

## MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

**Present:** Cllrs Hilliard Studley (Chair), Mrs Alison Palmer, John Cole, Paul Davies, Nick Stamp, Ms Janice Morgan, Grant Lewis, Richard Thomas and Mrs R Johnson (Clerk). Also present Jessica Massey (member of the public).

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

**2. Additional Agenda Items:**

- OVW/PALC

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting** – The minutes had one small amendment to show Clerk's salary as for November not September – after this was amended the minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising:**

- School Crossing – the clerk had received no further information from Darren Thomas. Cllr Cole agreed to speak to Mr Thomas and Mrs Cale to arrange a site visit to discuss how to go forward.
- Flower Barrels – Cllr Lewis had kindly emptied and redone two of the flower barrels with new flowers etc.

**5. Correspondence:**

- OVW – notification of Pembrokeshire Area Committee Meeting on 26.1.18 at 7.00pm.
- St Mark's School – letter of thanks for recent donation towards theatre trip.
- PCC – Letter re proposed charges to be introduced for contested elections in future.
- Dyfed Powys Police – Community Resilience Guidance.
- Planning Laws for Wales Consultation – responses by 1.3.18.
- Remote Choir – notice. Noted.
- OVW – training scheduled for January to July 2018.

**6. Donations:**

No donations for consideration.

**7. Planning**

17/0941/PA – 57-59 St Issells Avenue, Merlin's Bridge – change of use to residential care.

Cllr Lewis declared an interest as a neighbour.

Councillors voiced concerns over the proposals for change of use for residents on the Autistic Spectrum. Queries were raised over the level of care required and the suitability of this location for such a residence. Highways issues

were also raised as a difficulty in an already crowded/busy part of the locality. Concern was raised over how such a facility might affect local residents/ house prices etc.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Mike Harries of PCC to ask him to arrange a meeting with Cllr Davies and any other councillors who were able to meet for a site visit to discuss the concerns over the highways issues.

#### **8. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Cole commented on fly-tipping in Clay Lanes. Also the lights had not been working at the roundabout earlier in the month. He also voiced his concern over one resident who was continually leaving large quantities of black bin bags on the street in between collection days. Councillors were also advised that at least 12 Syrian refugee families were to be accepted into the community.

#### **9. Financial**

R Johnson – salary for September/expenses	£169.76
HMRC – Income Tax and NI for Clerk	£37.44
Grant Lewis – reimbursement for plants for barrels	£16.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>£223.47</b>

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

Current account balance	£19524.97
Deposit account balance	£8062.91

#### **10. Youth Council**

Combined with agenda item Way Forward for the Council

#### **11. Proposed Changes to Household Waste and Recycling.**

Cllr Cole voiced concerns over the cost/efficiency of current recycling/waste service in Pembrokeshire. Three weekly collections are scheduled to commence at some point. Fly tipping is on the increase in the community.

#### **12. Way Forward for the Community Council**

This agenda item included Youth Council and Loneliness in the Community.

Cllr Davies provided a list of potential sub-committees which may be of use to the Community Council and included:

- Planning
- Financial
- Data Protection
- Elderly & Youth Plan
- Guidance Team

Cllr Janice Morgan commented on the issue of loneliness and isolation in the community and hoped that something could be done in the near future to help those affected. It was felt important to get an idea from residents what would be needed. It was agreed to list this item on the agenda for February.

**13. One Voice Wales**

CLRs Davies and Stamp had attended a meeting at St Clears which had been well attended. Questions had been asked about how to move forward and what councils wanted from the WAG. Communication between OVW and WAG was felt to be important. PALC would cease to exist as from the end of January. Charter had been accepted by PCC and guidance was sought on how PCC and Community Councils could best communicate/interact with each other.

**14. AOB**

- Cllr Studley commented on the smells on the bypass.

**15. Date of the Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge.**

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

**Signed:**.....

**Date:**.....