**Wolfscastle Community Council**

A meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry, on Tuesday, 6th March 2018 at 8:00p.m.

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

**Apologies:** All present

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 6th February 2018 were read, accepted and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters arising:** It was reported that nothing has been done about the stiles as requested in the last meeting. Cllr Bateman to follow this up.

With regards to the sweeping of the roads, a response had been received from Ken Richards, stating that “he will get the sweeper as soon as possible. But the Trunk Road A40 is not down to PCC and would be down to the TRA”. However it was pointed out that the TRA had agreed to ask PCC to undertake regular footway cleansing along this section of the A40, as part of their responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act. The Clerk to remind Mr Richards of this matter.

A response had been received from Mr Darren Thomas, Head of Highways for PCC, with regards to issues raised in previous meetings and states as follows:-

[a] Planings have been installed into ruts at edge of the carriageway damaged by agricultural vehicles. Due to the volume of agricultural vehicles using the road, material has come out of ruts. Uneven road surface signs have therefore been erected. The edge of carriageway damage near Broadmoor Farm area has been made safe. More extensive patching and surface dressing will be considered as part of the Authority’s programme of such work.

[b] A number of potholes have been identified on the Glancleddau Road, and an order raised to carry out temporary repairs. More extensive patching and surface dressing will be considered as part of the Authority’s programme of such work.

[c] The blocked drains at the bottom of Treffgarne Hill have been attended to by gully tanker. There is a broken surface water pipe near to entrance of Meadow Park and an order has been raised for a gang to attend and repair.

[d] We are aware of the issues in relation to increased agriculture vehicles within the community. The Streetcare and Parking manager is currently arranging for liaison with local farmers to try and alleviate the concerns and ensure their operations do not cause issues such as mud on the road, damage to highway verges. Having inspected the area it is also evident that there is water discharging off fields, due to the recent wet weather, which is also causing issues. With regards to this issue, it was felt by Councillors that the offending farmers should be made to clean the roads, or to pay PCC for the cleaning.

There has been no response from the Planning Department regarding the developments at Sealyham Farm.

**County Council Matters:-** In her monthly report, Cllr Bateman reported that there is little to report at the moment, but there is a full Council meeting to be held on Thursday, and no doubt there will be much to report in the next meeting of this Council. Mention was made that Staff are moving out from Cherry Grove and being relocated within County Hall, and that any building surplus to requirement is being sold off. Cllr Gerallt Miles mentioned that if the public could see that something is being done then people will have more respect for Councillors, and probably be more prepared to accept the changes that are happening within the county. Cllr Bateman mentioned that some of the buildings are old and contain asbestos, which causes further problems when trying to sell the buildings.

**Planning Application:** The following application had been received and had been viewed by the relevant Planning Sub Committee with no objections to record.

17/1078/PA – Renovation and Extensions to existing dwelling at Wood End Spittal

**Risk Assessment:** The revised copy of the Risk Assessment was presented to the Council which was adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**Finances:** It was noted that in the Bank Account up to the 1st February 2018, there was £5296:80 (**Five Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Six Pounds and Eighty Pence**)

As the end of the financial year was approaching, it was agreed by Councillors that the following sums of money should be paid out:-

[a] Wales Air Ambulance £50:00 (**Fifty Pounds)**

[b] St Dogwells Parish Welfare £150:00 **(One Hundred and Fifty Pounds)**

[c] Penybont Chapel £150:00 **(One Hundred and Fifty Pounds)**

[d] Crossroads Care £50:00 **(Fifty Pounds)**

[e] Spirit of Youth £50:00 **(Fifty Pounds)**

[f] Pembrokeshire Samaritans £50:00 **(Fifty Pounds)**

[g] Urdd Gobaith Cymru £30:00 **(Thirty Pounds**

[h] Fishguard YFC £50:00 **(Fifty Pounds)**

[i] Wolfscastle in Bloom £50:00 **(Fifty Pounds**)

It was also agreed to pay the Clerk £1700:00 **(One Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds)** this to include his salary and expenses for the year 2017 / 2018. The Clerk left the meeting whilst this matter was being discussed. The Clerk reported that this money is declared in his Annual Tax Expenses Claim Form, to comply with HMRC regulations.

It was agreed to pay One Voice Wales Membership Fee of £89:00 (**Eighty Nine Pounds)** for the year 2018 / 2019

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

Mentionwas made that there are tree branches lodged under the arches and along the River Anghof banks that could cause severe flooding of the roadway in heavy rainfall.

Concern was expressed that Council employees were out picking litter on a Sunday morning recently, and probably having to pay overtime to these workers. Is this necessary when there so many cutbacks within the PCC services at present?

Mention was made that the potholes and the grass verges near the Sealyham Cross roads, have not been seen to. There is a street light not functioning opposite the entrance to Alltyrafon. As a result of the recent icy conditions on the roads, a bollard has been damaged on the ‘hair-pin’ bend in the Village.

A request for the speed limit in Treffgarne to be extended from the bottom of the Treffgarne Hill to Penfeidr in Treffgarne.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was declared closed, with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday, 3rd April 2018 at 8:00p.m.

 **Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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