congratulations. The Council informs the member of the AutoGrass club that it may have been of benefit if these facts had accompanied the planning application or had been made known at the time of the public meeting, the member says they were unable to attend that meeting and by coming to this council meeting was the only way of reaching the community. They thanked the council for its time.

- Mr J Edwards of St Florence Cricket Club advises the council that if a tender for maintenance of the Village Playing Field is required they would like to submit one. Mr Edwards is informed that the item is on this meeting's agenda and a tender in writing will be duly considered along with any others that may be received.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 12th February 2013

Cllr Buckmaster advises the council that it states in the minutes he produced a letter from L.Randles this in fact was Cllr Treherne, Cllr Phillips agrees it was Cllr Treherne, the clerk apologises and notes this as an amendment. It states in the minutes that the clerk will inform the PSD that the email sent from Cllr Buckmaster was a personal view and not the view of the council, was not discussed in the meeting but a decision made afterwards, so therefore will not be considered accurate. Cllr Buckmaster would like it noted that there are amendments from October 2012 meeting still outstanding. The reason for the lack of minutes for January's meeting shows as the unacceptable behaviour and constant interruption by Cllr Buckmaster was questioned by Cllr Buckmaster. A vote was taken on the accuracy of these minutes and Cllr Eardley proposes them as a true and accurate record, this was seconded by Cllr Evans, 4 councillors in favour, one objection so the minutes were signed and dated as an accurate and true record by Chair Cllr Griffiths.

3. Declarations of Interests

- Cllr Phillips declares an interest in item 4f Nomination for Governing Body of St Florence Church in Wales VC School
- Cllr Buckmaster informs the council he has a declaration of interest and will declare it when the matter arises.

4. Matters Arising

- a) **Updates on Emergency Contingency Planning** It is agreed to carry over this item for the next agenda when Cllr Treherne is present.
- b) **Update on Young People/Children's Project As** Cllr Treherne is carrying out some research into this it is decided to carry over this item to the next agenda. County Councillor Kidney informs the council that Manorbier and Jameston are also looking into such a project and it is maybe something we could all work together with.
- c) **Update on Film Licence at Village Hall.** Cllr Buckmaster informs the council he has been in contact with Mr D Bentall of the Village Association and that the licence has been renewed by them and is valid until January 2014.
- d) **Proposed Solar Panels and Wind Turbine for Village Hall.** Currently no updates.
- e) **Internet Banking Implications for Community Councils.** The Clerk informs the council that she has sought advice from the monitoring officer and other community council clerks on the possibility and implications of online banking. It is a possibility but not something recommended for Community Councils due to safety and security issues. Cllr Eardley proposed to not adopt internet banking and Cllr Evans seconds this. Cllr Buckmaster abstains, all other councillors in favour.
- f) **Nomination for Governing Body of St Florence Church in Wales School.** Cllr Evans term on the governing body has come to an end and the Governors Support Service has written to ask for a nomination for the next term of office. Cllr Griffiths proposed that Cllr Evans continue in the role of Additional Community Governor as she is the only councillor that speaks fluent welsh. Cllr Adams seconds this, Cllr Buckmaster abstains from voting, Cllr Phillips earlier declared an interest so does not vote, all other councillors in favour. The clerk will write to Governors Support Service with the nomination.
- g) **Maintenance of the Village Playing Field.** It was brought to the council's attention at the last meeting that the St Florence Cricket Club would not be entering the Pembrokeshire League this season, so a decision must be made by the council on what standard the playing field is to be maintained to. Cllr Buckmaster proposed to maintain the pitch to a playing field standard. Cllr Eardley proposed to maintain the pitch to the standard it has been kept in until now, explaining it is a resource for the youth of the village and that the local school use the field for sports day aswell. It would be sensible to keep it to a

standard in which it was playable at short notice for any community group. Cllr Adams seconded Cllr Eardleys proposal and three other councillors were in favour. Cllr Buckmaster abstained from voting. The clerk was asked to put out to tender in the local paper and village notice boards for the same specification as when last tendered.

