

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at the
Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge**

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

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs M Jakeway and M Thomas

2. Additional Items to be added to the Agenda:

- i. Welfare Committee
- ii. One Voice Wales

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman.

4. Matters Arising:

Merlins Bridge Juniors – Clerk to chase up a response on this.

5. Correspondence:

- i. OVW – Committee Meeting to be held on 19th April at County Hall.
- ii. Letter from Mr S Hartley – letter read out offering his resignation from the Community Council. Accepted.
- iii. Letter from Mrs A Hartley – letter read out offering her resignation from the Community Council . Accepted.
Clerk to respond to both letters.

6. Donations:

Cllr Mrs Baron asked councillors if consideration would be given to donating towards some beach wheelchairs as part of a new group that has been set up. Mrs Baron was asked to put the request formally in writing together with some costings of the equipment they are looking to acquire.

7. Planning:

Permission: Wind turbine – Dredgeman's Hill

Application: Rose Cottage – closure of current access and creation of new access.

8. County Councillor's Report:

The County Councillor advised members of the new Welsh legislation that had come into force in recent weeks and also advised of a new group to be set up to help disadvantaged children in the community.

9. Financial Accounts:

R Johnson – salary	140.80
HMRC – income tax and NI	35.20

As it was now the end of the financial year, it was agreed that the clerk would send a copy of the accounts to both Cllr Cole and Mrs Thomas for inspection before the May AGM. Any queries or alterations to be directed to the clerk asap.

10. Welfare Committee

Cllr Brown gave an update on recent events concerning the Welfare Committee. An emergency AGM was held on 6th April whereby there were numerous changes to the committee due to several resignations received beforehand. There was now a new chair (S Brown) and new treasurer (J Cole). Fourteen committee members in total. The next meeting is due to be held in May.

11. OVW

Committee meeting was due to be held on 19th April at County Hall. Two volunteers were requested to attend meeting in May (date and time to be clarified). Cllrs Brown and Mrs Palmer agreed. This meeting would discuss the Draft External Audit Guidance 2015/2016.

12. Councillor Vacancies

Nick Stamp had been asked if he wished to restand as councillor. If so, he would have to submit his application in writing. The clerk provided some posters to be displayed in the locality.

13. Commemorative Coins for Queen’s 90th Birthday

It was agreed not to purchase any coins.

14. Meeting Times

After discussion, it was agreed to alter the start time of the meetings to 7.00pm with effect from May 2016 meeting. The clerk made a request to defer the May meeting by one week to the 18th May which was agreed.

15. Any Other Business

HS queried what was going on at the Priory Ruins. Enquiries to be made by JC as to ownership of this land. MB advised members of the annual dog show at De Clare Court which will be held on 18th June. Poster to be brought to the next meeting.

16. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting (including both the Annual General Meeting and the Monthly Meeting) will be held on **Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Merlin’s Bridge.**

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Signed:.....Chair

Date:.....