**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, December 5th 2017 at 8:00p.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs, BJ Harries, John Price, M Bateman, PCC., Peter James Barrie Griffiths and Gerallt Miles

**Apologies:** Cllr. TC Griffiths due to ill health.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 7th November 2017 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** A response had been received from Mr Karl Williams, Project Planner for PCC informing this Council that the request to sweep the roads / pavements has been passed on to the Supervisor, Ken Richards, and he will get it sorted in the next couple of weeks.

An email was read out from Head of Delivery and Operations for the Welsh Assembly, with regards to the request for bollards to be placed on Sealyham Crossroads to prevent Farm Machinery crossing the grass verge. Mr Colin Jones states that there are no plans to install bollards in the verge at the present time. However, he has asked their Agent to speak to the farmer regarding this matter and request that the issue is brought to the attention of the drivers of the slurry wagons.

**PAYE:** Cllr Barrie Griffiths, had spoken to HMRC who informs him that because the Clerk is on the Lower Earnings Level, i.e. less than £112:00/per month, then there is no need for the Community Council to operate PAYE

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman informed the Council that PCC budgets would be very tight for the next couple of years with a possible rise in Council Tax of up to 12.5%.

A lengthy discussion took place with regards to a number of issues that are being discussed at County level. The main concern was the suggested increase of 12½% increase in Council Tax. Even with this increase it will still be below the Welsh National Average of Council Tax. Whatever happens it is going to affect everybody. If PCC do not increase the Council Tax substantially, then services in the County will suffer.

With regards to Farm Estates, Cllr Bateman responded to issues raised by Cllr Bryn Harries.

The discussions on the site of the new Haverfordwest School have been deferred for 6 months. The names of the two new schools in the town will be discussed in the Cabinet meeting in the New Year.

**Finances:** Notification was received fro te Welsh Government, giving indication that for the financial year 2018 / 2019 the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137 increases from £7:57 to £7:86 per elector.

It was agreed to make a donation of £40:00 (**Forty Pounds**) to the Royal British Legion for 2 Poppy Wreaths that were laid on Remembrance week end.

**2018/19 Budget Requirement:** The Clerk presented the up to date budget, and reported that the accounts, with minor changes were on course for the end of year balance. There will be an approximate balance of £2896:00 at the end of the financial year, thus keeping a small reserve for unforeseen expenditures. In light of this, and after some discussion it was resolved by all present to set a precept sum of £3350:00 for 2018 / 2019.

**Planning Applications:** It was noted that Partial Approval and Refusal of non-Material Amendment for application no. 17/0720/NM at the Graylyns, Letterston.

**Defibrillator:** The Clerk reported that within a few weeks and by word of mouth only, the sum of money promised and already raised has exceeded the target, and hopefully with some further determination and a few fund raising events then a second device could be purchased for the village.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence was received and noted:-

[a] Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys Police with regards to the 2018 / 2019 launch of the Police Precept Public Consultation.

[b] Pembrokeshire County Council, seeking the views of the public on the proposed implementation of new satellite based instrument approach procedures at Haverfordwest Aerodrome. The implementation project has been enabled through European funding from the European Agency, and is being co-ordinated in the UK by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and aviation consultancy Helios in partnership with Haverfordwest Aerodrome.

[c] James Anderson, Associate Director of Pembrokeshire Housing Association, Mill Bay Homes, Swangate Developments and Premier Inn Hotels, who are applying for planning permission for development on land west of Glasfryn Lane, St. Davids. (There were no adverse comments to the project. There are pluses and minuses for such a development.)

[d] Mr Alan Dearing requesting the support of the Council that in light of the increase of horse riders using the Danbarch Road, to create passing spaces for cars using this road.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 8:00p.m.