

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

Present: Cllrs Hilliard Studley (Chair), Mrs Queenie Thomas, Mrs Alison Palmer, John Cole, Paul Davies, Nick Stamp, Ms Janice Morgan, Grant Lewis and Mrs R Johnson (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Sylvia Hughes, Mrs Mary Owen, Richard Thomas

2. Additional Agenda Items:

- Course Attendance
- Precept

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising:

- St Mark's School visit – this went well. The smartboard was an excellent tool for the school.
- School Crossing – Darren Thomas had responded to the clerk's email advising that the relevant officer would be spoken to and possible traffic calming methods investigated. There was concern in general about the consequences of budget cuts and implications involved in the community council possibly taking on more responsibility for such things as grass cutting etc.
- LDP – Cllr Stamp advised that he and Cllr Mrs Palmer had attended some sessions at PCC and that this was an ongoing issue. WAG also involved. More information was due to be sent out January/February 2018.
- Remembrance Day – the service was very well attended.
- Christmas Event – the event had gone well but there was some confusion over catering arrangements at the Village Hall. For future reference it was agreed that MBCC would contact the Emmanuel Church asking if they would be willing to organise the event at the village hall to include any drinks/food. The Welfare Committee would ensure the hall was available and MBCC would pay for chocolates/sweets for the children. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to John Welsby for all the work put in.

5. Correspondence:

- Poppy Appeal – letter of thanks for the donation made.
- Allan Thomas – Allan had informed the clerk and submitted a letter advising that he would no longer be able to serve as a community councillor due to other commitments and therefore handed in his resignation. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr Thomas and also an advert be displayed in the community for the vacancy. Closing date end January 2018.

6. Donations:

- St Mark's School – a letter was submitted asking for a donation towards the school pantomime trip. It was agreed that a donation of £225.00 be made.
- Ambulance Services Union – request for a donation. Noted.

- Emmanuel Church – it was agreed after discussion that a donation of £300.00 would be sent to the Emmanuel Church as thanks for the works they do in the community and costs of food/drink for the Carols around the Tree event.
- Joe Richards, Trumpeter – it was agreed to send Joe a donation of £25.00 for attending the Remembrance Day Service as thanks.

7. Planning

17/0766/PA – FRAME – change of use for storage buildings to include café, office space etc – no objections.

8. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Cole advised that the preferred new school site for Haverfordwest was currently Sir Thomas Picton. There was to be a meeting the next day to discuss recycling issues in the community.

9. Financial

R Johnson – salary for November/expenses	£206.74
HMRC – Income Tax and NI for Clerk	£37.44
Joe Richards – trumpeter donation	£25.00
John Cole – Christmas Trees for community	£660.00
John Cole – Reimbursement for chocolates for children	£21.00
Wales Audit Office – auditors fee	£254.25
St Mark's School – donation towards school trip	£225.00
Emmanuel Church – donation	£300.00
Total	1729.43

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

Current account balance	£17920.40
Precept Payment	£3334.00
Total	£21254.40
Deposit account balance	£8062.91

10. Flower Barrels

Cllr Lewis kindly agreed to oversee the re-planting of the flower barrels – costs to be reimbursed by the Community Council.

11. Bus Shelter

No further information on this at present. Item to be removed from the agenda until more information available.

12. Youth Council

January agenda item.

13. Defibrillators

Cllr Cole advised that FRAME would be happy to have a defibrillator on/in their building. Cllr Cole to send information through to the clerk with the possibility of inviting Cariad to the February meeting.

14. Proposed Changes to Household Waste and Recycling.

This had been previously discussed and will be raised at the January Meeting.

15. AOB

- Agenda item for January – Way forward for Council
- Agenda item for January – Loneliness in the Community

16. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....