

## MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at The Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

**Present:** Cllr P Davies (Chairman), Cllr Mrs A Palmer, Cllr H Studley, Cllr J Cole, Cllr Mrs M Jakeway, Cllr Mrs S Hughes, Cllr M Thomas, Cllr S Brown, Cllr Mrs Q Thomas, Cllr Mrs M Baron, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk)

**1. Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Mr & Mrs Hartley.

#### **2. Additional Agenda Items:**

- Proposed changes to comprehensive schooling in Haverfordwest
- One Voice Wales Meeting
- PCC Planning

**3. Minutes of the last meeting** – The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr S Brown and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Hughes.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

- i. Hywel Derwen Sign – Cllr Cole advised that the sign had now been properly secured.
- ii. Merlins Bridge Juniors – Cllr Brown advised members that he had attended the last Welfare Committee meeting but as yet no further progress has been made by the Juniors. He had advised them to progress this matter as soon as possible. There was to be another meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February and it was hoped that some further movements would have been made to further this. It was reiterated by the clerk that after last month's meeting, it was decided that rather than give the money agreed directly to the Merlins Bridge Juniors, that all invoices should be forwarded to the community council for payment.

#### **5. Proposed changes to secondary schooling in Haverfordwest**

Cllr Brown voiced his concerns over proposals to amalgamate Tasker Milward and Sir Thomas Picton on one site at the Sir Thomas Picton ground. It would appear that there are issues surrounding the land at Taskers which may prohibit new building. It had also been proposed to create a Welsh school too. Meetings were scheduled to take place over the coming weeks.

#### **6. Correspondence**

- i. PCC – email advising of proposed temporary road closure along Freemans Way to carry out urgent resurfacing works during April.
- ii. PCC – letter re Registration Services – advising that due to fall in requirements, the outstations for registering births and deaths will no longer be in service and all such registrations will now take place at Cherry Grove in Haverfordwest.
- iii. Planed – 5 yr strategy – noted.
- iv. Information Commissioner's Office – workshop on data protection etc on 24<sup>th</sup> February in Carmarthen.

#### **7. Donations**

There were no donations this month.

#### **8. County Councillor's Report**

The county councillor advised that the potholes at the bottom of Pembroke Road were due to be completed on 1<sup>st</sup> February. She also advised that the County Council is having to make large cuts in services in order to save money. It is not yet clear where these cuts will be made.

**9. Planning**

Applications:

14/0968/PA – Woodbine Farm – new shed. No objections.

**10. Accounts for Payment**

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| HMRC – Clerk’s income tax                         | £35.20  |
| Mrs R Johnson – Clerk’s salary plus postage costs | £140.80 |
| One Voice Wales – annual membership               | £268.00 |
| Paul Davies – reimbursement for hospitality       | £24.73  |
| It was agreed that the above be paid in full.     |         |

**11. Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forum**

The chairman had attended the above which was in relation to the shoreline of Pembrokeshire and how it will be defended in the years to come. The environment is changing and the presentation gave details on how this may affect the local coastline.

**12. One Voice Wales**

The chairman had attended a planning training meeting in relation to new national development framework information.

**13. Any other Business**

- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas queried what was happening in Clay Lanes as there appeared to be works ongoing. She also advised councillors that she had heard some information about the possibility of some housing to be built in Lower Freystrop where a new stone wall was currently being constructed. The clerk said she would check with the county councillor to see if she had any information on this.

**11. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

**Chairman:**.....

**Date:**.....