- h) **CRB Checks for all Councillors.** A discussion on whether all councillors should be CRB checked took place. Cllr Buckmaster informed the council that CRB has been replaced by DBS (Disclosure and Baring Services) since December 2012, this was due to the CRB and the Independent Safe Guarding Authority merging to form a new organisation. It was decided that the matter would carry over to the next meeting when Cllr Treherne was present.
- i) **Auto Grass Race Track.** Cllr Buckmaster declared an interest in this matter and leaves the room. This matter had been discussed at length within public participation and as there were such a number of issues to be discussed Cllr Eardley proposed an open meeting is held this was seconded by Cllr Phillips all councillors in the room were in favour. The clerk will post notices in the village notice boards showing the date and time of the meeting. Cllr Buckmaster re-enters the room.

5. Finances.

- a) **Bank Balances.** The clerk informs the council that she and Cllr Eardley are working hard towards a bank reconciliation to be produced at meetings and that the software has been installed and it's now just a matter of data entry to become up to date. The bank balances are read out from the most recent statements

Community Council of St Florence Account 13/02/2013	£7106.83
Village Hall Account 14/02/2013	£2720.96

- b) **Invoices payable.**

Four invoices were presented for payments which were checked by Cllr Eardley and Buckmaster.

Clerks Expenses January	£42.20
Clerks Exps February	£17.00
Andrew Brace Window Cleaning 7/1/13	£20.00
Andrew Brace Window Cleaning 11/02/13	£20.00

Payment was proposed by Cllr Eardley and seconded by Cllr Adams, all in favour.

The clerk informed the council that she had received confirmation from Pembrokeshire County Council that the St Florence precept had been set at £14322.00. She reiterated this was frozen from last year.

6. Planning.

The clerk informed councils that planning application number **12/0900/PA** Erection of a dwelling on land North West of Trintex, St Florence had been **granted**.

Planning Application number **12/0785/PA** Erection of 3 Geodesic domes at Manor House Wildlife and Leisure Park was also **granted**.

7. County Councillors Kidneys Report.

- The result of the speed line checks had been received and that the speed was in compliance with the limit set. Unfortunately the council believe that the lines had been set up in the wrong location.
- The trees overhanging on Eastern Lane have now been cut back - issue resolved.
- The loose stones in the ford were now repaired - issue resolved.
- There will be a meeting held at New Hedges Village Hall on 26th March at 2pm to discuss the Minor Injury Units.
- County Councillor kidney informs the council Traffic department will be in the village next week, its suggested they could look at Mr Hughes Property as discussed earlier.
- Devonshire Drive will be jetting in the next few days as there has been alot of flooding there recently.
- The council ask County Councillor Kidney to look into cutting the shrubbery in the village.

8. Correspondence.

- **The Local Development Plan Adoption 2012** is available to view at <http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/planning>
- **Cruse Bereavement Care** request for funds – file.
- **Hywel DDA Health Board** A briefing from the Developing our Clinical Services Strategy meeting was looked at by councillors and Cllr Buckmaster informs the council he attended the meeting.
- **Pembrokeshire Coastal Bus Service** are removing the subsidised bus service operating in Pembrokeshire on a Sunday, there is a new timetable accompanying the letter which the clerk will place in the village notice board. The letter states the revised timetable booklet will be printed and distributed in April 2013.
- **Letter from Mrs Hancock on behalf of WI.** The clerk read aloud the letter it stated that the standard inside the village hall was not being kept up. No toilet rolls, rubbish in kitchen, dirty tea towels and items not being put away after use. Good news was the driveway is much cleaner and that was appreciated. The council will ask the booking clerk to remind all hirers of the hall that it must be left in an acceptable manner and the comment would be passed onto the caretaker.
- **Clydau Car Club.** Invitation to an introduction to community transport services. No councillor available to attend.
- **Letter from L.Randles** asking for minutes to be once again published in the Tenby observer. The clerk has obtained copies of all minutes printed in the paper from September 2011 the only month not printed is January 2013, which was discussed in last month's meeting. Should any member of the public wish to view minutes they are available upon application to the clerk, this is also stated on every agenda.
- **PLANED** The most recent newsletter was handed to councillors.

The Meeting closed at 8.34pm

9. Next Meeting Tuesday 2nd April 2013 St Florence Village Hall

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