

St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary's Out Liberty Community Council held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at New Hedges Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Brace (Chairman), J Preston (County Councillor), D Mitchell and H Rawson Humphries

In attendance: Melanie Priestley - Clerk

Prior to the meeting starting Mr Daniel O'Hanlon made his declaration to St Mary Out Liberty Community Council as a Councillor.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Nash

2. **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Brace, on behalf of all Councillors, welcomed Cllr O'Hanlon onto the Council.

Cllr Brace reported again that the manhole cover, belonging to Welsh Water, although there was some works carried out lately the cover itself is still rattling and making a noise when cars pass over it. This is most disturbing during Sunday services in St Anne's Church. Cllr Preston advised the Council that he would once again look into this matter.

3. **Declaration of Interest** - To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below. Members are requested to identify the nature of the interest and indicate whether it is personal or prejudicial.

Councillors will declare interests as and when they see fit.

4. **To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 13th March 2018**

Cllr Mitchel proposed that these minutes be a true record of the meeting; Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes - Information Only**

None

6. **Presentation of Accounts and Invoices for Payment**

Invoices presented for payment:

M Priestley	Salary	£153.73
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Cllr Rawson Humphries proposed that these records are a true representation of the Council's accounts and that payment of invoices presented should be made; Cllr Preston seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Cllr Brace proposed that Mr Scourfield from Lamphey be appointed, once again, to conduct an internal Audit of St Mary Out Liberty's accounts; Cllr Preston seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement. The Clerk to contact Mr Scourfield and arrange such.

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7. Planning Applications Received

Pembrokeshire County Council – Tegside (Re submission of plans)

The Council originally supported this application and could see no reason not to support it on the re submission.

Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks Planning Authority – Heathfield – Skylight

The Council could see no reasons not to support this planning application.

Cllr Nash arrived

8. Licensing Application(s) Received

None

9. Consideration of Correspondence Received

Email received regarding the dog walking on the playing field despite signage stating 'No Dogs Allowed'.

The Council discussed this matter stating that it is a definite problem on a Wednesday when the Car Boot Sales are taking place and persons (known to the Council) blatantly ignore the signs and requests from others to remove their dogs.

Letter from One Voice Wales- Request for this years nominated representative. Cllr Rawson Humphries confirmed that he would be willing to represent St Mary Out Liberty Community Council again this year.

10. Reports from Councillors Representing Committees Including County Councillor's Report

County Councillor - Jon Preston

Due to the number of queries I have received regarding the new refuse collections service I have had a meeting with the cabinet member for Environment who has provided me with the following update: The current bin Lorries that we have will be coming to the end of their service life during 2019. Pembrokeshire will be developing a kerbside collection system where there will be an enhanced WEEKLY recycling collection service where more plastic / tetra pots and drinks cartons along with the glass collection going weekly.

There will also be a new free separate nappy and adult absorption collection available. More information will be available about what goes into which bin closer to the launch in 2019. The weekly food waste collection will remain.

With less in the black bags these will then be collected every three weeks. I think it is fair to say most people wish to see less sent to landfill and more materials recycled. The bulky waste collection service is currently £40 for 10 items and this will be REDUCED to £20 for 10 items. If they so wish, neighbours can arrange for several households to work together on one collection of £2 per bulky item.

There will also be six additional staff recruited and tasked with educating households and communities about the new scheme and how to recycle effectively. There will be a focus

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on enhanced enforcements and fines for people who fly tip and leave or discard dog mess along with the monitoring cars and other vehicles that throw rubbish on the roadside. This is a positive step; however enforcing this could still be a challenge.

There are new recycling targets being introduced by Welsh Government in 2019/2020 and all councils have to reach 64% recycling levels. If this level is not met there will be a fine of £200 per tonne, and in Pembrokeshire that will be £140,000 per 1%. We are currently below the target.

Revenue raised from second homes council tax will shortly be available for community groups to apply for.

On Tuesday 27th March the cabinet member for finance Cllr. Bob Kilmister made a presentation to Tenby Town Council in regard to how this funding stream will work. As previously reported revenue raised will be divided in to two main areas. One will be a community fund and the other will be ring fenced to tackle the negative effects of second homes within Pembrokeshire communities.

As I understand it the total amount available for the New Hedges community is £3000. Tenby having the largest proportion of second homes in Pembrokeshire will have over £80'000 worth of revenue made available to apply for community projects. Documentation to make applications is currently being translated and will be available for community groups to make applications in due course. Decisions to approve will be made by a cabinet sub committee made up of three elected members and two council officers. For more information please contact Sinead at

enhancing.pembrokeshire@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

I've been asked by PCC's Development Plans and Conservation Manager to promote the opportunity in our community to put forward candidate sites for consideration in the Local Development Plan (LDP) for Pembrokeshire County Council. PCC will be contacting those who have expressed an interest in the LDP and will also be publicising the call for candidate sites which will include press releases. More information is available on the County Councils website. The deadline for submitting candidate sites is Thursday 14th June at 5pm.

Cllr Cllr Mitchell – On Behalf of New Hedges Village Hall

Cllr Mitchell reported that the car boot sales have commenced for this year and are attended well.

11. Agenda Items:

a) Community Council Grounds Maintenance Tenders for 2018/19

The Clerk advised the Council of the Tenders received for the works.

Cllr Brace declared a Prejudicial Interest and left the room.

The tenders were discussed and decided upon. The Clerk to inform the successful contractor – Mr A Brace

Cllr Brace re-joined the meeting

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b) Dog Fouling on the New Hedges Playing Field

As discussed in Correspondence received.

The Council agreed that action is required as this is a children's play area, which should be free of dog foul, which has signage clearly depicting NO DOGS ALLOWED

The Clerk to contact the local Community Policing Team who have powers to prosecute offending dog owners/walkers and to contact Pembrokeshire County Council regarding signage depicting 'offending parties will be prosecuted'.

12. Date for next meeting

**8th May 2018 - This will incorporate the Annual Meeting of
St Mary Out Liberty Community Council**

Meeting closed at 7.30pm