

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 26th April, 2017

- Present:** Cllrs Derek Jones, Alun Williams, Nia Phillips, Iain Wood; Peter Horton (Clerk).
- Apologies:** C'llrs Laurence Price, Scott Sinclair, Paddy McNamara, Michael Pettit, John Mathias; County Councillor Rob. Summons.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by the vice-Chairman, C'lr Nia Phillips.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Minutes of March monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr Nia Phillips, seconder C'lr Iain Wood).

Matters Arising

Hill Mountain footpath. C'lr Alun Williams mentioned the work undertaken, and felt that it would not be of any long term benefit, because the footpath is set below the surrounding ground and road level. Clerk to write again to P.C.C. raising the issue as a health and safety concern. Letter to suggest that raising the path to at or above road level is viewed as the only viable solution.

May meeting / A.G.M. Members tentatively agreed for the meeting to take place on 17th May. Clerk to check hall availability and confirm by email.

Planning

Applications

16/1304/PA (The Rafters, Ashdale Lane, LLANGWM, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4NU - Detached dwelling) – Concern over construction traffic access / parking, with request for off road parking to be made available during the construction phase. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Correspondence

- 1) F.B. Fisher Associates – Request for formal confirmation of support for proposed sewer works on Houghton Common – Clerk to reply providing the support requested, subject to completion of promised works to playing field, and completion of proper formal application to the Welsh Assembly.
- 2) Auditor General – Information on priorities for audits over coming few years – noted.
- 3) P.C.N.P.A. – Consultation on Welsh Language Strategy 2017-22 – noted.
- 4) P.C.C. – Minutes of autumn meeting of Cleddau Reach Governing Body – noted.
- 5) Summons Construction – letter re. bridle path access - noted.

Accounts

Payments

One Stop Property Development (work to Sardis Bus shelter and pond clearance Church Road)
: £690-00

Income

P.C.C. (Precept, first instalment) : £2466-00

Standing of accounts

The Clerk confirmed that as of April 1st the standing of the Community Council accounts was as follows :

Balance brought forward to April 2016 : £10426-58

Total expenditure during year to March 31st 2017 : £15394-15

Total income during year to March 31st 2017 : £13855-65

Balance carried forward to April 2017 : £ 8888-08

The above items were agreed by Members (proposer C’llr Derek Jones, seconder C’llr Iain Wood).

Discussion of works needed on playing field

Members were informed that C’llr Paddy McNamara had chased up the promised work on the playing field, and work should start soon. Progress had been delayed by waterlogged conditions.

Discussion of development over Houghton Common

The contractors had informed C’llr Paddy McNamara that work on the bat house was nearly completed. Item to be placed on May agenda for any necessary discussion.

Discussion of progress on bus shelter maintenance

The clearance work around the Sardis shelter had now been done. Matter to be placed on May agenda, to allow full discussion.

Discussion of possible bus shelter provision at Burton Ferry

C’llr Iain Wood mentioned that it was just a bus stop that was required, not necessarily a bus shelter. P.C.C. had indicated that they would probably put a formal stop there if requested, but would not pay for the physical works associated with this. Clerk to write to P.C.C. requesting a formal bus stop on main road near the Barnlake junction.

Discussion of replacement of information board at Houghton Green

Matter to be re-agendad for discussion in May.

Discussion of pond maintenance, Church Road

It was confirmed that the W.I. own the bench, and were due to discuss needed maintenance of this at their next meeting. C’llr John Mathias had offered to weed-kill the grass. C’llr Alun Williams expressed concern that the Community Council should not end up in a situation of taking over responsibility for maintenance of the whole area. Clerk to ask C’llr John Mathias to go ahead with weed-killing of the grass area, and re-agenda for any further discussion needed in May.

Discussion of provision of suitable commemorative plaque or similar for Terry Morgan

Members were informed that Pat Morgan was keen for a plaque to be placed on the bench in memory of Terry. Members felt that an overall consensus was required for this, with more members present. Matter to be placed on May agenda for further discussion.

Any other business

Min yr afon. The Clerk had carried out a Land Registry search, which had confirmed that public access exists to the well. Clerk to ask for a planning enforcement investigation into the conservatory, as it had been suggested that it may be unauthorised.

Noticeboard at Bowlings Corner. C’llr Derek Jones mentioned difficulties with operating the locks. C’llr Iain Wood offered to have a look at the locks. Clerk to get six new keys cut for the noticeboards prior to the next meeting.

Burton Jubilee Hall Committee. C’llr Nia Phillips informed Members that she had now stepped down from the committee. She also informed Members that mention had been made at the most recent meeting of the deeds for the hall. It had been suggested that perhaps C’llr Iain Wood might have some useful information concerning this. C’llr Wood confirmed that he did have some documentation, would look through it and pass on any documents that might be of use.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 7-50pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 17th May 2017, 7pm, to commence with the 2017 A.G.M.