

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th JULY 2018

Present. Councillor,s D. Thomas, E. Utting, D. Harries, R.Harries, G. Hughes, R. John.
County Councillor M. John, C. Griffith, Clerk.

Members of the public. Mrs A. Lowman.

1. APOLOGIES. All the councillors were present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
None received.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.
Mrs Lowman asked if the minutes of the community council meetings could be placed on the Freystrop Facebook page. The Clerk replied that he could not do it, it would have to be the administrators of the Facebook page.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th June 2018 were passed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.

5. MATTERS ARISING.
These would be dealt with under their respective headings.

6. DATA PROTECTION OFFICER.
Cllr Thomas said that the council would register with the relevant body but the council did not have to appoint a Data Protection Officer, but he would continue to act in that capacity.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Police & Crime Commissioner.

Newsletter

2. One Voice Wales.

Annual Conference

3. PCC.

Road Closures, Freystrop.

Cllr Thomas said that he would circulate the residents on the road affected and would place the notice on the board.

4. Paul Davies. AM.

Newsletter.

5. One Voice Wales.

Newsletter

6. Boundary Commission for Wales.

Proposals to change the County Council wards in Pembrokeshire.

Cllr Thomas said that the proposals were not affecting Freystrop, who would still continue in the same ward.

7. PCC.

Further meetings for LDP Engagement sessions.

8. Remuneration Panel for Wales.

Annual return of Councillor's expenses.

Clerk will submit return.

9. Haverfordwest Town Council.

Code of conduct training.

10. One Voice Wales.

New Standing Orders. To be discussed at the September Meeting.

7./Continued.

Report by Cllr Thomas on the Town & Community Council's Liaison Meeting with PCC

Transfer of Services.

The proposals were going to the Cabinet shortly and budget constraints meant that some local services would have to be transferred to maintain the current level of service. Service level agreements would be necessary with some initial funding from PCC.

Local Development Plan.

Further engagement sessions had been arranged and all applications had to be submitted by 14/08/2018. The Town & Community Councils had raised two issues regarding the deficiencies in the first LDP, which categorised small settlements with few services as having no requirement for housing provision. It was felt that the new LDP should address these issues, to promote new business and residential housing Elections.

Cllr Thomas said that the breakdown of costs presented by PCC showed that the average cost of a Town & Community Council election was £5765. This cost would be borne by Town & Community Councils in future elections. Repayments to PCC may be allowed by staged payments.. PCC will cover the cost of any County Council election.

Charter.

This had still not yet been formally sent to Town & Community Councils. It would contain a detailed appendix of PCC contacts for the various departments.

8. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY.

Cllr Thomas said that the pothole near the playing field had been reported to PCC. A request had been received from residents for the crossroads sign to be moved, as it obstructed the view of vehicles leaving the dog kennels.

Cllr R. John said that the grass verges on Moorland Road had been cut. This had been arranged by Locke Brothers Contractors. It was agreed by the council that the Clerk write to the firm thanking them.

Cllr John reported that the police had been in the village for four hours the week previously enforcing the speed limit.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

18/0158/PA. Wild life pond situated in a field at Cranham Farmhouse, Freystrop. Cllr Thomas said that the community council had objected to this on a previous occasion.

Caravan at Sandy Wells. Cllr Thomas said that a report from PCC on 26/06/2018 said that the caravan had been moved. This had not been confirmed.

LDP engagement session. Cllr Thomas would be attending the one held on Wednesday.

9. VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Thomas said that Welsh water had hired the Village Hall to give an update on the Johnson to Hook sewerage scheme.

Cllr Thomas had updated the hall's details with Planed, which would be included on their website

Electric bill amounting to £142.40 had been received.

10./Continued.

Bank Accounts.

General Account. £2543.54

Deposit Account £1596.37

Cllr Thomas reported that all the external work had been completed, with internal work still outstanding, along with a new drain and car park bay markings.

11. CEMETARY.

Cllr Thomas reported that the branch in question had now been removed by PCC and County Councillor M. John was thanked for his assistance.

Cllr R. John said that the cemetery was in good condition the only problem being the litter being left there.

12. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Thomas said that the grass had been cut and the bill paid.

A report had been received from Edward Perkins, the councils valuer, that Welsh Water were preparing to sort out the wet patch in the playing field.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that the Annual financial return had been sent to the external auditors.

Bank Balance. £12958.28.

14. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John said that the grants from the second home council tax levy had started to be given out. The full list was available in the Western Telegraph.

Any organisation was eligible to apply for a grant, it was not limited to community councils.

Cllr M. John said that he had attended an LDP meeting that day and was pleased to report that Freystrop was being upgraded to a service village.

The Boundary Commission's proposals for Pembrokeshire had been received.

Cllr John said the County Council recycling centre on Nash Road was being used as a rubbish dump and the County Council had said that they would close the facility if fly-tipping persisted .

Cllr R. John congratulated Cllm. John and the Llangwm Community Council on the success of the recent Royal Visit to the village.

15. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr D. Harries said that it was the centenary of the hall in 2019 and it was agreed by the meeting that the occasion would be celebrated.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September 2018.