**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 8:00p.m.

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs. TC Griffiths due to ill health and Gerallt Miles due to work commitment.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 5th December 2017 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** In response to the matter raised by Mr Alan Dearing, Mr Darren Thomas, Head of Highways PCC responds as follows:- “It is a single track unclassified road and there is no obvious indication of higher than average equestrian usage (if there were we could consider warning signs.) Nothing could be seen out of the usual with the overall layout and it was not possible to identify any “blind bends” or any sections of verge that could be removed to improve visibility or carry out widening. In conclusion, we have considered this request, but have no plans for any work in this location.”

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman mentioned that there are a number of consultations being carried out at the moment. These include School Admissions, Budgets and Council Tax, Waste and Recycling, Airspace Change Proposal by Haverfordwest Aerodrome. If anyone wants to respond to the consultations then they can do so on line. Cllr Bateman also mentioned that the names of the 2 new Schools in Haverfordwest have now been decided upon - Ysgol Caer Elen for the new Welsh medium (3-16) school and Haverfordwest High VC School for the English medium 11 to 19 school.

**Finances:** The Clerk reported that £1083:00 which is the 3rd Payment of the Precept has now been paid via BACS into the Bank Account.

The Clerk informed Members that the accounts are on track, and were within precepted amounts for the current year.

**Precept Requirement 2018/19:** A letter was read out from Jon Haswell, Direcrtor of Finance for PCC regarding Budget Reductions and Medium Term Financial Plan. Mr Haswell outlines proposals to recharge all costs incurred by a Returning Officer in relation to the holding of an election for a Community Councillor. Based on County / Community Council Elections held in May 2017 the potential cost to the Community Council if contested could be in excess of £5000 per election although this was by no means clear. After discussion it was agreed to increase the precept requirement by an extra £500:00 on top of the £100:00 already agreed in the previous meeting to £3850:00 for 2018/19 in order to start a community fund which would accumulate over the next 4 years.

**Defibrillator:** The Clerk reported that the money for the Defibrillator was still coming in, which is now well on the way to purchase a second device for the village.

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

Darren Thomas, Head of Highways and Construction notifying the Council of a Temporary Road Closure on the Unclassified road from Wolfscastle towards Llety Danbarch, from Wednesday, 14th February 2018 for 3 days to carry out Telegraph Pole replacement works.

**AOB:** The following issue was brought to the attention of the meeting and need addressing as soon as it is practicable:-

[a] Cllr BJ Harries, brought to the attention number of potholes in the area that need filling in - Sealyham Crossroads towards Sealyham. Also near Broadmoor Farm on the Welsh Hook Road. It is noted also the very poor condition of the road from the A40 (T) towards Glancleddau, Wolfscastle.

Concern was expressed at the excessive amount of farm machinery that are travelling the roads, causing damage to hedgerows and verges throughout the community, and resulting in further damage caused to the roads in the area.

[b] Cllr M Barrie Griffiths mentioned the drains that need clearing of silt and debris on the bottom of Treffgarne Hill and the entrance to Meadow Park.

[c] Cllr Michelle Bateman brought to the attention of the meeting the Farm Machinery that are travelling on the Welsh Hook to Tycant Road, again causing distress and concern for other road users coming in the opposite direction. However, Cllr Peter James mentioned that the drivers are already operating a ‘one way system’, around Trerhos, and that very little else could be done to alleviate the problem.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 6th February 2018 at 8:00p.m.

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