

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 28th May, 2014

Present: Cllrs Terry Morgan, Sue Dean, Michael Pettit (Chairman), Paddy McNamara, John Mathias, Clare Zawadzki, Derek Jones, Nia Phillips, Roger Scrimshaw; Peter Horton (Clerk)
Apologies: C'llrs Laurence Price, Alun Williams; County Councillor Rob Summons.

Minutes of April monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Sue Dean, seconder C'llr Derek Jones).

Matters Arising

Footpath, Bowlings Corner. A quotation had been received from P.C.C. of £3,100 + VAT to carry out the work to construct a tarmac path. The path had to be of a certain width due to requirements for disabled access. Members felt the quotation was high, and thought that another quotation should be obtained. C'llr Paddy McNamara offered to get another price. Matter to be placed on June agenda for further discussion.

Fly-tipping, Foxhall. The Clerk had sent a further message to the Common Land Officer about the problem. C'llr Clare Zawadzki had received a call from P.C.N.P.A. about it, and had been told by them that the matter was in hand.

Nash Mountain Farm wind turbine appeal. Notification had been received of a formal appeal against the refusal of planning permission. The appeal was due to be conducted by written representations. C'llr Sue Dean mentioned that a map of wind turbines was available on the P.C.C. website, that could be used to show the cumulative impact of turbines around the County. Clerk to write letter to Planning Inspectorate to support the refusal of planning permission.

Sewerage problems, New Wells Road. Welsh Water had contacted the Clerk, who said that he had passed the contact onto C'llr Terry Morgan to arrange a site meeting to discuss the problem. C'llr Terry Morgan said he had not received the email. Clerk to check this, and re-send if necessary.

Planning

Applications

14/0098/PA (dwelling, land at Cleddau Reach, Burton Ferry) : Object on grounds of inadequate sewage disposal capacity.

NP/14/0256 (stock housing building, Newton Farm, Hill Mountain) : No objection.

Consents (for information only)

13/0726/PA (residential development, land South of The Hayes, Burton)

13/0983/PA (Demolition of existing shed, and replacement with extension, porch and vehicular access, Milton Gardens Bungalow, Oxland Lane, Burton)

13/0989/PA (Alterations and extensions, Four Winds, 85 Hill Mountain)

Correspondence

- 1) Stephen Thomas Solicitor – Cheque for £1,500 from Welsh Water – noted under 'Accounts'.
- 2) P.C.C. – Information on Strategy for the participation and rights of children and young people in Pembrokeshire – copies passed to Members.
- 3) Ungood-Thomas & King Solicitors – Letter regarding old Burton Primary School – plan annotated. Clerk to return.

- 4) Julie Dixon – BJHC queries – Clerk to send holding response, and research the issues raised.
- 5) Darren Thomas (PCC) – holding reply re. Bowlings Corner – noted.

Accounts

Internal Audit

Members were informed that Gill Gill had been unable to carry out the internal audit due to health issues. Due to the pressure of time, arrangements had been made with the Chairman's agreement to make alternative arrangements to get the audit completed.

Computer

New computer needed. Likely cost:

Computer: £350, Microsoft office £120, case £20, mouse £10, external hard drive £30. Split between the two community councils, £265 each.

Annual Governance statement.

Members completed the annual governance statement.

Income

Welsh Water (for work carried out on common land, Church Road) : £1,500-00

The above items were agreed by Members (Proposer C'llr Roger Scrimshaw, seconder C'llr Paddy McNamara).

Discussion of possible bus shelter replacement at Bowlings Corner

The Clerk informed Members that the application for grant assistance from South Hook LNG had gone in, and a reply was awaited. C'llr Paddy McNamara felt that the project should be put in hand anyway. However, others felt that one more month to await the outcome of the grant application would be worthwhile. Cllr Nia Phillips suggested that the children who would use the bus shelter might be encouraged to write in support of the grant application. In connection with this, mention was made of the 'Children's Rights' charter to be heard. Clerk to write to SHLNG asking if a decision could be reached before the June meeting. Also to write to P.C.C. forwarding a letter from local children on the matter. C'llr Nia Phillips to arrange letter from children. Clerk to seek information on lead times from manufacturer in case this should be needed.

Discussion of possible beach-cleaning arrangement

C'llr John Mathias mentioned that the foreshore had been bad after the storms, but was a lot better now. No need for further action.

Discussion of situation with toilet block closure, Burton Ferry

Nothing more to report. The toilet block is open for the present. Matter to remain on the agenda.

Discussion of speeding problems along main road

Information from C'llr Rob Summons regarding ongoing actions was conveyed to Members. The Go Safe Partnership have now agreed to the use of the mobile speed cameras in Houghton and Burton. They could previously only be used in Hill Mountain. This means that they will shortly be able to be used from Hill Mountain through to Burton Ferry. The matter is currently being advertised based on the fact that all the 30mph areas required a revision order. Matter to be left in abeyance.

Discussion of problems with road markings around Cleddau Bridge

Clerk to contact P.C.C. regarding the problem of lack of give way markings coming out of road from Burton Ferry.

Discussion of Risk Assessment

Some discussion about methodology of carrying out Risk Assessment. Clerk to contact P.A.L.C. for advice on best way to carry out the Risk Assessment, and re-agenda for June.

Any Other Business

P.A.L.C. C'llr Sue Dean reported on recent matters discussed by P.A.L.C., including possible implications of mergers of County Councils.

Noticeboards. Problems with stiffness in noticeboard locks, and line with cork to make them easier to use.

Vote of no confidence. It was noted that Pembroke Town Council had passed a vote of no confidence in the ruling party of P.C.C.

Broadband. Members were informed that approximately fifty properties were now connected, and the subscribers were generally very happy with the speeds being obtained.

Bus shelter, Hill Mountain. In bad condition, due to green algae. Responsibility of P.C.C. Matter to be placed on June agenda for discussion.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 8-10pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 25th June, 2014, 7pm