

MINUTES

Letterston Community Council Meeting Monday 19th February 2018 at Letterston Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs R Davies (RD)(*Stand-in Chair*), G Thomas (GT), B Johnson (HJ), J Williams (JW), L Williams (LW)

In attendance: S Jones (SJ) (Clerk), Cllr M Bateman (MB) PCC

Apologies: B Homer, B Morgan, D Gale, J Gwilt

17/53 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting - 15th January 2018 were read and agreed as a true record **P JW S LW**

Matters Arising

- **17/01 Play Equipment:** GT hopes to have an update from Ysgol Ger y Llan for the March meeting. S Jones has received an offer from Cllr Pat Davies to address the March meeting about the approach taken to secure new play equipment at Lota Park, Fishguard.
- **17/03 John Luke's Yard:** No progress since the January meeting.
- **17/14 Jubilee Close sign:** SJ to chase progress.
- **17/15 Hall of Fame:** SJ read a letter from the Hall Committee declining to have a Wall of Fame. **P RD, S JW** that we make a start with the website. Also consider an article for the Buzz community newsletter.
- **17/26 Commons:** Alan Owen has spoken to SJ and will be depositing extra material to raise the surface above the field level to reduce water damage.
- **17/36: Community Land:** The parcel of land was identified on a map. SJ to enquire with Land Registry as to whether the land is registered.
- **17/43 Precept:** SJ confirmed that the form had been submitted for £22,000 and an acknowledgement had been received *[Closed]*
- **17/44 School Governor:** SJ confirmed John Gwilt's nomination had been sent in and acknowledged. *[Closed]*
- **17/46 Bus Shelter:** Repaired *[Closed]*
- **17/47 Christmas Tree:** SJ confirmed that a letter of thanks had been sent to to D Hosker *[Closed]*
- **17/49 Station Road:** S Jones to enquire about signage at the give way

17/54 Declaration of Interest:

None

17/55 Finance:

- D Salmon grass cutting £433

17/56 PCC Report:

MB reported as follows:

- To cover a significant shortfall in the budget, on 8th March Council would be discussing a proposal to increase Council Tax by 12%. Although Pembs has had the lowest Council Tax in Wales, this now means that the Welsh Government grant has been reduced accordingly. There is no more 'fat to trim' or easy wins and some areas were facing critical cuts.
- From 1st April £1,500 had been allocated to Letterston for specific grants out of a pot from the share of extra Council Tax for second homes.
- The Council Traffic Department are investigating issues regarding parking at the junction of Parc Maen Hir and may consider installing double yellow lines.
- The Council Chairman Paul Harries wants to invite community councils in the cluster of Letterston, Wolfscastle, Hayscastle, Mathry and Llanrhian to a familiarity function at County Hall in the week commencing 26th March. We can discuss at the next meeting.

17/57 Correspondence:

- Luncheon Club, thank you letter for support from Community Council.
- Revised car parking charges - none relevant to Letterston.

17/58 Grass Cutting: The current three year contract ends from 1st April. Given the amount the Council is legally bound to retender. **P BJ, S GT** that we do this. Advert to be placed in County Echo. LW offered to do translation.

17/59 Commons Toilet Block: This was being rented to the Lions who have been subsumed into the Haverfordwest Lodge. The Fun Day committee then took it over but they folded. There are chairs inside belonging to the Lions. SJ to write to the Lions and ask if they still want the block and the chairs and if not to return the keys.

Any Other Business

17/60 Potholes: JW reported that there are pot holes on the Mathry Road near Bwlch y Defaid. SJ to notify Council.

17/61 Junction Mirror: HJ requested and was granted permission to place a mirror on Community Council property opposite her home for road safety reasons **P GT S JW**.

17/62 School Crossing Patrol: HJ reported that the current lollipop lady finished last Friday and won't be replaced as the school does not meet the criteria. Some concern was raised that sampling studies had been carried at times of low footfall. A discussion ensued where it was agreed that the junction could be dangerous due to the poor visibility for cars coming out. This could be remedied if certain measures were taken to modify visibility at the junction, such as lowering walls. S Jones to write to Council voicing concerns.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 19th March 2018 at 7:30pm

Items for the next Agenda:

- **17/01** Play Equipment
- **17/03** John Luke's Yard
- **17/14** Jubilee Close sign
- **17/15** Hall of Fame
- **17/26** Commons
- **17/35** Village Land
- **17/49** Station Road sign
- **17/58** Old toilet block on the Commons
- **17/59** Grasscutting tender
- 17/60 Pot holes
- 17/62 School Crossing patrol